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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Feast

MAY 31, 2021
THE ORDER OF MASS
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN
“Immaculate Mary”
LOURDES HYMN

1. Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing;
2. Predestined for Christ by eternal decree;
3. To you by an angel the Lord God made known
   Most blest of all women, you heard and believed;
4. The angels rejoiced when you brought forth God’s Son;
5. Your child is the Savior, all hope lies in him;
6. In glory forever now close to your Son,
7. You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King.

God willed you both virgin and mother to be.
The grace of the Spirit, the gift of the Son.
Most blest in the fruit of your womb then conceived.
Your joy is the joy of all ages to come.
He gives us new life and redeems us from sin.
All ages will praise you for all God has done.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!

KYRIE
adapt. Litany of the Saints


GLORIA
Glory Simplex
Richard Proulx

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.
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.
First Reading

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!
Sing joyfully, O Israel!
Be glad and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has removed the judgment against you,
he has turned away your enemies;
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.
On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love,
He will sing joyfully because of you,
as one sings at festivals.

or: Romans 12:9-16

Brothers and sisters:
Let love be sincere;
hate what is evil,
hold on to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection;
anticipate one another in showing honor.
Do not grow slack in zeal,
be fervent in spirit,
serve the Lord.
Rejoice in hope,
endure in affliction,
persevere in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the holy ones,
exercise hospitality.
Bless those who persecute you,
bless and do not curse them.
Rejoice with those who rejoice,
weep with those who weep.
Have the same regard for one another;
do not be haughty but associate with the lowly;
do not be wise in your own estimation.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
(6) Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

God indeed is my savior;
   I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
   and he has been my savior.
With joy you will draw water
   at the fountain of salvation. Rx

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;
   among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name. Rx

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;
   let this be known throughout all the earth.
Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,
   for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel! Rx

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Fr. Maracotte, OSB

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.
Mary set out
and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.
When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Most blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled.”

And Mary said:
“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.”

Mary remained with her about three months
and then returned to her home.

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


Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hos-

san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Hos-san-na in the high-est.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Danish Amen Mass
David Kraehenbuehl

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-

claim

your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

**A M E N**

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**THE COMMUNION RITE**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**A G N U S D E I**

**Communion**

*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

“My Soul Rejoices”
Owen Alstott

1. My soul proclaims your mighty deeds. My spirit sings the greatness of your name.
2. Your mercy flows through out the land, and every generation knows your love.
3. You cast the mighty from their thrones and raise the poor and lowly to new life.
4. You fill the hungry with good things. With empty hands you send the rich away.
5. Just as you promised Abraham, you come to free your people, Israel.
“America the Beautiful”
MATERN

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties above the fruit-ed plain!
2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, passioned stress, A thorough-fare for freedom beat across the wil-der-ness!
3. O beautiful for heroes proved In striving strife, Who more than self their country loved, And mer-cy more than life!
4. O beautiful for patriot dream That yond the years Thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, Un-dimmed by hu-man tears! A-mer-i-ca! A-

1. Mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea.
2. Mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ry flaw, Con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, Thy lib-er-ty in law.
3. Mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine, Till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, And ev-ry gain di-vine.
4. Mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea.
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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