

The Monstrance is placed on the Altar and the Divine Praises are said by the Priest and people together.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His most sacred blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be God the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Blessed be the Great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most holy sacrament.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in excelsis.

At this point the Blessed Sacrament is usually replaced in the Tabernacle but I have kept the Host exposed in the Monstrance since Mothering Sunday when the church closed and will remain so until we reopen for Eucharistic worship.

All: Let us forever adore the Most Holy Sacrament. Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

Extol him, all you peoples!

For great is his steadfast love towards us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

Praise the Lord!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *

world without end. Amen.

All: Let us forever adore the Most Holy Sacrament. Alleluia.

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WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



CORPUS CHRISTI, THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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Introductory Sentence

The Lord fed his people with the finest wheat, and with honey from the stony rock their hunger was satisfied, alleluia, alleluia!

The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8. 2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10. 16-17

A reading from St Paul's First Letter to the church in Corinth

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

The Gospel: John 6.51-58

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord.

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

Alleluia!

Jesus said to the Jews: '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.'

Post Communion Sentence

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

All kneeling (if you wish/can), the blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance is placed upon the altar and censed.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15.5

O Saving Victim opening wide

The Gate of heaven to man below,

Our foes press on from every side,

Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend

For evermore, blest One in Three;

O grant us life that shall not end,

In our true native land with thee. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas

Silence is kept.

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 our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing

To the Father and the Son,

Honour, thanks, and praise addressing,

While eternal ages run;

Ever too His love confessing

Who from Both with Both is One. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas

Priest: Whoever comes to me will never be hungry.

All: Lord, you give life to the world.

Priest: The bread of God comes down from heaven.

All: Whoever comes to me will never be hungry.

Priest: Those who believe have eternal life.

All: Lord, you give life to the world.

Priest: Give us this bread, Lord, always.

All: Whoever comes to me will never be hungry.

Lord, you give life to the world.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death.

May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Priest then goes to the altar and with the Monstrance makes the sign of the Cross over the people who say:

Blessed, praised and adored be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament.