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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Solemnity

MAY 13, 2021
**THE ORDER OF MASS**

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

“Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise”

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adapt. Litany of the Saints

Gloria Simplex
Richard Proulx

Glory 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 first book, Theophilus,
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught
until the day he was taken up,
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit
to the apostles whom he had chosen.
He presented himself alive to them
by many proofs after he had suffered,
appearing to them during forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of God.
While meeting with them,
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,
but to wait for “the promise of the Father
about which you have heard me speak;
for John baptized with water,
but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him,
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”
He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons
that the Father has established by his own authority.
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
throughout Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”
When he had said this, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going,
suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.
They said, “Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there looking at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

(1) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

*or: Alleluia.*

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth. R

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise. R

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne. R

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation
resulting in knowledge of him.
May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,
what are the riches of glory
in his inheritance among the holy ones,
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power
for us who believe,
in accord with the exercise of his great might,
which he worked in Christ,
raising him from the dead
and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,
far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,
and every name that is named
not only in this age but also in the one to come.
And he put all things beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the church,
which is his body,
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.
Brothers and sisters,
I, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another through love,
striving to preserve the unity of the spirit
through the bond of peace:
one body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us
according to the measure of Christ’s gift.]
Therefore, it says:

*He ascended on high and took prisoners captive;*
*he gave gifts to men.*

What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended
into the lower regions of the earth?
The one who descended is also the one who ascended
far above all the heavens,
that he might fill all things.

[And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets,
others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers,
to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,
until we all attain to the unity of faith
and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood,
to the extent of the full stature of Christ.]

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**
Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples:
“Go into the whole world
and proclaim the gospel to every creature.
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;
whoever does not believe will be condemned.
These signs will accompany those who believe:
in my name they will drive out demons,
they will speak new languages.
They will pick up serpents with their hands,
and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.
They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,
was taken up into heaven
and took his seat at the right hand of God.
But they went forth and preached everywhere,
while the Lord worked with them
and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

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.

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

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


MYSTERY OF FAITH

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

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

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

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

HYFRYDOL

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter,
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in
3. Alleluia! Bread of Angels, Thou on earth our
4. Alleluia! King eternal, Thee the Lord of

1. his the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the
2. sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us, Faith be-
3. food, our stay; Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to
4. lords we own; Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth thy

1. victory alone; Hark! the songs of peaceful Simon
2. lieves, nor questions how: Though the cloud from sight re-
3. thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners,
4. footstool, heaven thy throne: Thou within the veil hast entered,

1. Thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of
2. When the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for-
3. Earth's Redeemer, plead for me, Where the songs of
4. Robed in flesh, our great High Priest; Thou on earth both

1. every nation Hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. get his promise, "I am with you ever more."
3. all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Priest and Victim In the Eucharistic feast.
The Concluding Rites
Recessional Hymn
“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

1. Hail the day that sees him rise,
   To the throne above the skies;
   Paschal Lamb for sinners giv'n,
   Enters now the highest heav'n.

2. There for him high triumph waits:
   Lift your heads, eternal gates!
   Christ has conquered death and sin;
   Take the King of glory in!

3. See, he lifts his hands above;
   See, he shows the prints of love;
   Hark, his gracious lips bestow,
   Still he calls us all his own.

4. Highest heav'n its Lord receives,
   Yet he loves the earth he leaves;
   Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
   Blessings on his church below.
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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