

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not  
abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst  
open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the  
Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast  
redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory  
everlasting.  
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day : we magnify thee;  
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

*Any intercessions follow and a period of silence*

+ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.  
Amen.



The Parish Churches of S Philip and S  
Augustine and S Matthew with S Mary the  
Virgin Newcastle

# The Office

for

# Corpus Christi

# for use at home

## Notes

If you say evensong on the Saturday evening before Trinity Sunday, you should use this order.

When reciting the office privately, you should move your lips with the words to ensure that your eyes do not just mindlessly move along the text.

Usually, people sit (or kneel) to recite the office privately – in front of a Crucifix, if possible. Some people may choose to light a candle.

The sign of the Cross made at, “ O Lord, open &c) is generally made on the lips with the thumb to seek a blessing on the words of our prayer.

The Responary is provided in full, but if you are reciting it alone, you can omit the lines in blue.

The booklet is provided in two forms. Some will prefer to read it from their electronic toy; others may need to print it out. Hopefully the booklet format will let you do just that. Please save the file to your hard disk. Other booklets will be sent as and when the Liturgical season requires.

Intercessions will also be circulated so that we can pray for the same thing each day.

The **Te Deum** is said at one office on Sundays, preferably in the morning.

## *At Evensong:*

O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness: through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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*The Te Deum is said on Sundays and red letter feasts.*

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers therein.  
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;  
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

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*At Mattins:*

O God, Who art the Author of peace and Lover of concord, in knowledge of Whom standeth our eternal life, Whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us Thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, Who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Any intercessions follow and a period of silence*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

## **Angelus**

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

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

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary. . .

And the Word was made flesh.  
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary. . .

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His + Cross and Passion be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## The Office

+ O Lord, open thou our lips.  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
+ O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.  
The Lord's Name be praised.

*At Mattins, there follows the **Venite** with its antiphon:*

*Antiphon: Alleluia! Christ the Lord is the Bread come down  
from Heaven: O come, let us adore Him. Alleluia!*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

### Antiphon

For the Lord is a great God :  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth :  
and the strength of the hills is his also.

### Antiphon

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. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.  
O Lord, save the Queen.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.  
O Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.  
Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O  
God.  
O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*There follows the **Collect of the Day:***

O God, Who under a wonderful Sacrament, hast left unto us a  
memorial of Thy Passion, Death and glorious Resurrection:  
grant us so to venerate the sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and  
Blood that we may evermore perceive within ourselves the fruits  
of Thy redemption, Who liveth and reigneth with The Father  
and the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages, world without  
end. Amen.

*The office continues:*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
+ And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Let us pray.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The sea is his, and he made it :  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down :  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God :  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*Antiphon*

To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts :  
as in the provocation,  
and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;  
When your fathers tempted me :  
proved me, and saw my works.

*Antiphon*

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said :  
It is a people that do err in their hearts,  
for they have not known my ways.

Unto whom I sware in my wrath :  
that they should not enter into my rest.

*Antiphon*

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.

*Antiphon*

*The Office Hymn follows:*

Of the glorious Body telling,  
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,  
And the Blood, all price excelling,  
Which the world's eternal King,  
In a spotless womb once dwelling,  
Shed for this world's ransoming.

Given for us, for us descending,  
Of a virgin to proceed,  
Man with man in converse blending,  
Scattered He the Gospel seed,  
Till His sojourn drew to ending,  
Which He closed in wondrous deed.

At the last great Supper lying  
Circled by His chosen band,  
Duly with the law complying,  
First He finished its command,  
Then, immortal food supplying,  
Gave Himself by His own hand.

Word-made-flesh, by Word He maketh  
Bread His very Flesh to be;  
Man in wine Christ's Blood partaketh:  
And if senses fail to see,  
Faith alone the true heart waketh  
To behold the Mystery.

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*At Evensong, there follows the Magnificat:*

*Antiphon:*

*O most sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His Sacrifice is renewed and a pledge of future glory is given. Alleluia!*

+ MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced  
in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me  
blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his  
Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all  
generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the  
proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted  
the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he  
hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, 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.

*Antiphon*

Antiphon:

I am the living Bread, Which hath come down from Heaven:  
anyone that eateth of this Bread, He shall live for ever. Alleluia!

+ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hand of all that hate us.  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember his holy Covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us;  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve him without fear;  
In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.  
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace. 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.

Antiphon

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 to His love confessing,  
Who from Both with Both is One.

*There follow:*

**The Psalm:**

(147) O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God : yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.  
2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem : and gather together the out-casts of Israel.  
3 He healeth those that are broken in heart : and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.  
4 He telleth the number of the stars : and calleth them all by their names.  
5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power : yea, and his wisdom is infinite.  
6 The Lord setteth up the meek : and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.  
7 O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving : sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth : and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

9 Who giveth fodder unto the cattle : and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

10 He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse : neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

11 But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him: and put their trust in his mercy.

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem : praise thy God, O Sion.

13 For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates : and hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 He maketh peace in thy borders : and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth : and his word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool : and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels : who is able to abide his frost?

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them : he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.

19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob : his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation : neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

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.

### ***The Reading***

A Reading from the Book of the Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her beasts, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her maids to call from the highest places in the town, "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who is without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

### **The Responory**

He fed them with finest wheat flour. Alleluia, alleluia!

**He fed them with finest wheat flour. Alleluia, alleluia!**

And with honey out of the stony rock did He satisfy them.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

He fed them with finest wheat flour. Alleluia, alleluia!

*At Mattins, there follows the **Benecticus**:*