

Wednesday, June 2, 2021– Christ’s Church Cathedral

## A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG WITH ORGAN RECITAL

### THE EVE OF CORPUS CHRISTI

**Officiant:** *The Dean*

**The Cathedral Schola:**  
*Sarah McPherson, Anne Kae,  
John Janisse, Jeremy Ludwig;*

**Organ:** *Michael Bloss.*

*Choral Evensong offers an opportunity to gather and spend time in prayer while listening and participating in music that is especially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith. Traditionally, Choral Evensong is based on the services held daily in the medieval church as arranged in the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England. The liturgical language is more traditional and the choir sings “on behalf” of the congregation when it comes to the canticles, responses and psalms.*

*The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Western Orthodox liturgical solemnity celebrating the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist. A moveable feast, it is usually celebrated on a Thursday 60 days hence from Easter. Two months earlier, the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper is observed on another Thursday – Maundy Thursday as a sombre foreshadowing of Good Friday. A procession became a key characteristic in the celebration of this feast, which in the 15<sup>th</sup> century gave rise to pageants and mystery plays. These processions occur even today.*



## Organ Recital

Scherzetto (from *Pièces en style libre*)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Deuxième Symphonie Op. 26

(*Preludio • Intermezzo • Toccata*)

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

## Words of Welcome

**Introit:** In hac Mensa (*Lauda Sion Op. 73 No. 4*)

Felix Mendelssohn

(*written in 1846 for the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the institution of the Feast of Corpus Christi in Liège, Belgium.*)

*In hac mensa novi Regis  
Novum Pascha novae legis  
Phase vetus terminat.  
Vetustatem novitas,  
Umbram fugat veritas,  
Noctem lux eliminat.*

*At the new King's sacred table,  
The new Law's new Pasch is able  
To succeed the ancient Rite:  
Old to new its place hath given,  
Truth has far the shadows driven,  
Darkness flees before the Light*

**Sentence** – I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

*Psalm 122. 1.*

## The Preces

*Smith*

**V.** O Lord, open thou our lips.

**R.** And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

**V.** O God, make speed to save us.

**R.** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**V.** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**R.** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

**V.** Praise ye the Lord.

**R.** The Lord's name be praised.

## Psalm 110 (*Dixit Dominus*) and 111 (*Confitebor*)

**Dixit Dominus** (from *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore KV 339*)

W.A. Mozart

*Dixit Dominus Domino meo: sede a dextris meis, donec ponam inimicos tuos scabellum pedum tuorum. Virgam virtutis tuae emittet*

*Dominus ex Sion: dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum. Tecum principium in die virtutis tuae in splendoribus sanctorum: ex utero, ante luciferum, genui te. Juravit Dominus et non poenitebit eum: tu es sacerdos in aeternum secundum ordinem Melchisedech. Dominus a dextris tuis: confregit in die irae suae reges.*

*Judicabit in nationibus, implebit ruinas: conquassabit capita in terra multorum. De torrente in via bibet: propterea exaltabit caput.*

*The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion: be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies. In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship: the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning. The Lord sware, and will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech. The Lord upon thy right hand: shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the heathen; he shall fill the places with the dead bodies: and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries. He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up his head.*

**Confitemur tibi** (from *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore KV 339*)

W.A. Mozart

*Confitebor tibi, Domine, in toto corde meo, in consilio justorum, et congregatione. Magna opera Domini: exquisita in omnes voluntates ejus.*

*Confessio et magnificentia opus ejus, et justitia ejus manet in saeculum saeculi. Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum, misericors et miserator Dominus. Escam dedit timentibus se; memor erit in saeculum testamenti sui. Virtutem operum suorum annuntiabit populo suo, ut det illis haereditatem gentium. Opera manuum ejus veritas et judicium. Fidelia omnia mandata ejus, confirmata in saeculum saeculi, facta in veritate et aequitate. Redemptionem misit populo suo; mandavit in aeternum testamentum suum.*

*Sanctum et terribile nomen ejus. Initium sapientiae timor Domini; intellectus bonus omnibus facientibus eum: laudatio ejus manet in saeculum saeculi.*

*I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart: secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation. The works of the Lord are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.*

*His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour: and his righteousness endureth for ever. The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works: that they ought to be had in remembrance. He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he shall ever be mindful of his covenant. He hath shewed his people the power of his works:*

*that he may give them the heritage of the heathen. The works of his bands are verity and judgement: all his commandments are true. They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and equity. He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever*

## **The First Lesson** (Deuteronomy 8: 2-3)

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.

## **Magnificat**

*Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G – Herbert Sumson*

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm he hath scattered the proud in the  
imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and  
meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel as he promised to our  
forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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 Second Lesson** (John 6: 46-58)

Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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.’

## **The Nunc Dimittis**

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Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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 Apostle’s Creed**

### *Officiant and People*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried:

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy catholic Church;

the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

## **The Responses**

*Smith*

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*Choir*         And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Choir sings:*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father  
which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

*V.* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*R.* And grant us thy salvation.

*V.* O Lord, save the Queen.

*R.* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*V.* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*R.* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*V.* O Lord, save thy people.

*R.* And bless thine inheritance.

*V.* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*R.* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*V.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*R.* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## The Collects

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast it given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that this holy faith may evermore be our defence against all adversities; who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

O God from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen**

Lighten our darkness we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**The Anthem-** Verily verily I say Unto You

Thomas Tallis

*Verily, verily I say unto you,  
except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink His blood, ye have not life in you.  
Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood bath eternal life,  
and I will raise him up at the last day (bis)  
For 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.*

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Officiant*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best

for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

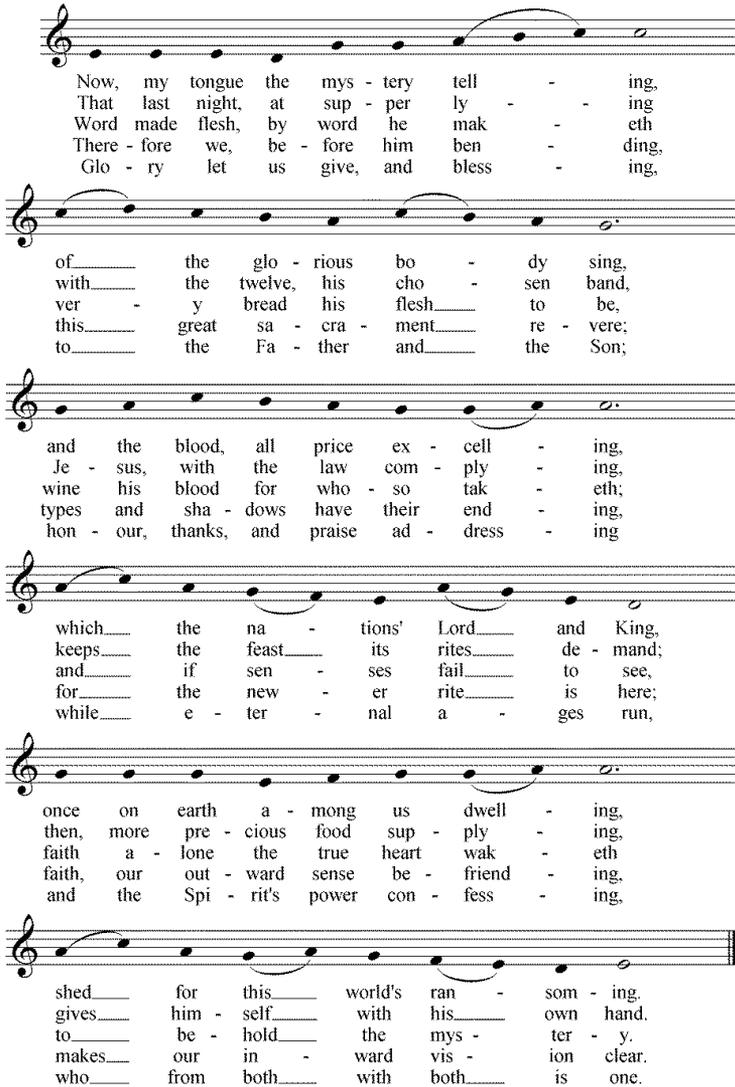
*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

## Hymn – Now My Tongue the Mystery Telling

Text: attrib. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1277), tr. E. Caswell (1814-1878)

Music: Mechlin plainsong, Mode 3. PANGE LINGUA



Now, my tongue the mys - tery tell - - ing,  
That last night, at sup - per ly - - ing  
Word made flesh, by word he mak - - eth  
There - fore we, be - fore him ben - - ding,  
Glo - ry let us give, and bless - - ing,  
of the glo - rious bo - - dy sing,  
with the twelve, his cho - - sen band,  
ver - y bread his flesh to be,  
this great sa - cra - ment re - vere;  
to the Fa - ther and the Son;  
and the blood, all price ex - cell - ing,  
Je - sus, with the law com - ply - ing,  
wine his blood for who - so tak - eth;  
types and sha - dows have their end - ing,  
hon - our, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing  
which the na - tions' Lord and King,  
keeps the feast its rites de - mand;  
and if sen - ses fail to see,  
for the new - er rite is here;  
while e - ter - nal a - ges run,  
once on earth a - mong us dwell - ing,  
then more pre - cious food sup - ply - ing,  
faith a - lone the true heart wak - eth  
faith, our out - ward sense be - friend - ing,  
and the Spi - rit's power con - fess - ing,  
shed for this world's ran - som - ing,  
gives him - self with his own hand,  
to be - hold the mys - ter - y,  
makes our in - ward vis - ion clear,  
who from both with both is one.

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NEXT WEDNESDAY: JUNE 9

A HYMN FESTIVAL: COME, HOLY SPIRIT, BLEST  
MEMORIAL OF COLUMBA, ABBOT OF IONA

Led by The Dean, Anne Kae, Jeni Darling and Michael Bloss

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