

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.*

COLLECT

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 live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 14:18-20

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In those days: Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. And he blessed Abram and said,

'Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!'

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 110 (109):1. 2. 3. 4. R. 4bc

**R: *You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.***

1. The LORD's revelation to my lord:
'Sit at my right hand,
until I make your foes your footstool.' **R.**
2. The LORD will send from Sion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of your foes. **R.**
3. With you is princely rule
on the day of your power.
In holy splendour, from the womb before the dawn,
I have begotten you. **R.**
4. The LORD has sworn an oath he will not change:
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.' **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way also he took the cup, 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 6:51

R: *Alleluia, alleluia.*

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

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

R: *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL Luke 9:11b-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing. Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him, 'Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.' But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish – unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.*

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.

The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

June 22nd, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)



Today we celebrate Corpus Christi – the Most Holy Body and Blood of our

Lord, broken and poured out for us. At the end of the mass, there will be Benediction, and the sacrament will be exposed for a few minutes as we kneel in adoration.

It's important that we don't misunderstand what we are doing when we kneel before the sacrament, and receive the blessing from Jesus, present in the host. This is not idolatry, or the worship of an object, a mere bit of wafer. We believe that Jesus is truly present in the consecrated host, and that the wafer is therefore more than just a symbol. During the exposition you are, in the words of St John Vianney, the Curé d'Ars, 'looking at Christ as He looks at you.' After the exposition, the benediction (a word which means 'blessing') with the host is as near as we can come in this world to receiving a blessing from our Lord himself.

Entrance Hymn

368 Alleluya, sing to Jesus

Offertory Hymn

196 Of the glorious body telling (vv 1-4)

As the Sacrament is prepared

401 Sweet Sacrament divine

During Exposition and Benediction

196 Therefore we, before him bending (vv 5,6)

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THIS WEEK (Year C[1]; Psalm Week 4)

23rd: Monday of week 12 in Ordinary Time. No services in church; Offices said privately.

24th: *The Nativity of St John the Baptist. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Boys' Brigade 1700;*

25th: Wednesday of week 12 in Ordinary Time. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Lunch Club 1200-1400; Evening Prayer 1700

26th: *Thursday of week 12 in Ordinary Time. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700*

27th: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. No services in church; Offices said privately.

28th: *Irenaeus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, and Martyr. No services in church; Offices said privately.*

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday 29th June: Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul, Apostles.

FUTURE DATES

Sunday 6th July: We are hosting the Deanery evening prayer service at 1730 here at St Anselm's. Please support us by being present!

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathyan Fenton; Desiree Loderick; Tom Shipman, Mr & Mrs DeGale, Anselm Charles, Shirley Thomas, Jean Charnock, Maggie, George Norwood. (If you have a name for the list, please give the details to Susan, Fr Josiah, or Fr Stephen.)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

24th: May Hackett

25th: Thomas Fever, William Fletcher

28th: Ethel Duckitt, Gary Middleton, Leslie Giddens [priest]

YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH: Don't worry if they make a noise or move about! Young visitors to the sanctuary are always welcome, so no drama if they go for a walk! We'll have a look at the children's work after mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: During May 2025, our income was £1,786.64, and our outgoings were £2,098.07 (excluding exceptional one-off donations paid into our reserve fund). Once again, our outgoings have exceeded our income, so please consider if you can increase your contributions to the church, preferably via the Parish Giving Scheme if you don't already use that service.

SPONSORING CANDLES, ETC.: Sanctuary lights cost £3.50; votive candles £1.00; 100 communion wafers £1.50. We'd be very grateful for your support.

THE NEW PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: With our profuse apologies, we managed to leave Meenu Kumar off this list. So, the corrected line up is: Greta Lloyd, Meenu Kumar, Cynthia Lashley, David Couling, Val Jones, Coleen John and Jaqui Dunrad. The Churchwardens, Ruth Gakuru and Nicholas Karra, and the Safeguarding Officer, Susan Chick, along with Frs Stephen and Josiah, are all ex-officio members of the PCC.

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Please note: Fr Stephen is away from 24th–27th June

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE, AND BISCUITS OR CAKE!