



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS,
NORTH HILLINGDON UB10 9BT
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CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY
(YEAR B)

3 JUNE 2018

THE KEY to to-day's readings is the word *Covenant*. A Covenant is a solemn and binding agreement

between two parties, which establishes the way in which each party will behave towards the other. It establishes rights and duties and forges a new relationship between two people or groups of people. In the Ancient World, a Covenant was always sealed with a sacrifice and a meal: the sacrifice brought divine blessing on the covenant and the meal sealed the relationship between the participants. In the Covenant which God forged with his people in the Old Testament, it was expressed very simply: God said, "You will be my people and I will be your God." God would remain faithful to the people and they were to remain faithful to God. (This is where the *Ten Commandments* come in). This Covenant was sealed in its greatest form on Mount Sinai, as we hear in the first reading. When the Old Covenant had been broken beyond repair, God sent Jesus, his only Son, to establish a New Covenant: the sacrifice and meal of this New Covenant is Calvary and the Last Supper, where Christ is both priest and victim and altar. When we eat and drink this sacred meal at every Eucharistic celebration, we are renewed in the New Covenant and the relationship with God, because Calvary and the Upper Room are present once more and the New Covenant is sealed for us anew.

Please come across to the Hall for coffee and a chat after the 10 o'clock Parish Eucharist to-day. All are warmly invited. Please come too, even if you cannot stay for very long.

HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK (NEH)

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| Procession: | 461 |
| Offertory: | 307 |
| Communion: | 276 |
| Post-Communion: | <i>Your gentleness</i> (See below.) |
| Recessional: | 302 |

Your gentleness, O God of grace

Hereford (Wesley)

Your gentleness, O God of grace,
Has touched my wounded, fearful soul,
Your hands engraved with nails of love
Embrace my heart and make me whole.

The perfect love which casts out fear
Is blazoned on your cross of life.
There weakness shows the power of God,
There glory flames midst pain and strife.

Your risen life, ascended Lord,
Dispels the darkness of death's night,
Your spirit, poured into my heart,

In broken bread and wine outpoured
The meaning of my life is giv'n,
The sacrifice of love for me,
God's Living Bread comes down from heav'n.

All praise and thanks, my Lord and God

For this, your greatest gift to me:
Your very self to be my food,
The love-feast of eternity. Amen.

Geoffrey Rowell, bishop (1943-2016)

Introit: The Lord fed his people with the finest wheat and honey; their hunger was satisfied.

Collect: Let us pray (*to the Lord, who gives himself in the Eucharist, that this sacrament may bring us salvation and peace*): Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

TO-DAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

A reading from the Book of Exodus (24:3-8): *This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.*

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 response in the Psalm (115/116) is: *The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.*

A reading from the letter of S Paul to the Hebrews (9:11-15): *The blood of Christ can purify our inner self from dead actions.*

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 the 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.

We recite to-day the Sequence for *Corpus Christi (Lauda Sion)*: number 521 in NEH.

Gospel Acclamation: 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!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (14:12-16 & 22-26): *This is my body. This is my blood.*

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.

AT THE INTERCESSIONS

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy:

All: hear our prayer.

HYMNS TO-DAY AT 6 O'CLOCK (NEH)

1. *Your gentleness* (See above.)
2. 280
3. 269
4. 305

Psalm: 23

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

We pray for our parish and for its needs and for our brothers and sisters in Christ worshipping in and around Long Lane to-day.

We commend to God our Father:

the sick, the housebound & others in any kind of trouble or need: Lesley Carrington, Mary Coleman, David Shears & Caroline Waterhouse.

those whose anniversary falls at about this time: David Calvert, Joseph Stephenson Cumberland, Charles Groves, Jean Phillips, José Ann Ransom, Brian Rockell, Rose Beatrice Smith, Natalie Turner & Florence Wheatley.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

We commend all that we have just prayed for, our families, our friends & those we love to the intercession of Mary (the mother of Jesus), S Joseph (her spouse), S Boniface, S Norbert, S Columba & all the saints: **Hail Mary,...**

WHAT'S HAPPENING SOON?

1. The Eucharist this week @ASH

- a. Tuesday, 5 June; 1130 (*at Ryefield Court*): S Boniface, *missionary & martyr*, +AD754.
- b. Wednesday, 6 June; 1000: *Feria* in Ordinary Time
- c. Thursday, 7 June; 1845: *Requiem* Eucharist for Brian Rockell on his first years' mind.
- d. Saturday, 16 June; 1800: Vigil Eucharist of the Sunday

2. Apologies that there is no Vestry Hour on 9 & 16 June. If this causes difficulty for you, please telephone/e-mail the Vicarage to arrange an alternative time.

3. NEXT SUNDAY, 10 June 2018; the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- a. 0800: Said Eucharist
- b. 1000: Sung Parish Eucharist

4. Wednesday, 13 June; 1930/2000: *Churches Together in Long Lane* 'AGM' in our Small Hall.

5. Saturday, 7 July: our **Annual Summer Fête**; we now need bottles for the ever popular **Tombola Stall**, please.

FATHER DESMOND'S NOTES THIS WEEK

- a. This month's edition of *Saints Alive!* is ready for you to-day. Please make sure you get your copy. **New items are now needed for the summer edition, please.**
- b. **Final reminder:** the requirements of the *General Data Protection Regulation* (GDPR) mean that we have to ask you to tell us **specifically** that you are happy for parish communications to be sent/forwarded to you. There is a form available for you to complete and to return to the Wardens or to me as soon as possible, please. **The information you give us will be used only for parish business and not for anything else.**

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To book **Banns of Marriage, Weddings, Baptisms** and so on, please come along to Vestry Hour in church on Saturdays between 0930 & 1015. (No appointment is necessary.)



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