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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
FEAST
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
THE ORDER OF MASS
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come Christians, follow where the Master trod,
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
3. Each newborn follower of the Crucified
4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:

1. Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.
2. The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
3. Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
4. Your death has brought us life eternal.
5. Praise to the Crucified for victory!

KYRIE

adapt. Litany of the Saints


GLORIA

Gloria Simplex

Richard Proulx

Glo-ry to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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With their patience worn out by the journey,  
the people complained against God and Moses,  
“Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert,  
where there is no food or water?  
We are disgusted with this wretched food!”

In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents,  
which bit the people so that many of them died.  
Then the people came to Moses and said,  
“We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.  
Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us.”

So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses,  
“Make a saraph and mount it on a pole,  
and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live.”

Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole,  
and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent  
looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 13:6ab, 6c

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Hearken, my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable,  
I will utter mysteries from of old.  

While he slew them they sought him  
and inquired after God again,  
Remembering that God was their rock  
and the Most High God, their redeemer.  

But they flattered him with their mouths  
and lied to him with their tongues,  
Though their hearts were not steadfast toward him,  
nor were they faithful to his covenant.
But he, being merciful, forgave their sin
and destroyed them not;
Often he turned back his anger
and let none of his wrath be roused.

SECOND READING

Brothers and sisters:
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Melchior Vulpius

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
Jesus said to Nicodemus:
“No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.
And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

SANCTUS

Danish Amen Mass
David Kraehenbuehl

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

Danish Amen Mass
David Kraehenbuehl

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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

“O Jesus, We Adore Thee”  
FULDA MELODY

1. O Jesus, we adore thee, Who, in thy love divine,  
2. O Jesus, we adore thee, Our vict’ry and our priest,  
3. O Jesus, we adore thee, Our Sav’lor and our King,  
4. O Jesus, we adore thee; Come, live in us, we pray,  
5. O come, all you who labor In sorrow and in pain;

1. Conceal thy mighty God-head In forms of bread and wine.  
2. Whose precious blood and body Become our sacred feast.  
3. And with the saints and angels A humble homage bring.  
4. That all our thoughts and actions Be thine alone to-day.  
5. Come, eat this bread from heav’n, Your peace and strength regain.

O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine,  
All praise and all thanksgiving Be ev’ry moment thine!
1. Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem dawns.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave, And rose victorious in the strife.
3. Crown him the Lord of love, Be hold his hands and side, Rich wounds yet visible above.
4. Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scepter sways, From pole to pole, that wars may cease.
5. Crown him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, All hail, Redeemer, hail.

1. Of him who died for thee, And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.
2. Who died and rose on high, Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.
3. Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.
4. And 'round his pierced feet Fair flow'rs of Paradise extend.
5. For thou hast died for me; Thy praise and glory shall not fail Through all eternity.
GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEIPTION 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.

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