



The Mass of the Lord's Supper
Holy Thursday
1st April 2021, 19:00

Gathering

The glory of the cross we sing,
The cross of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who died and rose to set us free,
Our way from death to life secured.

As once God's people rested safe,
Protected by a lamb's own blood,
So we acclaim the sacrifice
Of Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

As once the Chosen People passed
From pain to freedom through the sea,
So now baptismal water saves
The chosen, called to liberty.

At Passover before he died
Christ Jesus took the bread and wine:
"This is my body, this my blood,
Do this as my memorial sign."

What once by Jesus was achieved
We celebrate with heart and soul,
Recalling and effecting now
The saving work that makes us whole.

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Gloria

Please join in the ringing of bells before we say the Gloria together.

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 glory of God the Father. Amen.

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Responsorial Psalm

Our blessing cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the name of the Lord.

How precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful;
Your servant am I, the son of your handmaid; you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the name of the Lord;
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.

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Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus!

I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus!

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Preparation of Gifts

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has joined us into one.
Let us rejoice, and be glad in Him.
Let us fear and love the living God,
And love each other with a sincere heart.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has joined us into one.
Amen.

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Holy Holy

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, hosanna in the highest!

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Memorial Acclamation

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

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Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now 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.

Holy Communion

How can I repay the Lord for all the goodness he shows to me?

I love the Lord because he heard my voice, in my distress he did not spurn me;
The snares of death lay waiting for my soul; my only hope was calling on the Lord.

The Lord is kind and he is truly just; he has compassion on his creatures;
The Lord our God protects the simple heart; I was brought low and he stretched out his hand.

Turn back, my soul, to him who gives you rest, and see how God is full of goodness.
For you, O God, have kept my soul from death;
You dried my tears and kept my feet from stumbling.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you take away the bonds that held me;
A sacrifice of thanks I offer you; your name shall be my invocation.

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Reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Of the glorious body telling, O my tongue, its myst'ries sing,
And the blood, all price excelling, which the world's eternal king,
In a noble womb once dwelling, shed for this world's ransoming.

Giv'n for us, for us descending, of a virgin to proceed,
Man with man in converse blending, scattered he the Gospel seed,
Till his sojourn drew to ending, which he closed in wondrous deed.

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At the last great supper lying, circled by his brethren's band,
Meekly with the law complying, first, he finished its command;
Then, immortal food supplying, gave himself with his own hand.

Word made flesh, by word he maketh very bread his flesh to be;
Man in wine Christ's blood partaketh, and if senses fail to see,
Faith alone the true heart waketh, to behold the mystery.

Therefore, we before him bending, this great sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending, makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing, to the Father and the Son;
Honour, might and praise addressing, while eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing, who from both, with both is one.

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