

**SACRED HEART
CORPUS CHRISTI
6/7 May 2021**

The readings today may cause slight unease, as they are about Blood, and in particular 1R is about animal sacrifice, culminating in throwing the blood of sacrificial bulls towards the people. Is that not barbaric? Yet for the people of this time livestock was their most treasured possession and to give some of it back to God was a gesture of great thanksgiving. It took the destruction of the Temple in AD70 to stop blood sacrifice in Judaism but in Jesus' time it was still a current practice.

Jesus made it all irrelevant by shedding his blood in a 'once and for all' sacrifice as 2R explains. In the Gospel we hear of how Jesus gave us a way of commemorating this sacrifice. We have no need to shed actual blood anymore in a religious context except in those parts of the world where persecution remains. We are flesh and blood, and we cannot avoid thinking of our own mortality, when our heart will cease to pump blood around our body. We should face up to this as Jesus did on our behalf, shedding his own blood so that we would not have to.

For more than a year Covid-19 has robbed us of the opportunity to receive the precious blood. We pray that, when the time is right, we may soon be able to consume the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ during Mass.

Organ Prelude: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (JS Bach)

Introductory Rites

Opening Song: Sing a new church

**Summoned by the God who made us
rich in our diversity,
gathered in the name of Jesus,
richer still in unity:**

**LET US BRING THE GIFTS THAT DIFFER
AND, IN SPLENDID, VARIED WAYS,
SING A NEW CHURCH INTO BEING,
ONE IN FAITH AND LOVE AND PRAISE.**

**Radiant risen from the water,
robed in holiness and light,
male and female in God's image,
male and female, God's delight:**

LET US BRING THE GIFTS THAT DIFFER ...

**Trust the goodness of creation;
trust the Spirit strong within.
Dare to dream the vision promised,
sprung from seed of what has been.**

LET US BRING THE GIFTS THAT DIFFER ...

**Bring the hopes of ev'ry nation;
bring the art of ev'ry race.
Weave a song of peace and justice;
let it sound through time and space.**

LET US BRING THE GIFTS THAT DIFFER ...

**Draw together at one table
all the human family;
shape a circle ever wider
and a people ever free.**

LET US BRING THE GIFTS THAT DIFFER ...

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Glory to God: Mass of Joy and Peace (Alonso)

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD,
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH PEACE, ON EARTH PEACE,
PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL.**

We praise you, we bless you,
We adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD ...

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy of us.

GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD ...

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.

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD,
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH PEACE, ON EARTH PEACE,
PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL. AMEN.**

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Psalm 116: The cup of salvation (Jakob)

**The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the name of the Lord.
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the name of the Lord.**

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Second Reading:

Gospel Greeting: Salisbury Alleluia (Walker)

I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Homily

Creed

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Table of Plenty (Schutte)

**COME TO THE FEAST OF HEAVEN AND EARTH!
COME TO THE TABLE OF PLENTY!
GOD WILL PROVIDE FOR ALL THAT WE NEED,
HERE AT THE TABLE OF PLENTY.**

**O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.**

**O come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life.**

**My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.**

**Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil.**

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Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

Holy, Holy – When we eat this bread – Amen

Communion Rite

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

Communion Song: Gift of Finest Wheat

**YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART
WITH GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT;
COME GIVE TO US, O SAVING LORD,
THE BREAD OF LIFE TO EAT.**

**As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
we follow and rejoice.**

YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART...

**With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude,
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heav'nly food.**

YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART...

**Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord?**

YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART...

**The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell.**

YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART...

**You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity.**

YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART...

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Concluding Rite

Closing Song: This we shall do (Bell)

**THIS WE SHALL DO, THIS WE SHALL DO:
ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD.
THIS WE SHALL DO, THIS WE SHALL DO:
ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD.**

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Postlude: 'Little' Prelude in C (JS Bach)

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