

Mass of the Lord's Supper

1st April 2021



OPENING HYMN

Forth from on high the Father sends His Son, who yet stays by His side.
The Word made flesh for us then spends His life till life's last eventide.

While Judas plans the traitor's sign, the mocking kiss that Love betrays,
Jesus in form of bread and wine His loving sacrifice displays.

He gives Himself that faith may see the heavenly Food on which we feed,
That flesh and blood in us may be fed by His Flesh and Blood indeed.

By birth He makes Himself our kin; as Food before His guests He lies;
To death He bears the cross of sin; in heaven He reigns as our best prize.

O Priest and Victim, Lord of life, throw wide the gates of Paradise!
We face our foes in mortal strife; You are our strength: O heed our cries.

To Father, Son and Spirit blest, One only God, be ceaseless praise!
May He in goodness grant us rest in heaven, our home for endless days.

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Instructions concerning the Passover meal.

PSALM RESPONSE:

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Every time you eat this Bread and drink this Cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to You, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

I give you a new commandment:

Love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL: John 13:1-15

Now He showed how perfect His love was.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those who are unable to attend Mass, and for those physically present who are not receiving Holy Communion, we pray a prayer 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

From heaven you came, helpless Babe, entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve and give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King. He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears my heavy load He chose to bear.
His heart with sorrow was torn, 'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said.

Come see His hands and His feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve and in our lives enthrone Him;
Each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving.

PANGUE LINGUA

Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory,
Of His flesh the myst'ry sing;
Of the Blood, all price exceeding,
Shed by our immortal King,
Destined, for the world's redemption,
From a noble womb to spring.

Of a pure and spotless virgin
Born for us on earth below,
He, as man, with us conversing,
Stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;
Then He closed in solemn order
Wondrously His life of woe.

On the night of that last supper,
Seated with His chosen band,
He, the Paschal victim eating,
First fulfills the Law's command;
Then as food, to the disciples
Gives Himself with His own hand.

Word made flesh, the bread of nature
By His word to flesh He turns;
Wine into His Blood He changes,
What, though sense no change discerns?
Only be the heart in earnest,
Faith its lesson quickly learns.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

*Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail;
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.*

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

*To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who reigns on high,
With the Spirit now proceeding
Forth from Each eternally,
Be salvation, honour, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.*