Preface:

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts.

And with your spirit. We lift them up to the Lord. It is right and just.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Christ our Lord.

For he is the true and eternal Priest,

who instituted the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice and was the first to offer himself as the saving Victim, commanding us to make this offering as his memorial.

As we eat his flesh that was sacrificed for us.

we are made strong,

and, as we drink his Blood that was poured out for us,

we are washed clean.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,

with Thrones and Dominions.

and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,

we sing the hymn of your glory, and, without end we acclaim:

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.

The mystery of faith: Save us, Saviour of the world,

for by your Cross and Resurrection

you have set us free.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord. John 6:57

Prayer after Communion:

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

Final Blessing:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you.

the Father, and the Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. Amen. Thanks be to God.

Jesus, best friend ...
may your wounds take in my hurts,
may your passion keep me strong,
may your gaze be fixed on me,
may I not betray your love.

Jesus, best friend ...
may you call me at death's door,
may you hold me close to you,
may you place me with your saints,
may I ever sing your praise.

### Corpus Christi B

## Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock. Ps 80:17

St Paul continually reminds us that we are the Body of Christ. When we gather here the Body of Christ becomes visible. As we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist, we call

to mind how important it is that we should be reconciled with one another.

Lord Jesus, you reconcile us to one another. Lord, have mercy. You heal the wounds of sin and division. Christ, have mercy. You plead for us at the right hand of the Father. Lord have mercy.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth 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. 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 on us. 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.

#### Let us pray:

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 lives and reigns with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice: 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said: 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This,' he said, 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPSONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 115

Response: The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. R/.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. R/.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. R/.

SECOND READING A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (9:11-15) Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Sequence:

Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given: Oft in the olden types foreshadowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven. Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality; O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen quest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

# Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-16. 22-26

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus: "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them: "Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters: 'The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there."

The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. "Take it," he said "this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them: "This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God." After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

#### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

#### Offertory:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

#### Prayer over the Offering

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**