SELWYN COLLEGE CHAPEL, CAMBRIDGE

Choral Eucharist for Corpus Christi
Thursday 30 May 2024 at 6:15pm
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THE GATHERING

Please stand as the ministers and choir enter the chapel.

¶ MUSIC FOR THE PROCESSION AND CENSING OF THE ALTAR

Le Banquet Céleste – Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
(The heavenly banquet)

¶ THE GREETING

President  Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
All  And also with you.

¶ COMMISSIONING OF HYMN BOARD

The hymn board was made by Steven Burgess (of Selwyn College maintenance department),
with letter-press hymn numbers made by Gordon Chesterman (St Edmund’s College).

¶ BIDDING PRAYER

President  Beloved, on this day of thanksgiving for the Eucharist,
whose cup of blessing is a sharing in the blood of Christ,
whose broken bread is a sharing in the body of Christ,
we rejoice to celebrate the presence of God
in this most holy feast.
May we strengthen, in this sacrament of faith,
the grounds of our belief.
May we look, in this sacrament of hope,
for the transformation of our hearts and lives.
May we know, in this sacrament of love,
what it is to be one body,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All  Amen.
INVITATION TO CONFESSION

President  As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God’s love, revealed in Word and Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

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

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

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

ABSOLUTION

President  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.
GLORIA  Missa de Angelis (sung by all)

Glory be to God on high: and in Earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God,

Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us; thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand

of God the Father, have mercy upon us: For thou only art holy,
thou only art the Lord. Thou only O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost, art the most high

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
COLLECT

President 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.

Please sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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 This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.
PSALM 23 (sung by the choir)  
chant by Charles Hylton-Stewart (1884-1932)

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
He shall convert my soul:  
   and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name’s sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
   for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.  
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:  
   thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.  
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
   and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Cantor
2 Full

\[ \text{Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.} \]

Cantor

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

\[ \text{Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.} \]

Repeat Alleluia Full

Please turn to face the Gospeller.
GOSPEL  John 6.51-58

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.’

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader  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.
Leader  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.

Leader  Here, where we recognise 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.

Leader  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.

Leader  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.

Leader  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.

Leader  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  Amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand.

¶ THE PEACE

President We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

A minister invites the congregation to share a sign of Christ’s peace.

After the Peace, please sit.

During the anthem, the altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

¶ OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Welcome, sweet and sacred feast
words; Henry Vaughan (1621-1695)
music: Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

Welcome sweet and sacred feast;
Welcome life!
Dead I was, and deep in trouble;
But grace and blessings came with thee so rife,
That they have quicken’d even dry stubble
Thus souls their bodies animate,
And thus, at first, when things were rude,
Dark, void and crude
They, by thy word, their beauty had, and date;
All were by thee, and still must be;
Nothing that is, or lives,
But hath his quick’nings and reprieves
As thy hand opes, or shuts:
Healings and cuts,
Darkness and daylight, life and death
Are but mere leaves turn’d by thy breath
But that great darkness at thy death
When the veil broke with thy last breath,
Did make us see The way to thee.
Was’t not enough that thou hadst paid the price
And given us eyes when we had none
But thou must also take us by the hand
And keep us still awake,
When we would sleep, Or from thee creep,
Who without thee cannot stand?
Was’t not enough to lose thy breath and blood
By an accursed death,
But thou must also leave
To us that did bereave
Thee of them both, these seals the means
That should both cleanse and keep us so,
Who wrought thy woe? O rose of Sharon!
O the lily of the valley!
How art thou now, thy flock to keep
Become both food and Shepherd to thy sheep?

*The President takes the bread and wine with these words:*

President    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.
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:
Please sit or kneel.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

President

Accept our praises,
heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood.

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Deacon Christ is the bread of life:
All When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.
THE LORD’S PRAYER

President As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.
All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on 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 FRACTION

President 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.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

President 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.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All We do not presume to come to this your table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as
to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI Missa de Angelis (sung by all)

The president and the people receive Holy Communion. To the words of distribution, the communicant replies Amen.

The choir comes to the altar first, followed by the congregation. All Christians who have been baptised in the name of the Trinity, and who normally receive Holy Communion in their own Church, may receive the Sacrament. All are welcome to come to the front to receive a blessing. Please bring this service sheet with you to indicate your intention.
**MOTET** *(sung by the choir during Communion)*

Verily, verily
words: John 6: 53-56
music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Verily, verily I say unto you:
extcept ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man,
and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
Whoso eateth my flesh,
and drinketh my blood,
hath eternal life;
and I will raise him up at the last day.
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.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please stand.*

President

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.*

All

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
*Amen.*
HYMN (NEH 280)

During the singing of the final verse, the congregation is invited to follow the procession of the Blessed Sacrament into the garden, for the blessing and dismissal.

1 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight’s splendour,
There with joy thy praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous banquet founded;
High o’er all the heavens he reigneth,
Yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

2 Now I sink before thee lowly,
Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder
On thy mighty works I ponder;
How, by mystery surrounded,
Depths no man hath ever sounded,
None may dare to pierce unbidden
Secrets that with thee are hidden.

3 Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
Joy, the sweetest man e’er knoweth;
Fount, whence all my being floweth;
At thy feet I cry, my Maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessèd food from heaven,
For our good, thy glory, given.
4 Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee,
Let me gladly here obey thee;
Never to my hurt invited,
Be thy love with love requited:
From this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
Through the gifts thou here dost give me,
As thy guest in heaven receive me.

words: Johann Franck (1618–1677)
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)
music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger (1598–1662);
harm. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

¶ ORGAN Schmücke dich (Op. Post. 122, No. 5) – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

The service concludes in the college garden:

¶ BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

President Christ, who has nourished us
with himself the living bread,
make you one in praise and love,
and raise you up at the last day;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

¶ DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to stay for drinks after the service.