

Opening Hymn: Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluia!

Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we;
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.

Alleluia!

Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluia!

We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,

Alleluia!

cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia!
risen, ascended, glorified.

St Helen 296 NEH

The Collects

Gracious God, Father of all mercies,
we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith in you and dedication to duty:
bless our nation as we mourn her death,
and may her example continue to inspire us;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank thee that in this wonderful Sacrament thou hast given us a memorial of thy Passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood
that we may always know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of thy redemption;
who livest and reignest with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

The New Testament Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

For I, Paul, received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 11: 23–26

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Eat this bread

*Eat this bread; drink this cup.
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup.
Trust in me and you will not thirst.*

I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father
Eat this bread...

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The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

St John 6: 51–58

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in the living God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: We pray thee, heavenly Father

We pray thee, heavenly Father,
to hear us in thy love,
and pour upon thy children
the unction from above;
that so in love abiding,
from all defilement free,
we may in pureness offer
our eucharist to thee.

All that we have we offer,
for it is all thine own,
all gifts, by thine appointment,
in bread and cup are shown;
one thing alone we bring not,
the wilfulness of sin,
and all we bring is nothing
save that which is within.

Within the pure oblation,
beneath the outward sign,
by that his operation—
the Holy Ghost divine—
lies hid the sacred body,
lies hid the precious blood,
once slain, now ever glorious,
of Christ our Lord and God.

Wherefore, though all unworthy
to offer sacrifice,
we pray that this our duty
be pleasing in thine eyes;
for praise, and thanks, and worship,
for mercy and for aid,
the catholic oblation
of Jesus Christ is made.

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Communion Hymn: Sweet sacrament divine

Sweet sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet sacrament of peace.

Sweet sacrament of rest,
ark from the oceans' roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet sacrament of rest.

Sweet sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
the Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet sacrament divine.

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Anthem: Ave verum Corpus

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine
vere passum, immolatum, in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae,
miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered upon the cross for mankind.
From whose pierced side came forth water and blood.
Give us now, and at the time of our death, yourself to
be our food.*

*Gentle, holy Jesus, Son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.*

*William Byrd (c 1540–1623)
St Thomas Aquinas (1225–74)
Gradualia 1605*

Dismissal: Lord Jesus Christ

Lord Jesus Christ
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's Son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one of us,
Mary's son;
led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.

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The National Anthem

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And give us ever cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.