

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PROCESSION OF OILS: In churches other than the cathedral church or the church where the chrism mass was celebrated, the Holy Oils which were blessed at the diocesan celebration may be presented to the parish community at this Mass. The oils should be placed in containers sufficiently large to be seen by the assembly, and are carried in the entrance procession in a way that they can be seen by all. The rite of the presentation of the oils should not resemble the blessing of oils and does not recall the Chrism Mass but emphasizes the beginning of the Paschal Triduum and the community's celebration of the paschal mystery of the Lord Jesus.

The music for the text of the presentation of each oil and the response of the people may be taken from "A Companion to the Catholic Book of Worship III" pages 238-239 or from no. 75 C in the Catholic Book of Worship III. A cantor may sing the presentation.

ENTRANCE HYMN

The Oils, placed in vessels are carried in the entrance procession by three persons, who stand before the assembly and present the Oils to the community.

After the entrance hymn, the presider makes the sign of the cross and greets the assembly as usual:

SIGN OF THE CROSS

All make the sign of the cross, as the priest says:

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
+ and of the Holy Spirit.**

The people answer: Amen.

GREETING

Then the priest, extending his hands, greets all present with one of the following greetings.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

or **The grace and peace of God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**

or **The Lord be with you.**

The people answer: And with your spirit.

RECEPTION OF THE HOLY OILS

After the greeting the priest addresses the assembly in these or similar words:

**My brothers and sisters,
we have completed our lenten observance
and now have begun the solemn celebration of the Easter Feast.
On these great days it is our duty
to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ
in whom we have salvation, life and resurrection.**

**These oils we receive tonight were blessed and consecrated
by Brendan, our bishop, at the Chrism Mass
for use throughout the year.**

**With them the sick will be anointed,
those awaiting the waters of rebirth will be strengthened,
and those who are baptized and confirmed
will share the mission of Christ, the Anointed.**

**By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,
who fills these holy oils with life and grace,
the saving work of Jesus Christ is continued in the Church.**

The person carrying the Oil of the Sick faces the assembly and holds up the vessel of Oil. The priest or a cantor sings:

Behold the Oil of the Sick.
Receive God's grace and healing.

The people sing: Thanks be to God.

Or: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The person carrying the vessel of the Oil of catechumens faces the assembly and holds up the vessel of Oil. The priest or a cantor sings:

Behold the Oil of Catechumens.
Receive God's strength and wisdom.

The people sing: Thanks be to God.

Or: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The person carrying the vessel of the Sacred Chrism faces the assembly and holds up the vessel of Oil. The priest or a cantor sings:

Behold the Sacred Chrism.

Give thanks, O priestly people.

The people sing: Thanks be to God.

Or: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

GLORY TO GOD: The *Glory to God* is an integral part of the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and the reception of the Holy Oils. The priest may use the following words to introduce the *Glory to God*.

**Let us sing the praises of the Lord,
the God who made us,
whose glory is from age to age.**

All join in the singing of the *Glory to God*. Meanwhile the Oils are brought in procession to their place at the baptistry. The bells of the church may be rung and then remain silent until the Easter Vigil.

The Opening Prayer from the Roman Missal follows as usual.