



The
Parish
Church
Of

Saint
Matthew
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Big Lamp
~
Newcastle

The
Liturgy
for the
High Mass
on the Feast
Corpus
Christi

- **To our visitors:**

Welcome to Saint Matthew's Parish Church.

- **The Mass:**

The Mass is the central act of worship of the Christian Church. Before He died, Jesus commanded His followers to continue the practice of a shared meal with the blessing of bread and a cup of wine in thanksgiving for all God's blessings. After the Resurrection, Christians were aware that in the celebration of the Eucharist (as they called the Mass), Christ's presence was particularly intense, especially in the elements of bread and wine (which Jesus had identified with His Body and Blood) and in the reading of Holy Scripture.

- **Corpus Christi:**

Traditionally, the Institution of the Mass by Christ is associated with Maundy Thursday. However, there are so many other things to think about on that day, that another occasion is set aside to celebrate and give thanks for God's gift of the Mass to His Church. We call this day *Corpus Christi* (= the Body of Christ). At the end of the Mass, we honour Christ's Presence in the Sacrament with a procession and then kneel to receive His blessing in Benediction.

When the bell rings, all STAND and we sing:

Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour,
First begotten from the dead,
Thou alone our strong Defender,
Liftest up Thy people's head.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
Let we fail to know Thee now.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou art here, we ask not how.

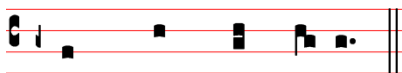
Though the lowliest form doth veil Thee,
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Thine Angels hail Thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia,! Alleluia!
We in worship join with them.

Paschal lamb, Thine Offering finished
Once for all when Thou was slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
Stricken rock from streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship Thee, the Lamb Who died.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Risen, Ascended, Glorified.

The priest, president of the assembly, greets the congregation:

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you:



R.\ And with thy spir- it.

The priest then invites the congregation to reflect on the times when we have fallen short of God's ideals, before we make an act of penitence:

... Kyrie eleison [*Lord, have mercy*]



...Christ eleison [*Christ, have mercy*]



... Kyrie eleison



THE ABSOLUTION



R.\ Amen.

*The priest approaches the Altar as the choir sings the **INTROIT ANTIPHON:***

The Lord fed His people with finest wheat and honey: their hunger was satisfied. Alleluia!

Rejoice in honour of God our helper: shout for joy to the God of Jacob. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

The Lord fed &c.

*As **GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH**, an ancient Christian hymn of praise, is sung, the priest honours God's Presence, marked by the Altar, using incense.*

Priest:

All:

Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards
men. We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We wor-ship Thee.
We glo-ri-fy Thee. We give thanks to Thee. for Thy great glo-ry.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Fa-ther al-mighty.
O Lord the only be-got-en Son, Je-su Christ. O Lord God,

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Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther. That tak-est away the sins of
the world, have mer-cy upon us. Thou that tak-est away the sins
of the world re-ceive our pray-er. Thou that sit-test at the
right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up-on us. For
Thou only art ho-ly. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only O
Christ with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A- men.

Let us pray:

THE COLLECT

R. \ Amen.

We now SIT to listen to readings from the Bible.

THE FIRST READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

THE SECOND READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

*The Choir sings the **ALLELUIA** and them all repeat it:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I am the living Bread, which has come down from Heaven: anyone who eats this Bread will live for ever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

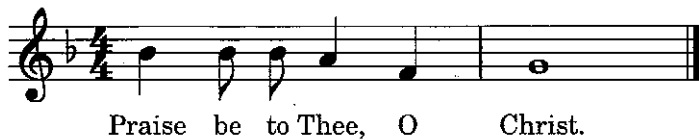
The Gospel Book is carried into the body of the church to read part of the account of Jesus' life. As the procession moves into the nave, we turn to face the Book. Incense is used to honour the presence of Christ in the words of the Gospel.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.



THE GOSPEL READING

This is the Gospel of the Lord



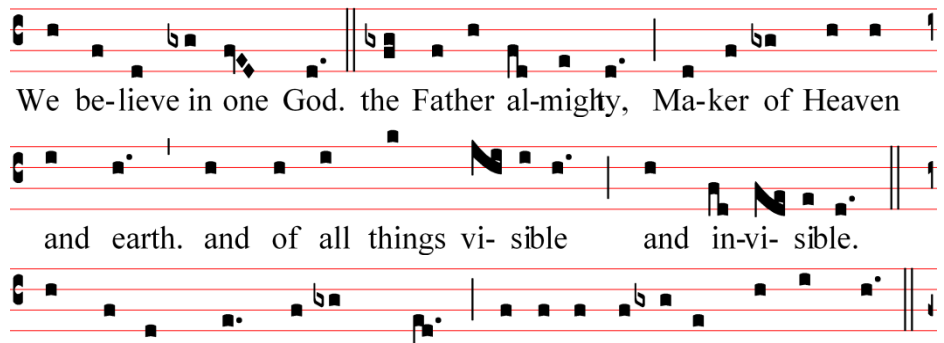
SIT

THE SERMON

STAND

Priest:

All:



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Be-gotten of His Fa-ther be-fore all worlds. God of God,
 Light of Light, ve-ry God of ve-ry God. Be-gotten not made,
 be-ing of one Substance with the Father: by Whom all things
 were made. Who for us men and for our Salva-tion came down
 from Heaven.

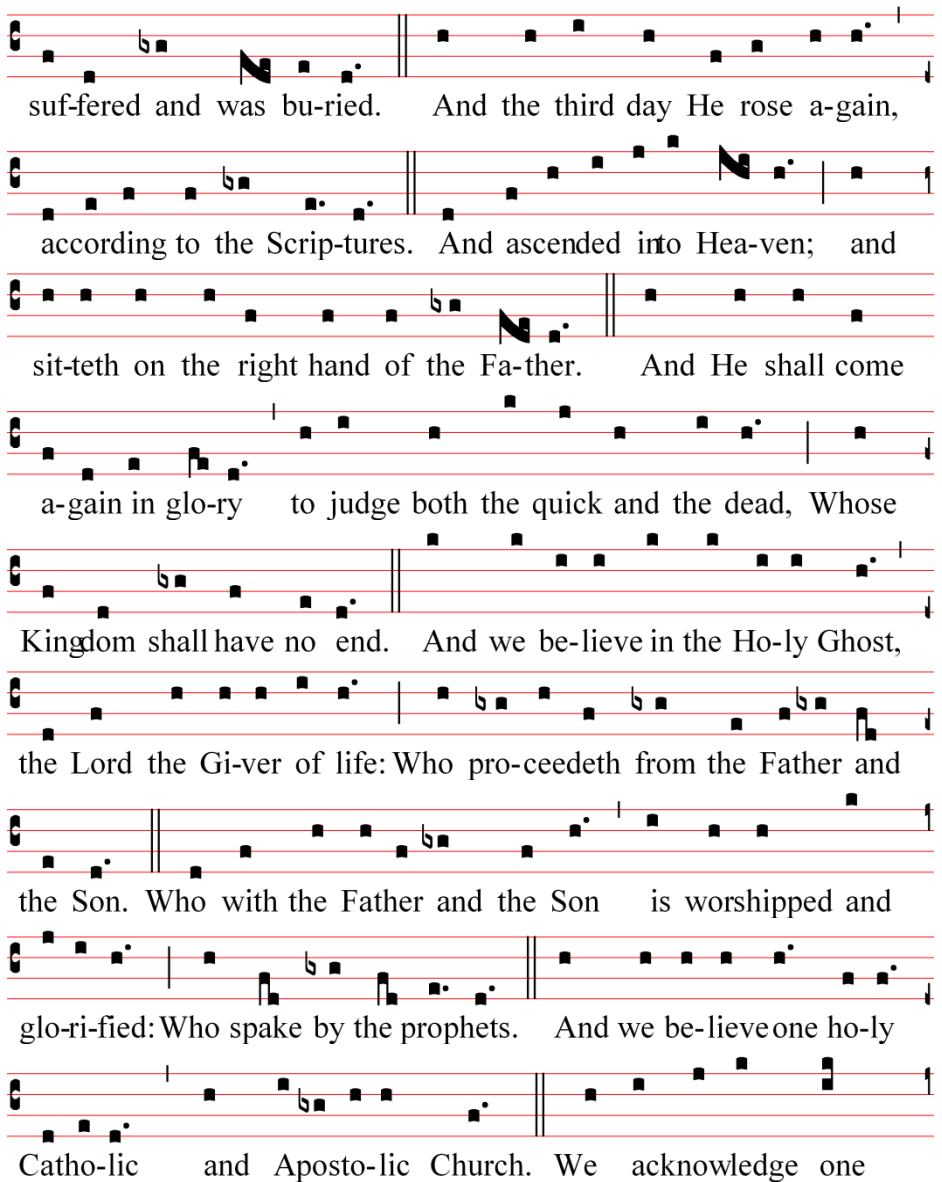
KNEEL

And was incarnate by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma-ry:
 and was made man.

STAND

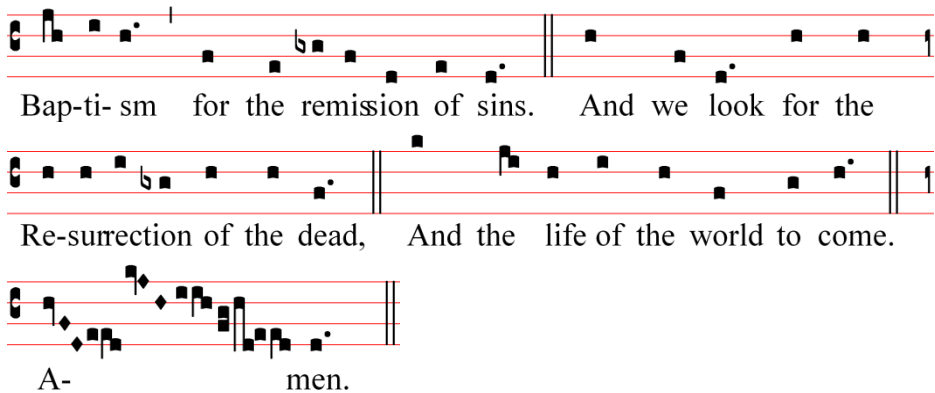
And was cru-ci-fied also for us under Pontius Pi-late; He

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suf-fered and was bu-ried. And the third day He rose a-gain,
according to the Scrip-tures. And ascended into Hea-ven; and
sit-teth on the right hand of the Fa-ther. And He shall come
a-gain in glo-ry to judge both the quick and the dead, Whose
Kingdom shall have no end. And we be-lieve in the Ho-ly Ghost,
the Lord the Gi-ver of life: Who pro-ceedeth from the Father and
the Son. Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glo-ri-fied: Who spake by the prophets. And we be-lieve one ho-ly
Catho-lic and Apo-sto-lic Church. We acknowledge one

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Bap-ti-sm for the remission of sins. And we look for the
 Re-surrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come.
 A- men.

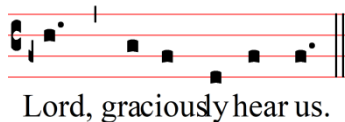
The priest invites the congregation to offer intercessions to God our Father:

THE INTERCESSIONS

Response to the intercessions:

Lord, hear us.

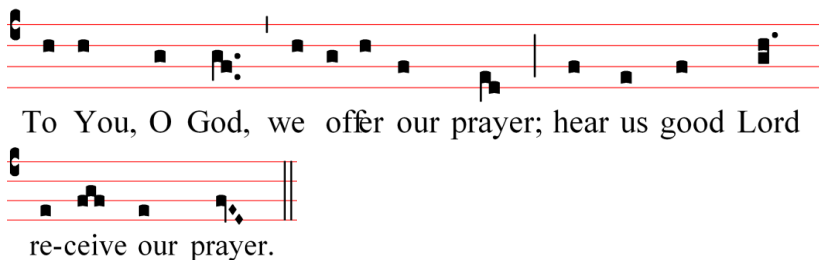
Lord, graciously hear us.



Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end:

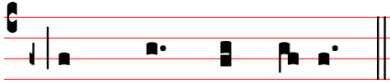
... through Jesus Christ our Lord:



To You, O God, we offer our prayer; hear us good Lord
 re-ceive our prayer.

The priest introduces the sharing of Christ's peace to seal the prayer and worship, that we have just offered, in the peace that Christ came to bring to the world:

... The Peace of the Lord be always with you.



R.\ And with thy spi- rit.

*The choir sings the **OFFERTORIUM.***

The Lord opened the doors of Heaven and rained down manna upon them to eat: He gave them bread from Heaven; they ate the bread of angels. Alleluia!

Then, as the bread and wine (tokens of our offering to God of all we have and all we are) are brought to the Altar we all sing:

Musical notation for the choir's Offertorium. It consists of three staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Let us here who re - pre - sent

5. Che - ru-bim guards a - round God's Throne; as

9 they cry out their thrice - ho - ly hymn

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prai - sing the life gi-ving Tri-ni - ty lay a -

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side all ear-ly care, borne by the pow-er of

23

an - gels' wings to His peo - ple now comes the

27

King of kings. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu

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ia, al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*The Altar will then be prepared for the Mass itself and bread and wine placed upon it. Incense is used again, denoting our reverence for the place where, as the Church has taught from earliest times, Christ will become present in the bread and wine over which we give thanks. Then, in turn and by groups, the people in the Church will also be censured because we are, by our Baptism, included in the priestly activity of Christ. During this all sing the **OFFERTORY HYMN**.*

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 this 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.

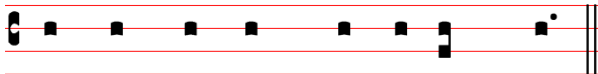
Within the pure oblation,
Beneath the outward sign,
By that His operation,
The Holy Ghost divine,
Lies hid the sacred Body,
Lies hid the precious Blood,
Once slain, now ever glorious,
Of Christ, our Lord and God.

Wherefore, though all unworthy
To offer sacrifice,
We pray that this our duty
Be pleasing in our eyes;
For praise, and thanks and worship,
For mercy and for aid,
The Catholic oblation
Of Jesus Christ is made.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, the power
and the glory and the victory and the majesty.
All that is in Heaven and earth is Thine:

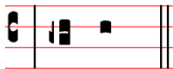


R.\ All things come of Thee, O Lord,



and of Thine own do we give Thee.

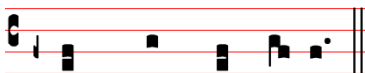
THE PRAYER OVER THE BREAD AND WINE



R.\ Amen.

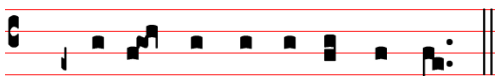
The priest begins the **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

The Lord be with you.



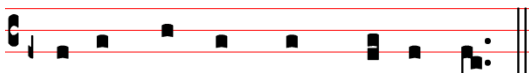
R.\ And with thy spir- it.

Lift up your hearts.



R.\ We lift them up unto the Lord.

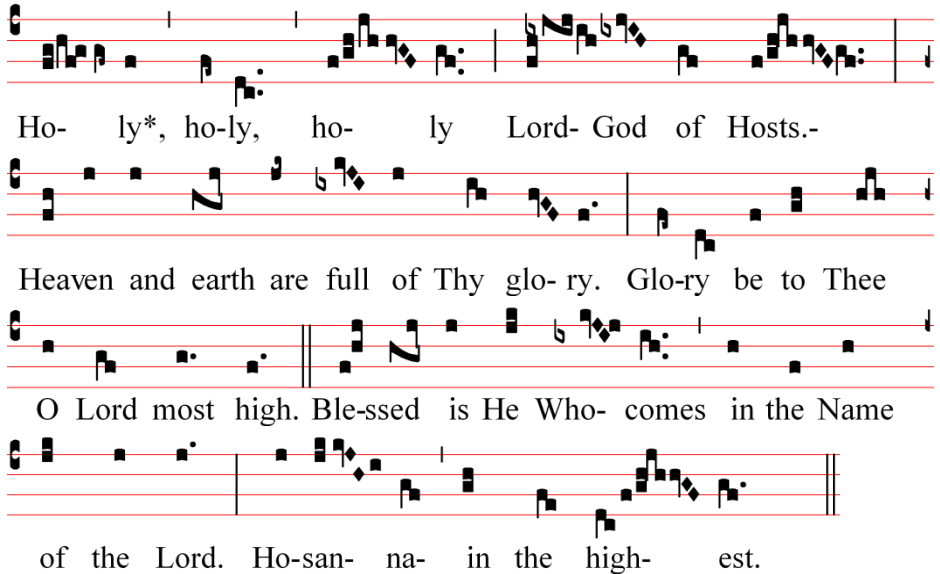
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.



R.\ It is meet and right so to do.

*The priest continues the **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**, recalling the mighty acts of God. The prayer continues as far as:*

... and singing:

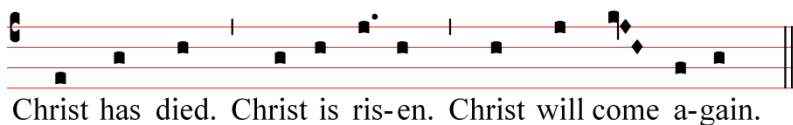


Ho- ly*, ho-ly, ho- ly Lord- God of Hosts.-
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glo- ry. Glo-ry be to Thee
O Lord most high. Ble-ssed is He Who- comes in the Name
of the Lord. Ho-san- na- in the high- est.

KNEEL

The priest then continues the prayer. As he repeats the words spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper, we acknowledge the presence of Christ in the sacramental bread and wine. A bell rings three times as the consecrated bread is held up for everyone to see; a few moments later, the bell rings three times again as the chalice of consecrated wine is held up. The priest then continues the prayer until:

... we proclaim His Death and Resurrection until He comes in glory:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a-gain.

*The priest then continues to the end of the prayer, the bread and wine are lifted up, offering them to the purposes of God; the people associate themselves with the prayer with the **GREAT AMEN** over the page.*

... by Whom and with Whom and in Whom:



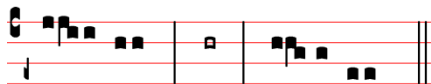
A- men.

In the unity of the Holy Spirit:



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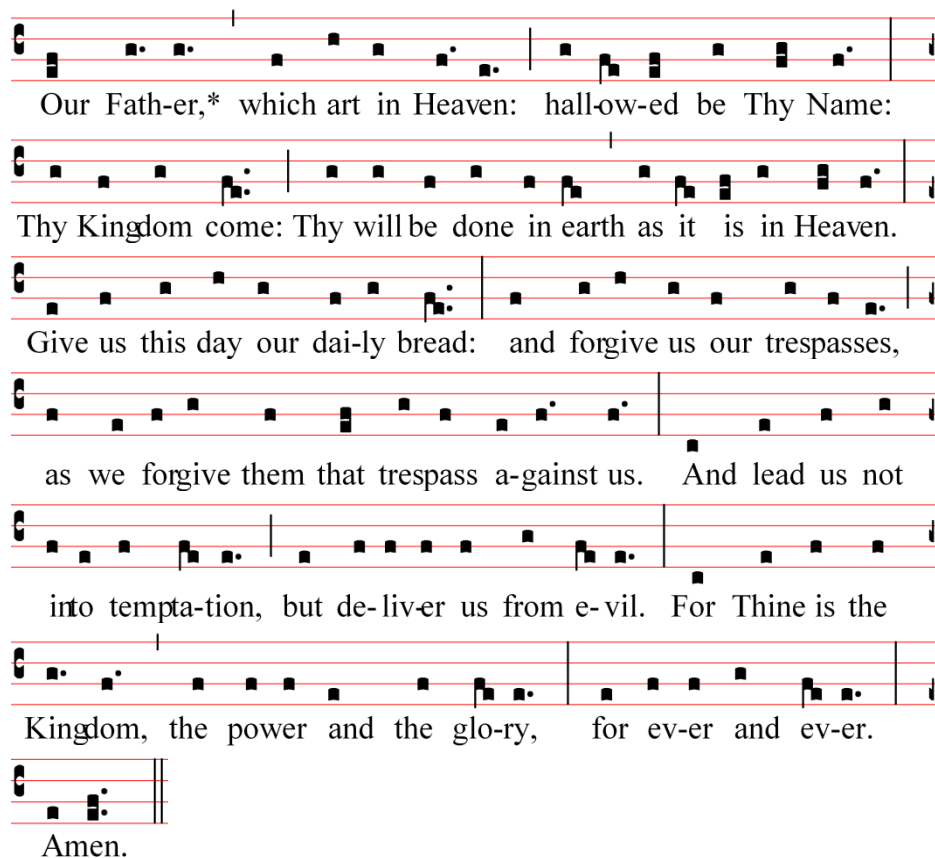
All glory and honour be Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever:



A- men.

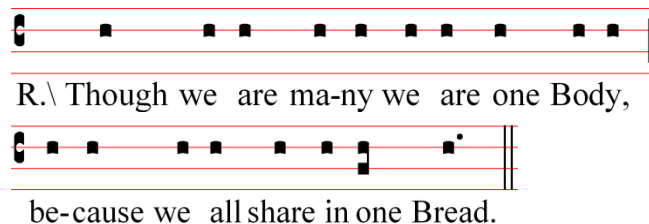
A- men.

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:



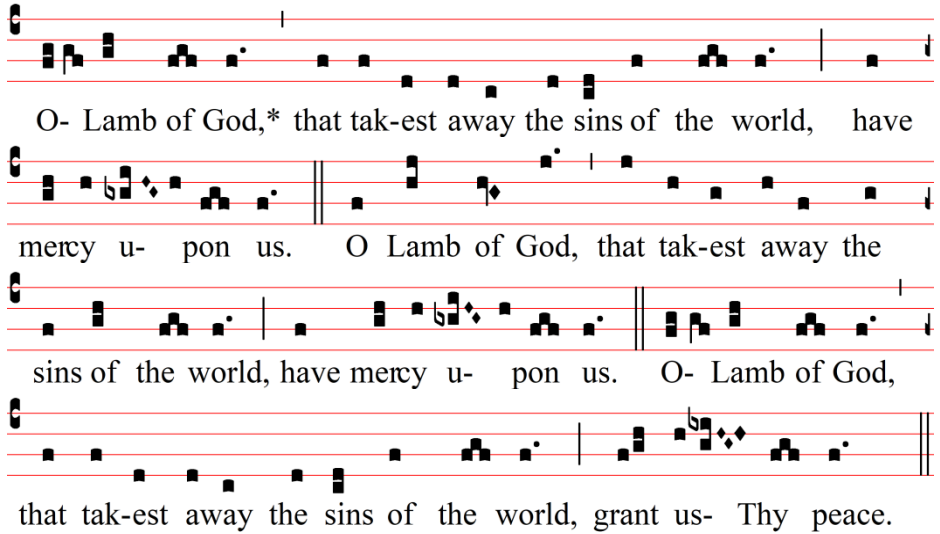
Our Fath-er,* which art in Heaven: hall-ow-ed be Thy Name:
Thy Kingdom come: Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread: and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass a-gainst us. And lead us not
into tempta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For Thine is the
Kingdom, the power and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er.
Amen.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.



R.\ Though we are ma-ny we are one Body,
be-cause we all share in one Bread.

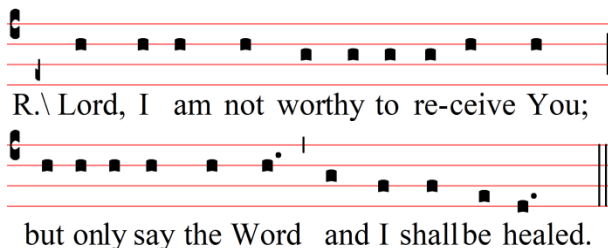
As the bread is broken, this ancient Christian hymn is sung:



O- Lamb of God,* that tak-est away the sins of the world, have
mercy u- pon us. O Lamb of God, that tak-est away the
sins of the world, have mercy u- pon us. O- Lamb of God,
that tak-est away the sins of the world, grant us- Thy peace.

The priest and those with him hold up the consecrated bread and wine and show it to the congregation and invite them to receive Holy Communion:

Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him Who takes away the sins of the world; blessed are they who are called to His Supper.



R.\ Lord, I am not worthy to re-ceive You;
but only say the Word and I shall be healed.

Whilst the Sacred Ministers receive Holy Communion, the choir sings the
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

He who eats my flesh and drinks My Blood abides in Me: and I in Him. Alleluia!

A bell rings and Holy Communion follows. If you are a communicant, in good standing with your own tradition, you are invited to receive Communion at our Altar. Otherwise, you are welcome to come to the rail to receive a blessing (in which case, please keep your head lowered as the priest approaches).

*The Host (the consecrated bread) is offered with the words **The Body of Christ** and the Chalice with the words **The Blood of Christ**: the response to both is **Amen**.*

*Towards the end of the administration of Holy Communion we sing the **COMMUNION HYMN**.*

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, Thee,
Who in Thy Sacrament are pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail,
Yet here Thy Presence we devoutly hail!

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
Who living Bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on Thee,
And Thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God,
Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing Blood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from Thy Presence flow.

O Christ, Whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face,
The vision of Thy glory and Thy face.

*At the end of Holy Communion, the choir sings the ministers consume what is left of the consecrated bread and wine and clean the vessels. As they return to the Altar the choir sings the **POSTCOMMUNION ANTIPHON.***

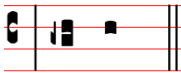
"This is My Body, which is given up for you; this is My Blood," says the Lord: every time you partake thereof, do it in memory of Me. Alleluia!

The priest then sings the final prayer of the Mass:

Let us pray:

STAND

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER



R. \ Amen.

The consecrated Host, in Which resides the Real Presence of Christ, is exposed in the monstrance; the bell rings: all KNEEL and sing:

O saving Victim, opening wide
The Gate of Heaven to man below;
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to Thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
And grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with Thee.

Then all STAND and sing the following hymn. As the procession passes, people KNEEL and then follow the procession, subsequently returning to their places.

Laud, O Sion, thy salvation,
Christ thy King and Shepherd true,
Laud with hymns of exaltation
Him to Whom all praise is due.
Spend thyself His honour raising
As is fitting so to do.
Ave verum Corpus Christi. Alleluia, alleluia!

Sing today, the Mystery showing
Bread of Heaven before thee yet,
E'en the same of old provided,
On the holy table set;
Where twelve friends, divinely guided,
With their Lord and Saviour met.
Ave Verum &c

Lo! The new King's table gracing,
Hath fulfilled the older rite:
This new Passover effacing,
That of old, which passed from sight;
Truth revealed, the shadow chasing,
Day is breaking on the night.
Ave verum &c

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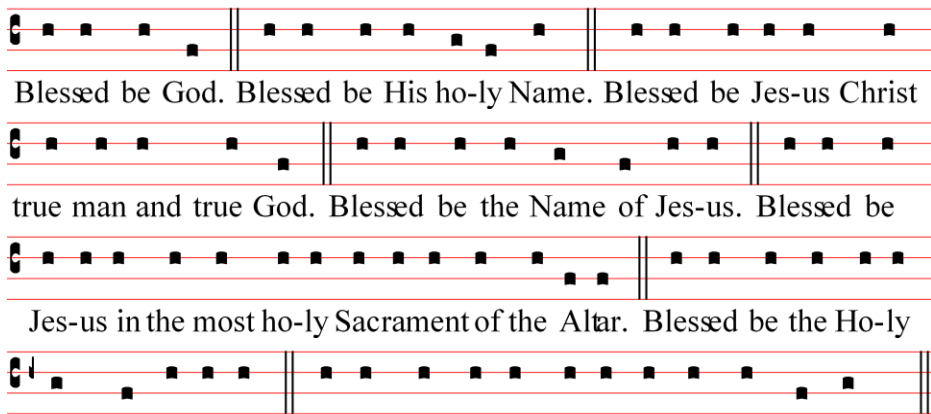
What He did at Supper seated,
His memorial ne'er to cease:
Christ ordained to be repeated
In the holy Eucharist,
Round the Altar, where He calls us,
This our Sacrifice of peace:
Ave verum &c.

Through the Faith to Christians given,
Wondrous things are understood:
Bread becomes His Flesh from Heaven,
Wine becomes His holy Blood;
So our sight, the world transcending,
Gazes on this heav'nly Food.
Ave verum &c

Wine is poured and bread is broken,
Earth and Heaven to design,
Glories to the sight forbidden,
Seeing but the outward sign;
But, beneath these signs are hidden,
Christ our Lord by power divine.
Ave verum &c

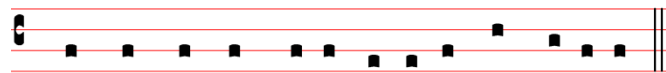
To the glory of the Father,
And to that of Christ the King,
In the power of the Spirit,
All our thanks and prayers we bring.
To the Trinity be glory
As with joyful hearts we sing:
Ave verum &c

The Sacrament is placed on the Altar and all KNEEL. There follows a devotion.



Blessed be God. Blessed be His ho-ly Name. Blessed be Jes-us Christ
 true man and true God. Blessed be the Name of Jes-us. Blessed be
 Jes-us in the most ho-ly Sacrament of the Altar. Blessed be the Ho-ly
 Ghost the Par-aclete. Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

Blessed, praise, hallowed and adored be Jesus Christ on His throne of glory:



R.\ And in the most ho-ly Sacrament of the Altar.

Then all sing:

Therefore, we before Him bending,
 This great Sacrament revere;
 Types and shadows have their ending,
 For the newer rite is here;
 Faith our outward sense befriending
 Makes the inward vision clear.

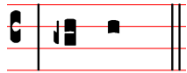
Glory let us give and blessing,
 To the Father and the Son,
 Honour, might and praise addressing
 While eternal ages run;
 Ever to His love confessing,
 Who from Both with Both is One. Amen.

Thou gavest them bread from Heaven. Alleluia, Alleluia!



R.\ Contain ing in Itself all sweetness. Al-le- lu-ia, Al- le lu- ia.

THE COLLECT OF BENEDICTION

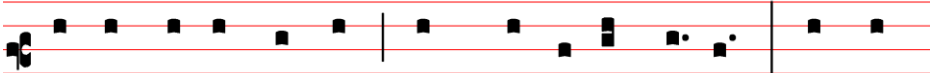


R.\ Amen.

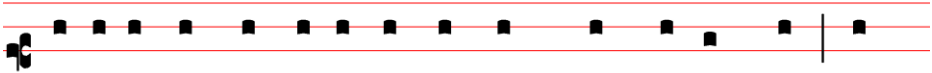
The priest goes to the Altar. The bell rings and the priest turns around and imparts the blessing of Christ to the congregation with the Sacrament and all make on themselves the sign of the Cross. Then:



Let us adore for ev-er the most ho-ly Sac-rament. O praise



the Lord all ye heathen: praise Him all ye na-tions. For His



merci-ful kindness is ev-ermore and more towards us: and



the Truth of the Lord endur-eth for ev-er praise the Lord.

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Glor-y be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost:



as it was in the beg-inning is now and ev-er shall be: world



without end Amen. Let us adore for ev-er the most



ho-ly Sac-rament.

The bell rings and all STAND and sing:

O praise our great and glorious Lord,
And call upon His Name,
To strains of joy tune every chord,
His mighty acts proclaim:
Tell how He freed His chosen race
From Pharaoh's heavy hand,
And led them by His sovereign Grace
To seek the Promised Land.

He gave the shadowing cloud by day,
The moving fire by night,
To guide His people on their way,
And make their darkness light:
To us, the light of Christ our Lord
Illumines all our ways;
He leads us by His Gospel word
And turns our sighs to praise.

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We too have manna from on high,
The Bread that came from Heaven,
And He Who brought salvation nigh
Has living water given;
A rock is ours, from whence the spring
In rich abundance flows,
And Christ that rock, our Priest and King,
Both life and health bestows.

Come, let us prize this heavenly food,
And trust our heavenly Guide,
So shall we find death's fearful flood
Serene on Jordan's tide;
So safely reach th' eternal shore
No more by ills opprest;
Where saints their Lord and God adore,
And in His glory rest.