

The Community of St Stephen Walbrook



Sung Eucharist for The Feast of Corpus Christi

12.45pm Thursday 3rd June 2021

Celebrant and preacher: Canon Peter Babington, Priest-in-Charge, St Mary le Strand

Choir: The Choral Scholars

Director: Gabriella Noble

Organist: Polina Sosnina

Mass setting: Missa Brevis by Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

Introit: Sacerdotes Domini by William Byrd (1540-1623)

The Welcome

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

The choir sings the Kyrie

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

The Ministry of the Word

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Let us pray

The Collect

God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion: grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: John 6:51-58

The holy Gospel is written in the 6th chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning at the 51st verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord

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; ⁵⁵ 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.’

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise be to thee, O Christ

Address

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

The choir sings

The Offertory Hymn

No collection will be taken during the service, however we would be very grateful if you would make a donation to the work of the church at the end of the service by cash or contactless payment.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
Hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,
Dear home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease
And sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
Thy Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)
Tune: Divine Mysteries

Intercessions

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Merciful Father
Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Invitation to Confession

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

The Confession

**Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
we acknowledge and bewail
our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we, from time to time,
most grievously have committed,
by thought, word and deed,
against thy divine majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath
and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Absolution

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy
hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that
with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him:
have mercy upon you;
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

(St. Matt. xi. 28)

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(St. John iii. 16)

The Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy:
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy 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.**

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up unto the Lord

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

It is meet and right so to do

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places,
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give thee thanks
because, having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end;
and on the night before he suffered,

sitting at table with his disciples,
he instituted these holy mysteries,
that we, redeemed by his death and restored to life by his resurrection,
might be partakers of his divine nature.
Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee, and singing:

The choir sings the Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only
Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there
(by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice,
oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his
holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious
death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we
receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be
partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given
thanks, he brake 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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to
them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is
shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink
it, in remembrance of me.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that
all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace
and heavenly benediction through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom,

in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen**

And now as our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say

**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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The distribution of Holy Communion

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

You are warmly invited to receive the bread of communion.

Please sanitise your hands at the back of the church and then gather socially distanced around the altar either kneeling or standing.

The choir sings the Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy

dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and all those whom you love, today and always. **Amen.**

Anthem: Ave verum corpus by Colin Mawby (1936-2019)

Week commencing 7th June 2021 at St Stephen Walbrook

The church is open for private prayer from 10.30am-3.30pm on Tuesday to Friday this week

Monday

1pm - Video recording of Choral Classics available on website

Tuesday

1pm – Walbrook Music Trust Concert – Trout Quintet in A major by Franz Schubert performed by Hatty Haynes (violin), Matt Johnstone (viola), Alicja Kozak (cello), Cole Morrison (bass), Jongsun Woo (piano).

Audio file of Start:Stop reflection released on website

Wednesday

9am - Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer by conference call.

All welcome to dial in:

Free dial-in on 0330 9981 320 - access code: 464351#

Thursday

Square Mile Churches – Reopening Celebration

12.15-12.35pm – Choral Classics – music & readings with The Choral Scholars

12.45-1.30pm – Sung Eucharist

5.30pm – In Every Corner Sing – A musical journey with our Choral Scholars directed by Dr Andrew Earis and celebrated composer Bob Chilcott beginning at St Stephen Walbrook and ending at Holy Sepulchre London

For information about tickets available through Eventbrite, please see church's website

6.30–7.30pm – Time & Space – opportunity for chat by Zoom closing with Compline

All welcome to join: please contact priest@ststephenwalbrook.net for link.

Saturday

Video of Sung Eucharist released on website

Morning and Night are available every day through the London Internet Church section of the church's website: <https://ststephenwalbrook.net/internet-church/>

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