

THE FEAST OF THE
MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
OR
CORPUS CHRISTI
BEING THE THURSDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

PROFERS FROM THE ANGLICAN MISSAL

CORPUS CHRISTI

INTROIT

Cibavit eos (Psalm 81)

He fed them with the finest wheat flour, alleluia: And with honey from the rock hath he satisfied them, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia § Sing we merrily unto God our helper: Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Glory be ... As it was ... (Repeat to §.)

THE COLLECT

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast ordained unto us a Memory of thy Passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to worship the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption. Who livest and reignest with the Father.

COLLECT 2

Of the Saints

Defend us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all dangers both of body and soul: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, of thy holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed *N.*, and of all thy saints, grant us thy saving health and peace; that being defended from all adversities and all false doctrines, thy Church may serve thee in freedom and quietness. Through the same.

COLLECT 3

ad lib

The Lesson from the first EPISTLE of blessed Paul the Apostle, to the Corinthians.

I Corinthians 11.23-29

Brethren: For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself. (RSV)

GRADUAL & ALLELUIA

Psalm 145

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: And thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand: And fillest all things living with plenteousness. Alleluia. Alleluia. (*St. John 6*) My Flesh is meat indeed, and my Blood is drink indeed: he that eateth my Flesh and drinketh my Blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. Alleluia!

✠ The Continuation of the HOLY GOSPEL according to John.

John 6.55-58

AT that time: Jesus said: "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in

him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me. This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever." (RSV)

OFFERTORY *Leviticus 21*

The priests of the Lord do offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire and the Bread of their God: therefore they shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the Name of their God. Alleluia.

SECRET

We beseech thee, O Lord, that like as we in these our oblations do shew forth in a mystery the unity and concord of thy Church: so thou wouldest ever mercifully bestow upon her these thy blessings. Through.

SECRET 2

Of the Saints

Graciously hear us, O God of our salvation, and by the power of this Sacrament defend us from all dangers both of body and soul: granting us in this world the succour of thy grace, and in the world to come life everlasting. Through.

SECRET 3

ad lib

PREFACE for Certain Feasts of our Lord and our Lady, which is said throughout the Octave

COMMUNION *1 Cor 11*

As often as ye do eat of this Bread, and drink of this Cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come: wherefore, whosoever shall eat of this Bread, and drink of this Cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord: that we who in these outward tokens have been made partakers of thy most precious Body and Blood; may after this life be replenished with the fruition of thy glorious Godhead. Who livest and reignest with the Father.

POSTCOMMUNION 2

Of the Saints

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that the gifts now offered by us in these holy mysteries may evermore cleanse and defend us: that, at the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, of thy holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed N., and of all thy Saints; we may be absolved from all our offences and defended against all adversities. Through the same.

POSTCOMMUNION 3

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§ During the Octave the same Mass is said, and nothing of any Feast, unless a 1 Class Double occur, in which case a Commemoration is made of the Octave. On the Octave Day no other Mass is said, save of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, or of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (if either occur), with a Commemoration of the Octave. During the Octave shall be said Collect 2 of St. Mary, 3 for the Church, as given after Low Sunday. And if a Vigil occur with it, Mass is said of the Octave with a Commemoration of the Vigil.