

Reflection: We often see the symbolism of blood being used in the covenants of God: the sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis), the Passover with the Hebrews (Exodus), the blood used on the Book of the Covenant (1st Reading), Jesus' crucifixion (inference from today's Gospel). Even today, "blood" is used symbolically in binding commitments. Think of the first time the husband and wife consummate their marriage and the hymen is torn; or when the mother gives birth to her child. As we celebrate the covenant of Jesus in his Body and Blood, reflect on how we are keeping our covenants with God.

Entrance: 458 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

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

Ordinaries: Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII

Psalm: *The cup of salvation I will raise, I will call on the Lord's name.*

Sequence: Lauda Sion Salvatorem

Gospel Acc.: *I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.*

Offertory: 804 Lord Who At Thy First Eucharist

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

Communion: 806 Ave Verum Corpus (Chant)

Recessional: 469 The King of Kings Christ Jesus Reigns

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina



Conductor:

Cantor:

Organist:

On Leave:

Pre-Mass Chorale:

In Monte Olivetti (Martini)

Ubi Caritas (Durufle)

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Reflections on the Liturgy

Wasn't the Holy Eucharist instituted on Holy Thursday? Why is there the Feast of Corpus Christi?

Corpus Christi (Latin for *Body of Christ*) is a Christian feast in honour of the Holy Eucharist. It was originally assigned to the Thursday following Trinity Sunday, thereby mirroring Holy Thursday, the Thursday of Holy Week, the day on which Christians commemorate The Last Supper of Jesus Christ and his apostles, seen as the first Holy Eucharist.

Aside the Resurrection on Easter which actually gives meaningful reason to Christian faith, Holy Thursday is another very important celebration in the Church marking the INSTITUTION of the Eucharist and also the institution of the priesthood. The Celebration of Holy Thursday which falls within the Holy Week observances began in Jerusalem in the earliest days of the Church, when devout people travelled to Jerusalem at Passover to re-enact the events of the week leading up to the Resurrection.

While the institution of the Eucharist is celebrated on Holy Thursday, the **JOY** of what is referred to in Greek as "the Holy Gift" (τὸ Ἅγιον Δῶρον) cannot on that occasion be well expressed, because of the nearness of Good Friday.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi on the other hand began much later. In 1246, Bishop Robert de Thorete of the Belgina diocese of Liège, following the suggestion of St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon, instituted the celebration of the feast; and, on September 8, 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the papal bull "Transiturus," which established the Feast of Corpus Christi as a universal feast of the Church, to be celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday.

Announcements

- SPP CHOIR ANNUAL RETREAT: Tuesday, 1 May 2018**
Choir retreat at CANA, 2nd Floor Catholic Archdiocese Centre, Waterloo Street (above Crossings Café, beside SPP Church).
Time: 9.30am to 5pm.
- Concert at St. Mary of the Angels: Saturday 5 May 2018**
SPP Choir is participating in the fund raising concert for Assisi Hospice under the baton of Dr. Aloysius Leong. Please help to sell tickets at \$10 each.
- Ascension (Day of Obligation) Thursday, 10 May 2018**
Reminder that the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord is a day of obligation. Please see Mass timings for Vigil and Actual Day Masses.
- Corpus Christi: Saturday 3 June 2018**
Candlelight procession of the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass, followed by overnight adoration. SPP Choir will be serving the Mass. Do feel free to participate in the adoration after the Mass.



Saturday, 5th May: 6th Sunday of Easter

Reflection: The culture that was predominant among the Jews was that they were the chosen people, the chosen race. And therefore all other peoples who were not Jews were inferior, pagan, and "unclean" because they deemed that these people did not have a relationship with the God they worshipped. But in Peter's sermon (First Reading), he encouraged the love for all men who have been given the grace of faith (the Gentiles) as the Gospel had described. Let us pray for ourselves to be open to loving our Abrahamic brethren and set aside our misgivings. Let us love them in Christian Unity.



Entrance: 414 This Joyful Eastertide

Entrance Ant.: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard, proclaim to the ends of the earth. The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Ordinaries: Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII

Psalms: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acc.: Jesus said: "If anyone love me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him."

Offertory: 406 Three Days

Communion Ant.: If you love me keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Communion: 808 Shepherd of Souls
Recessional: 438 Come Down O Love Divine

Marian Anthem: 416 Regina Caeli

Conductor: Ken
Cantor: Denyse
Organist: Vincent
On Leave:
Pre-Mass Chorale:

Saturday, 12th May: 7th Sunday of Easter

Reflection: The celebration of the Feast of the Ascension (Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter), reminds us that the end of Eastertide is nearing. The Apostles made arrangements to keep the integrity of the mission given to them (First Reading) in selecting Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot. Jesus made prayers for preparation to grant his disciples strength and unity in their mission (Gospel). How are we praying for our own preparation to live our Christian life? What arrangements have we made to continue the mission passed on to us through the Apostolic tradition?



Entrance: 414 This Joyful Eastertide

Entrance Ant.: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you, of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face, hide not your face from me Alleluia.

Ordinaries: Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII

Psalms: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Gospel Acc.: I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord, I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Offertory: 406 Three Days

Communion Ant.: Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Communion: 407 At The Lamb's High Feast
Recessional: 438 Come Down O Love Divine

Marian Anthem: 416 Regina Caeli

Conductor: Ken
Cantor: Helen
Organist: David
On Leave:
Pre-Mass Chorale:
Regina Caeli (Lotti)
To the Lamb on the Throne (Forrest)

Saturday, 19th May: Pentecost

Reflection: What strikes me most about the celebration of Pentecost is how Jesus had appeared in numerous occasions to his disciples in the preceding weeks since his death, but here in the Pentecost Gospel, we find the believers still shackled by the fear of persecution – the same fear that gripped Peter as the rooster crowed thrice. The Holy Spirit sets us free: deepens our faith, emboldens us to testify, and strengthens us in our trial. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work together with your belief, and you will be surprised by the grace that would be unleashed in you to live a Godly life!



Entrance: 444 Veni Creator Spiritus

Entrance Ant.: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

Ordinaries: Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII

Psalms: Send forth your Spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acc.: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Offertory: 438 Come Down O Love Divine

Communion Ant.: On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia.

Communion: 407 At The Lamb's High Feast
Recessional: 469 The King of Kings Christ Jesus Reigns

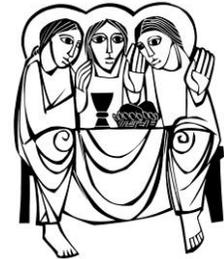
Marian Anthem: 416 Regina Caeli

Conductor: Benjamin
Cantor: Roger
Organist: Jacqueline
On Leave: Ken
Pre-Mass Chorale:

***Note:**
Pentecost Vigil 8pm
SPP Men to help

Saturday, 26th May: Holy Trinity

Reflection: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit." It appears that as disciples, we have been claimed by the 3 persons of God: Father, Son & Spirit. The mystery of the Holy Trinity lends itself profoundly in various situations we experience in our limited humanity: in the family (father, mother, children), in our roles (daughter, wife, mother), in our responsibilities (child of God, ministry worker, witness of the faith). Pray that these gives us a semblance and an appreciation of what the Holy Trinity may mean to us and the importance of our relationship with each person of God.



Entrance: 448 Holy Holy Holy

Entrance Ant.: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Ordinaries: Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII

Psalms: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Gospel Acc.: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Offertory: 699 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Communion Ant.: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Communion: 808 Shepherd of Souls
Recessional: 446 All Hail Adored Trinity

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina

Conductor:
Cantor: Gabriel
Organist: Ken
On Leave:
Pre-Mass Chorale: