Whoever eats my flesh

John 6:57; Psalms 116(115) and 34(33)
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Notes

Bishop Philip Egan named 2021-22 as a *Year of the Eucharist* in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, UK. Following on from the *Year of the Word*, it aimed to help the people of the diocese grow in faith so that they might be better equipped to 'bring people closer to Jesus Christ through his Church'.

The *Year of the Eucharist* initially coincided with the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic. Many were unable to attend Mass in person and receive the Blessed Sacrament, due to health or social restrictions. It reminded us how precious the Eucharist is to us as Catholics.

Performance notes

This chant can be sung in a number of ways, depending upon your musical resources and the liturgical need. The refrain can be sung repeatedly just by itself as a meditation. The verses can sung between renditions of the refrain, or sung on top of the refrain by a soloist as an ostinato in the style of a Taize chant.

The piece is ideal for use during the Communion procession. The refrain is the Communion Antiphon for the Mass of Corpus Christi (Year B), the first Sunday of the *Year of the Eucharist*. The words of the verses are inspired by psalms that are closely associated with the Eucharist.

At the end of the verse, the cantor may choose the higher or lower note as appropriate.

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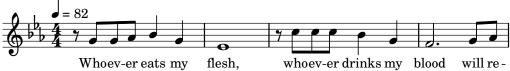
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Refrain





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