

Angels praise Thy Majesty, Dominations worship, Powers stand in awe. The Heavens and the hosts of heaven with blessed Seraphim unite, exult, and celebrate; and we entreat that Thou wouldst bid our voices too be heard with theirs, singing with lowly praise: — *Sanctus*.

majestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adorant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli, cælorumque Virtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia exsultatióne concelebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti júbeas, deprecámur, súplici confessióne dicétes:—*Sanctus*.

**COMMUNION (I Cor. 11. 26-27)**

AS often as you shall eat this Bread, and drink the Chalice, you shall show the death of the Lord, until He come: therefore whosoever shall eat this Bread or drink the Chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord. Alleluia.

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**POSTCOMMUNION**

FILL us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with that eternal enjoyment of Thy Divinity, which is prefigured by the reception in this life of Thy precious Body and Blood: Who livest and reignest with God the Father ...

FAC nos, quæsumus, Dómine, divinitátis tuæ sempitérna fructiône repléri: quam pretiósí Córporis et Sánguinis tui temporális percéptio præfigurat: Qui vivis et regnas ...

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WHERE IS the meeting between the King's Son and his Betrothed to take place? Where is this mysterious union to be completed? Who is there to tell us what is the dowry of the Bride, the pledge of the alliance? Is it known who is the Master who provides the nuptial banquet, and what sorts of food will be served to the guests? The answer to these questions is given this very day, throughout the earth; it is given with loud triumphant joy. There can be no mistake; it is evident from the sublime message, which earth and

heaven re-echo, that He who is come is the Divine Word. He is adorable Wisdom, and is come forth from his royal abode to utter his voice in our very streets, and cry out at the head of multitudes, and speak his words in the entrance of city-gates: *Come! Eat my Bread, and drink the Wine which I have mingled for you; for Wisdom hath built herself a House, supported on seven pillars; there she hath slain her victims, mingled her wine, and set forth her table [Prov. 9:1-5]; all things are ready; come to the marriage! [Matt. 22:4]*



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**Proper Prayers of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form  
Feast of Corpus Christi**



*This is the bread that came down from heaven.*

### INTROIT (Ps. 80. 17)

HE fed them with the fat of corn, alleluia; and filled them with honey out of the rock, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. ibid. 2.* Rejoice to God our helper; sing aloud to the God of Jacob. *Ÿ.* 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. — He fed ...

CIBÁVIT eos ex ádipe fruménti, allelúia; et de petra, melle saturávit eos, allelúia, allelúia, allelúia. *Psalm.* Exsultáte Deo adjútóri nostro: jubilate Deo Jacob. *Ÿ.* Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spíritui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. *R.* Amen. — Cibávit eos ...

### COLLECT

O GOD who under a wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy Passion: grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that we may ever feel within us the fruit of Thy Redemption. Who livest and reignest ...

DEUS, qui nobis sub Sacraménto mirábili passiónis tuæ memóriam reliquisti: tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Córporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mystéria venerári: ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis júgiter sentiámus. Qui vivis et regnas ...

### EPISTLE

From the First Letter of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians, 11. 23-29.

BRETHREN, I have received of the Lord, that which also I delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and giving thanks, broke, and said: Take ye and eat, this is My Body, which shall be delivered for you; this do for the commemoration of Me. In like manner also the chalice, after He had supped, saying: This chalice is the new testament in My Blood; this do ye, as often as you shall drink, for the commemoration of Me. For as often as you shall eat this bread and drink the chalice, you shall show the death of the Lord until He come. Therefore whosoever shall eat this bread, or drink of the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and of the Blood of the Lord. But let a man prove himself; and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of the chalice. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the Body of the Lord.

FRATRES: Ego enim accépi a Dómino quod et trádidí vobis, quóniam Dóminus Jesus, in qua nocte tradebátur, accépit panem, et grátias agens fregit, et dixit: Accípíte et manducáte: hoc est corpus meum, quod pro vobis tradétur: hoc fácite in meam commemoratiónem. Similiter et cálicem, postquam cœnávít, dicens: Hic calix novum testaméntum est in meo sanguine. Hoc fácite, quotiescúmque bibétis, in meam commemoratiónem. Quotiescúmque enim manducábitis panem hunc et cálicem bibétis, mortem Dómini annuntiábitis, donec véniat. Itaque quicumque manducáverit panem hunc, vel biberit cálicem Dómini indigne, reus erit Córporis et Sanguinis Dómini. Probet autem seípsum homo: et sic de pane illo edat, et de cálice bibat. Qui enim manducat et bibit indigne, iudícium sibi manducat et bibit: non dijudicans Corpus Dómini.

Bone pastor, panis vere,  
Jesu, nostri miserére:  
Tu nos pasce, nos tuére:  
Tu nos bona fac vidére  
In terra vivéntium.

Tu, qui cuncta scis et vales:  
Qui nos pascis hic mortáles:  
Tuos ibi commensáles,  
Cohærédes et sodáles  
Fac sanctorum civium.

Amen. Allelúia.

O good Shepherd! true Bread! Jesus!  
have mercy upon us: feed us, defend us:  
give us to see good things in the land of the living.

O Thou, who knowest and canst do all things, who feedest us mortals here below, make us to be Thy companions in the banquet yonder above, and thy joint-heirs, and fellow-citizens with the saints!

Amen. Alleluia.

### GOSPEL

Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. John, 6. 56-59.

IN ILLO TÊMPORE: Dixit Jesus turbis Judæórum: Caro mea vere est cibus, et Sanguis meus vere est potus. Qui manducat meam Carnem, et bibit meum Sanguinem, in me manet, et ego in illo. Sicut misit me vivens Pater, et ego vivo propter Patrem: et qui manducat me, et ipse vivet propter me. Hic est panis, qui de cœlo descendit. Non sicut manducavérunt patres vestri manna, et mórtui sunt. Qui manducat hunc Panem, vivet in ætérnum. — *Credo.*

AT THAT TIME, Jesus said to the multitudes of the Jews: My Flesh is meat indeed, and My Blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My Flesh, and drinketh My Blood, abideth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth Me, the same also shall live by Me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead. He that eateth this bread shall live for ever. — *Creed.*

### OFFERTORY (Levit. 21. 6)

SACERDÓTES Dómini incénsum et panes offerunt Deo: et ideo sancti erunt Deo suo, et non pólluent nomen ejus, allelúia.

THE priests of the Lord offer incense and loaves to God, and therefore they shall be holy to their God, and shall not defile His Name. Alleluia.

### SECRET

ECCLÉSIE tuæ, quæsumus, Dómine, unitátis et pacis propítius dona concède: quæ sub oblátis munéribus mystice designántur. Per Dóminum ...

GRACIOUSLY bestow on Thy Church, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gifts of unity and peace, which are mystically shown forth in the offerings now made. Through our Lord ...

### THE COMMON PREFACE

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper, et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnipotens, ætérne Deus: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem

IT is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God, through Christ our Lord: through Whom

Taught by His sacred institutions, we consecrate the bread and wine into the Victim of salvation.

This is the dogma given to Christians—that bread passes into Flesh, and wine into Blood.

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