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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THURSDAY OF THE TWENTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020
THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
HYFRYDOL

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n to earth come down, Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy
2. Come, Almighty, to deliver, Let us all thy life receive; Sudden-ly return and never, Never-
3. Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless, let us be; Let us see thy great salvation Perfect-

faithful mercies crown, Jesus, thou art all compassion,
more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing,
ly restored in thee: Changed from glory into glory,

pure unbounded love thou art; Visit us with Serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray, and praise thee

thy salvation; Enter ev’ry trembling heart.
without ceasing, Glory in thy precious love.
crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise.

KYRIE
adapt. Litany of the Saints

Cantor:


All:

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Brothers and sisters:
   Knowledge inflates with pride, but love builds up.
If anyone supposes he knows something,
   he does not yet know as he ought to know.
But if one loves God, one is known by him.

So about the eating of meat sacrificed to idols:
   we know that there is no idol in the world,
   and that there is no God but one.
Indeed, even though there are so-called gods in heaven and on earth
   (there are, to be sure, many “gods” and many “lords”),
yet for us there is one God, the Father,
   from whom all things are and for whom we exist,
and one Lord, Jesus Christ,
   through whom all things are and through whom we exist.

But not all have this knowledge.
There are some who have been so used to idolatry up until now
   that, when they eat meat sacrificed to idols,
their conscience, which is weak, is defiled.

Thus, through your knowledge, the weak person is brought to destruction,
   the brother for whom Christ died.
When you sin in this way against your brothers
   and wound their consciences, weak as they are,
you are sinning against Christ.
Therefore, if food causes my brother to sin,
   I will never eat meat again,
so that I may not cause my brother to sin.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24

Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

O LORD, you have probed me and you know me;
you know when I sit and when I stand;
you understand my thoughts from afar.
My journeys and my rest you scrutinize,
with all my ways you are familiar. R

Truly you have formed my inmost being;
you knit me in my mother’s womb.
I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made;
wonderful are your works. R

Probe me, O God, and know my heart;
try me, and know my thoughts;
See if my way is crooked,
and lead me in the way of old. R

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

Chant, Mode VI

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus said to his disciples:

“To you who hear I say, love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you.
To the person who strikes you on one cheek,
offer the other one as well,
and from the person who takes your cloak,
do not withhold even your tunic.
Give to everyone who asks of you,
and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.
Do to others as you would have them do to you.
For if you love those who love you,
what credit is that to you?
Even sinners love those who love them.
And if you do good to those who do good to you,
what credit is that to you?
Even sinners do the same.
If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment,
what credit is that to you?
Even sinners lend to sinners,
and get back the same amount.
But rather, love your enemies and do good to them,
and lend expecting nothing back;
then your reward will be great
and you will be children of the Most High,
for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
Be merciful, just as also your Father is merciful.

“Stop judging and you will not be judged.
Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.
Forgive and you will be forgiven.
Give and gifts will be given to you;
a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing,
will be poured into your lap.
For the measure with which you measure
will in return be measured out to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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**The Communion Rite**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Agnus Dei**

The reception of Holy Communion is the most sacred act for Catholics. We believe that we are then receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Catholics who are properly prepared should approach the ministers of Holy Communion. We ask non-Catholics not to receive. They are encouraged, however, to come forward with arms crossed over their heart to receive a blessing.
AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

CHRISTIAN LOVE

1. Where charity and love prevail,
   Brought here together
2. His charity we learn;
   Let us with heart and
3. As we our faults confess;
   And let us love each
4. Let all contention cease;
   Be his the glory
5. Dwells God's beotten Son;
   As members of his
6. If honored be God's name;
   Our brotherhood em-

1. There God is ever found; By love are we thus bound.
2. His charity we learn; Now love him in return.
3. As we our faults confess; In Christian holiness.
4. Let all contention cease; Be ours his holy peace.
5. Dwells God's beotten Son; We are in him made one.
6. If honored be God's name; Whose Father is the same.

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[THE CONCLUDING RITES]

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

MIT FREUDEN ZART

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation.
2. What God's almighty pow'r has made, His gracious mercy keeping.
3. Then all my glad some way a long, I sing aloud your praises.
4. Let all who name Christ's holy name Give God all praise and glory.

1. God of love, The God of our salvation; With evening shade His watchful eye never sleeping.
2. By morning pow'r, the God of pow'r, the God of pow'r proclaiming.
3. That all may hear the Lord is God, and pow'r; All you who own his pow'r proclaming.
4. All you who own his pow'r proclaming; With evening shade His watchful eye never sleeping.

1. Healing balm my soul he fills, And every faithless in the kingdom of his might, Lo! all is just and murmur stills; To God all praise and glory.
2. In the kingdom of his might, Lo! all is just and murmur stills; To God all praise and glory.
3. Joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body murmur stills; To God all praise and glory.
4. Reigns triumphant on his throne, The Lord is God, and murmur stills; To God all praise and glory.
GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS
As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Code of Canon Law, canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS
We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic Discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION
All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS
We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.