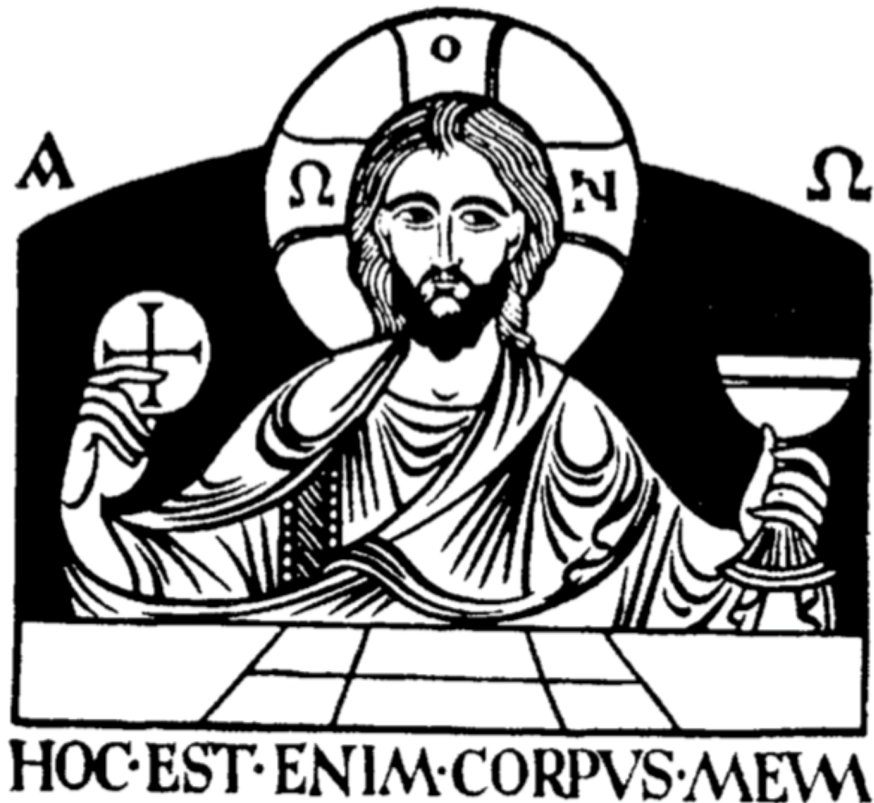


# **ST NICOLAS GUILDFORD**



## **Corpus Christi *Mass & Benediction***



## Corpus Christi: An Introduction

*The Solemnity of Corpus Christi or The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion, is kept on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. This feast originated in France in the mid-thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist and of course, at every Mass our focus is the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.*

*Here at the Mass (the gathering) we are afforded once more the opportunity not to remember the Last Supper, but to be present at the Cross - and in 'calling to mind His precious death upon the cross' (Common Worship, Eucharistic Prayer B) until His coming again. This is no re-enactment of the Lord's Last Supper, rather it is in obedience to His command to 'do this in remembrance of me' - here we are caught up into the mystery of God's own time and by remembering we make real His presence by means of sacramental blessing. Thus we are fed both spiritually and corporally as we take Christ out into the world from here within us - so just as our service ends our service must begin. This is the gift of the Eucharist and the very gift of God.*

*The service concludes with a Procession around the church followed by Benediction. The procession is an act of mission and echoes the walk of the disciples to Emmaus (Luke 24.13-35) as we walk with Christ who walks with us, breaks bread for us and who causes our hearts to burn within us in recognition of his presence. The President carries the Sacrament in a monstrance and incense is used to signify the dignity and holiness of the presence of Christ with us. The Benediction is a blessing using the Blessed Sacrament making the sign of the cross over us and the world.*

*The word monstrance comes from the Latin monstrare, meaning 'to show'. The challenge of Corpus Christi and every celebration of the Eucharist is how we ourselves become 'walking monstrances', showing forth the presence of Christ in our world and in our lives.*



## STAND

The Service begins with HYMN 272 during which the procession enters.

## The Gathering

Priest     In the name of the Father,  
              and of the Son,  
              and of the Holy Spirit.  
  
All         Amen.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Confession

Deacon    Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord  
              in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgement upon  
              themselves. Examine yourselves, therefore, and call to  
              mind your sins.



## SIT OR KNEEL

*Deacon* Like as the hart longs for flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for you, O God:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

O send out your light and your truth,  
that they may lead me:  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

May we come to your altar, O God,  
the God of our salvation:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest* Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**



## ¶ STAND

### The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Collect

*Priest* Let us pray.  
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.



*All*            **Amen.**

 **SIT**

## The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book Genesis.

King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine;  
he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said,  
‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and  
earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your  
enemies into your hand!’ And Abram gave him one-tenth of  
everything.

*Reader*        For the word of the Lord.

*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 116

*Response:*    **To God the Lord raise hymns of praise  
and with your lips proclaim his name.**

*Reader*        A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For I 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.

*Reader*        For the word of the Lord.

*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

 **STAND**



## Gradual Hymn: 275



## The Gospel

Deacon

Lord  
John.



Hear the Gospel of our  
Jesus Christ according to

All



*At the end of the Gospel reading:*

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

¶ SIT

The Homily

¶ STAND

The Creed

All

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**



**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**  
*he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.*  
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,**





**and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## The Intercessions

*Priest* In the power of the Spirit  
and in union with Christ, the Bread of Life,  
let us pray to the Father.

**¶ SIT or KNEEL**

*Intercessor* We pray to the Lord.  
Lord, listen to the prayers of your people,  
gathered at your table.  
In faith we pray:

*All* **we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we celebrate how Christ gave us his body  
to be our spiritual food,  
listen as we pray for his body the Church,  
spread throughout the world ...

In faith we pray:

*All* **we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we recognize the presence of Christ,  
who takes away the sin of the world,  
listen as we pray for that world  
and for its peoples for whom his blood was shed ...

In faith we pray:

*All* **we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we come together as Christ gathered with his  
friends to give us this meal of holy fellowship,  
listen as we pray for all whom you have given us,  
our friends and all whose lives are joined with ours ...

In faith we pray:

*All* **we pray to you our God.**



Here, where we remember the night of Christ's agony and trial,  
listen as we pray for all who share his sufferings  
through fear or pain or distress of many kinds ...

In faith we pray:

*All*            **we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we join our praises with the whole company of  
heaven, listen as we pray for all who have trusted Christ's  
promise to raise up on the last day those who eat his flesh and  
drink his blood ...

In faith we pray:

*All*            **we pray to you our God.**

Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts,  
the bread of God which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*All*            **we pray to you our God.**

**¶ Please STAND**

Priest        Our Lady is Mother of the Church and shows her  
care for us all by her prayers.

We join our prayers with hers as we say,

*All*            **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Priest        And so aided by the prayers of Our Lady, on  
whose constant intercession we rely,  
we commend the world for which Christ gave  
His life saying,

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers**



**for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

**Priest** Our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
If, when you are bringing your gift to the altar,  
you remember your brother or sister has a  
grievance against you,  
leave your gift where it lies before the altar.  
Go, make peace; and only then come and offer your gift.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All** **and also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN 271**

*Bread and wine are presented and the Altar is prepared.  
The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

**Priest** God our sustainer,  
receive the gifts we bring before you,  
and feed us continually with that bread  
which satisfies all hunger,  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**All** **Amen**



## The Eucharistic Prayer

<p>President:</p>  <p>The__ Lord__ be with you.</p>	<p>All:</p>  <p>And__ al - so with you.</p>
<p>President:</p>  <p>Lift up your__ hearts.__</p>	<p>All:</p>  <p>We lift them to__ the Lord.__</p>
<p>President:</p>  <p>Let us give thanks_ to__ the Lord__ our God.</p>	
<p>All:</p>  <p>It is right to give thanks and praise.__</p>	

**Priest** It is indeed right and good,  
 our duty and our salvation  
 always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
 holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
 through Jesus Christ our great high priest.  
 He offered himself to you as the Lamb without blemish,  
 the acceptable gift that gives you perfect praise.  
 At the Last Supper, seated with his apostles,  
 he left this memorial of his passion  
 to bring us its saving power until the end of time.  
 In this great sacrament you feed your people  
 and strengthen them in holiness,  
 so that throughout the world the human family  
 may be enlightened by one faith  
 and drawn together in one communion of love.  
 We come to this foretaste of your heavenly banquet  
 to be transformed by your grace



and restored in the image and likeness of the risen Christ.

Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to sing a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:

*All*      **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**¶ Please *SIT or KNEEL***

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world;



rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St  
Nicolas, St George, St Catherine, St Benedict all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Priest* Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

*All* **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 those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**



## The Fracture

*The President breaks the consecrated bread.*

**Priest** We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All** **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The priest and people receive communion.*

## Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*The choir sings the Motet: Father, we thank thee – Arr. Richard Proulx*

**¶ Please KNEEL or SIT**

## Prayer after Communion

**Priest** All praise to you, our God and Father,  
for you have fed us with the bread of heaven  
and quenched our thirst from the true vine:  
hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ,  
we may grow together in unity



and feast with him in his kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*            **Amen.**

*The Choir sings O salutaris hostia – Camille Saint-Saens*

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;  
O grant us life that shall not end,  
In our true native land with thee.

*Text: St. Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274) tr. J M Neale (1818-1866) et al*

*The Blessed Sacrament is placed in the Monstrance.  
Incense is brought and the altar party genuflects. The Blessed Sacrament is censed.  
The Humeral Veil is placed on the President who takes the Monstrance holding it with  
the Humeral Veil.*

## Procession & Hymn 310

*The procession of the Sacrament is led by the Cross and Acolytes from the High Altar around the Church. The Pascal Candle is extinguished during Benediction.  
Once the procession returns and the Sacrament is reverend on the High Altar, the Pascal candle is re-lit.*





## Benediction Blessing

*When the procession reaches the Quire Altar, the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the Quire altar and the Rector and altar party kneel. After a period of adoration the president stands whilst the Blessed Sacrament is censed and **HYMN 268** verses 5 & 6 is sung.*

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 too his love confessing,  
Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.

*Text: St. Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274) tr. J M Neale (1818-1866) et al*

*Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is given, the bells rung and in response all make the sign of the cross. The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar and the Rector leads the Divine Praises.*

**Priests**      Blessed be the Holy and undivided Trinity.  
Blessed be God the Father, maker of heaven and earth.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, truly divine and truly human.  
Blessed be the Holy Name of Jesus.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ  
in the Sacrament of his body and blood.  
Blessed be God the Holy Spirit, the giver and sustainer of life.  
Blessed be God in the Virgin Mary,  
Mother of our Lord and God.



Blessed be God in the angels and saints.  
Blessed be God.

*The Blessed Sacrament is processed by the Rector and Thurifer to the High Altar  
as we sing HYMN 307 verses 1 & 4 are sung*

*Please REMAIN STANDING for the Organ Voluntary: Schmücke dich, o liebe  
Seele – Johann Gottfried Walther*

*During the Organ Voluntary, the choir process to the sacristy following the  
Crucifer and Acolytes*



*Please do join us in the Parish Centre for Cheese and Wine,  
tea and coffee.*



