



**PALM SUNDAY**  
**OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

**5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020**

# COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM



## FIRST FORM: THE PROCESSION

*The procession takes places from a secondary church or chapel or in some other suitable place distinct from the church to which the procession will move. The faithful carry palm branches.*

## SECOND FORM: THE SOLEMN ENTRANCE

*If the procession cannot be held outside the church, the solemn entrance takes place within the church, the faithful carrying palm branches assembling in front of the church door or inside the church.*

## THIRD FORM: THE SIMPLE ENTRANCE

*If the procession or solemn entrance are not held, the celebrant goes to the altar while the entrance antiphon with its psalm is said or the entrance hymn in sung. Mass then continues in the usual way. (Page 4)*

### ANTIPHON

Ho-san-na to the Son of Da-vid; bless-ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord, the King of Is-ra-el. Ho-san-na  
in the high-est.

### ALTERNATIVE HYMN

**1.** Hail Redeemer, King divine!  
Priest and lamb, the throne is thine,  
King whose reign shall never cease,  
Prince of everlasting peace.  
Angels, saints and nations sing:  
Praised be Jesus Christ, our King:  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,  
King of love on Calvary.

**2.** Eucharistic King, what love  
Draws thee daily from above,  
Clad in signs of bread and wine,  
Feed us, lead us, keep us thine.  
Angels, saints and nations sing:  
Praised be Jesus Christ, our King:  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,  
King of love on Calvary.



### STAND

*The priest introduces the ceremony:*

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

Let us pray.  
Almighty ever-living God, sanctify ✠ these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The Priest sprinkles the branches with Holy Water.*

## GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy

Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village facing you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, "The Master needs them and will send them back directly.'" This took place to fulfill the prophecy:

Say to the daughter of Zion:  
Look, your king comes to you:  
he is humble, he rides on a donkey  
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.

So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting:

'Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessings on him who comes in the name  
of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. 'Who is this?' people asked, and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The procession then begins:*

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),  
like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in  
Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

*During the procession all or some of the  
following are said or sung:*

**ANTIPHON 2**

**The children of the Hebrews spread their  
garments on the road, crying out and  
saying: Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord.**

21:1-11



PSALM 46

All peoples, clap your hands.\*  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,\*  
the great king over all the earth.

*(The antiphon is repeated)*

He humbles peoples under us\*  
and nations under our feet.  
Our heritage he chose for us,\*  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.  
God goes up with shouts of joy.\*  
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

*(The antiphon is repeated)*

Sing praise for God; sing praise!\*  
Sing praise to our king; sing praise!  
God is king of all earth.\*

Sing praise with all your skill.

*(The antiphon is repeated)*

God reigns over the nations.\*  
God sits upon his holy throne.  
The princes of the peoples are assembled  
with the people of the God of Abraham.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God,\*  
who is greatly exalted.

*(The antiphon is repeated)*

## HYMN TO CHRIST THE KING

**Chorus: Glory and honour and praise be to  
you, Christ, King and Redeemer,  
to whom young children cried out loving  
Hosannas with joy.**

*All repeat: Glory and honour . . .*

Israel's King are you, King David's magnificent  
offspring;  
you are the ruler who come blest in the name of  
the Lord.

*All repeat: Glory and honour . . .*

Heavenly hosts on high unite in singing your  
praises;  
men and women on earth and all creation join in.

*All repeat: Glory and honour . . .*

Bearing branches of palm, Hebrews came  
crowding to greet you;  
see how with prayers and hymns we come to pay  
you our vows.

*All repeat: Glory and honour . . .*

They offered gifts of praise to you, so near to your  
Passion; see how we sing this song now to you  
reigning on high.

*All repeat: Glory and honour . . .*

Those you were pleased to accept; now accept our gifts of devotion, good and merciful King, lover of all that is good.

*All repeat: Glory and honour . . .*

*After the procession or Solemn Entrance the priest goes to the chair and says the Opening Prayer*

*If the procession and blessing of palms do not take place, the following antiphon is said or an entrance hymn may be sung. See page 2*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Six days before the Passover,  
when the Lord came into the city of  
Jerusalem,  
the children ran to meet him;  
in their hands they carried palm branches  
and with a loud voice cried out:

#### **\*Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, who have come in your  
abundant mercy.

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!  
Who is this king of glory?  
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

#### **\*Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, who have come in your  
abundant mercy.

**Priest:** ✠ In the name of the Father and  
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

### **PENITENTIAL ACT**

*The priest addresses the people with these or similar words.*

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us  
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare  
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*A pause follows.*

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us  
to one another and to the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin  
and division: Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your  
Father:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

*The procession ends with the following prayer,  
which is also the Opening Prayer of the Mass.*

### **COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who as an example of humility for the human  
race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh  
and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that  
we may heed his lesson of patient suffering  
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

◀ SIT ▶

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

**50:4-7**

#### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

The Lord God has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the  
wearied he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21, 8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R.v.2

**R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips; they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory –  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

## SECOND READING

2:6-11

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

His state was divine, yet Christ did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**



## ACCLAMATION

Ph.2,8-9

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**

## THE PASSION

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 26: 14-27: 66**

- J** Jesus                      **S** Other Speakers  
**N** Narrator                 **P** People/Crowd
- N** One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priest and said:  
**S** What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?  
**N** They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him.  
**N** Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say,  
**S** Where do you want us to make the preparation for you to eat the passover?  
**N** He replied  
**J** Go to so-and-so in the city and say to him, 'The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples'.  
**N** The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover. When the evening came he was at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating he said:  
**J** I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.  
**N** They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn,  
**S** Not I, Lord, surely?  
**N** He answered  
**J** Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me, will betray me. The Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!  
**N** Judas, who was to betray him, asked in, his turn,  
**S** Not I, Rabbi, surely?  
**N** Jesus answered  
**J** They are your own words.  
**N** Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing

- he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said,
- J** Take it and eat; this is my body.
- N** Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them saying:
- J** Drink all of you from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant,, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.
- N** After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,
- J** You will all lose faith in me this night, for the scripture says: I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. But after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.
- N** At this, Peter said:
- S** Though all lose faith in you, I will never lose faith.
- N** Jesus answered him,
- J** I tell you solemnly, this very night, before the cock crows, you will have disowned me three times.
- N** Peter said to him,
- S** Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.
- N** And all the disciples said the same.
- N** Then Jesus came with them to a small estate called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,
- J** Stay here while I go over there to pray.
- N** He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him, and sadness came over him, and great distress. The he said to them:
- J** My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me.
- N** And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed,
- J** My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.
- N** He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,
- J** So you had not the strength to keep awake with me one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.
- N** Again, a second time, he went away and prayed:
- J** My Father, if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!
- N** And he came again back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy. Leaving them there, he went away again and prayed for the third time repeating the same words. Then he came back to the disciples and said to them,
- J** You can sleep on now and take your rest. Now the hour has come when the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is already close to hand.
- N** He was still speaking when Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared, and with him a large number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the traitor had arranged a sign with them. He had said,
- S** 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge.'
- N** So he went straight up to Jesus and said,
- S** Greetings, Rabbi,
- N** and kissed him. Jesus said to him,
- J** My friend, do what you are here for.
- N** Then they came forward, seized Jesus and took him in charge. At that, one of the followers of Jesus grasped his sword and drew it; he struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus then said:
- J** Put your sword back, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence? But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this is the way it must be?
- N** It was at this time that Jesus said to the crowds,
- J** Am I brigand, that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I sat teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me.

**N** Now all this happened to fulfil the prophecies in scripture. Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away.

The men who had arrested Jesus led him off to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter followed him at a distance, and when he reached the high priest's palace, he went in and sat down with the attendants to see what the end would be.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus, however false, on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any, though several lying witnesses came forward. Eventually two stepped forward and made a statement,

**P** **This man said, 'I have power to destroy the Temple of God and in three days build it up.'**

**N** The high priest then stood up and said to him,

**S** Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?

**N** But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him,

**S** I put you on oath by the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.

**N** Jesus answered,

**J** The words are your own. Moreover, I tell you that from this time onward you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

**N** At this, the high priest tore his clothes and said,

**S** He has blasphemed. What need of witnesses have we now? There! You have just heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?

**N** They answered,

**P** **He deserves to die.**

**N** Then they spat in his face and hit him with their fists; others said as they struck him,

**P** **Play the prophet, Christ! Who hit you then?**

**N** Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came up to him and said,

**S** You too were with Jesus the Galilean.

**N** But he denied it in front of them all, saying,

**S** I don't know what you are talking about.

**N** When he went out to the gateway another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there,

**S** This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.

**N** And again, with an oath, he denied it,

**S** I do not know the man.

**N** A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

**P** **You are one of them for sure! Why, your accent gives you away.**

**N** Then he started calling down curses on himself and swearing,

**S** I do not know the man.

**N** At that moment the cock crew, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, "Before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had him bound, and led him away to hand him over to Pilate, the governor.

When he found that Jesus had been condemned, Judas his betrayer was filled with remorse and took the thirty pieces of silver back to the chief priests and elders, saying,

**S** I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.

**N** They replied,

**P** **What is that to us? That is your concern.**

**N** And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off, and went and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said:

**P** **It is against the Law to put this into the treasury; it is blood money.**

**N** So they discussed the matter and bought the potter's field with it as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field is called the Field of Blood today. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were then fulfilled:

And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the precious One was priced by children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me.

Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question,

**S** Are you the king of the Jews?

**N** Jesus replied:

**J** It is you who say it.

**N** But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

**S** Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

**N** But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

**S** Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

**N** For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

**S** Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

**N** The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them,

**S** Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

**N** They said,

**P** **Barabbas.**

**N** Pilate said to them,

**S** What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

**N** They all said,

**P** **Let him be crucified!**

**N** Pilate asked,

**S.** Why? What harm has he done?

**N** But they all shouted the louder,

**P** **Let him be crucified!**

**N** Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said,

**S** I am innocent of this man's blood.

It is your concern.

**N** And the people, to a man, shouted back,

**P** **His blood be on us and on our children!**

**N** Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

**N** The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying,

**P** **Hail, king of the Jews!**

**N** And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

### THE CRUCIFIXION

**N** On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink.

When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him: it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

**N** The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,



**P** So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

**N** The chief priests, with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying,

**P** He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God'.

**N** Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

### THE DEATH OF JESUS

**N** From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

**J** Eli, Eli, Lama sabachtani?

**N** That is,

**J** 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?'

**N** When some of those who stood there heard this, they said,

**P** The man is calling on Elijah,

**N** and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. The rest of them said,

**P** Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him,

**N** But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said,

**P** In truth this was a son of God.

**N** And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

### THE BURIAL

**N** When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock.

He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

### THE GUARD AT THE TOMB

**N** Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

**P** Your Excellency, we recall that this imposter said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again'. Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead'. This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

**N** Pilate said to them:

**S** You may have your guards. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

**N** So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.



## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial  
with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
*(All bow during the next three lines)*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of  
the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*The priest presides at the prayer.*

*With a brief introduction, he invites the people to pray: after the intentions he says the concluding prayer.*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

*Instrumental / Organ Accompaniment or Hymn*

◀ SIT ▶

1. Lord, accept the gifts we offer  
at this Eucharistic feast,  
bread and wine to be transformed now  
through the action of thy priest.  
Take us too, Lord, and transform us,  
be thy grace in us increased.
2. May our souls be pure and spotless  
as the host of wheat so fine;  
may all stain of sin be crushed out,  
like the grape that forms the wine,  
as we, too, become partakers,  
in the sacrifice divine.
3. Take our gifts, almighty Father,  
living God, eternal, true,  
which we give through Christ  
our Saviour,  
pleading here for us anew.  
Grant salvation to all present,  
and our faith and love renew.

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#### *Raising the host, the priest says:*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

#### *The priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

By the mystery of this water and wine  
may we come to share in the divinity  
of Christ,  
who humbled himself to share in our  
humanity.





**Raising the chalice, the priest says:**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Bowing the priest says quietly:**

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, O Lord.

**Then the priest washes his hands, saying quietly:**

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin.



**Facing the people the priest says:**

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II**

*The celebrant in the name of all the people of God offers praise and thanksgiving to God the Father.*

**Preface of The Passion of The Lord**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For, though innocent, he suffered willingly for sinners and accepted unjust condemnation to save the guilty.

His Death has washed away our sins, and his Resurrection has purchased our justification.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

**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.**



You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

**The Priest joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:**

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body ✠ and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

### **The mystery of faith:**

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

### **Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:**

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope, **N.** our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s), and all the clergy.



Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

### **The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both, he says:**

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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### **ALTERNATIVE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and + Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND  
DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND  
ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR  
YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

**The mystery of faith:**

**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:**

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension

into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph her spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs (with Saint N.: the Saint of the day or Patron Saint) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unflinching help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope, N. our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s) the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom.

There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

**The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both, he says:**

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## COMMUNION RITE

### STAND

*The priest may use this or other introductions.*

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours, now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look  
not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity in  
accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your Spirit.**

*The priest may add these or similar words.*

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The priest places a small piece of the host in  
the chalice saying quietly:*

May this mingling of the body and  
blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

*Meanwhile the people sing or say:*

**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.**

### KNEEL

*The priest says quietly:*

May the receiving of your Body and Blood,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
not bring me to judgement and  
condemnation, but through your loving  
mercy be for me protection in mind and  
body, and a healing remedy.

*Raising the host the priest says:*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the  
world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper  
of the Lamb.

*And together with the people he says once:*

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Mt 26:42**

**Father, if this chalice cannot pass without  
my drinking it, your will be done.**

## COMMUNION HYMN

**Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me:  
Still all my song shall be, nearer my God to thee,  
Nearer my God the thee, nearer to thee.**

**Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone:  
Yet in my dreams I'd be near my God to thee,  
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.**

**There let the way appear steps unto heav'n:  
All that thou sendest me in mercy giv'n:  
Angels to beckon me nearer my God to thee,  
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.**

**Deep in thy sacred heart let me abide  
Thou who has come for me, suffered and died.  
Sweet shall my weeping be, grief surely leading me,  
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.**

## PRIVATE PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

*Use these thoughts prayerfully and then continue with your own.*

Lord,  
I believe in you: increase my faith.  
I trust in you: strengthen my trust.  
I love you: let me love you more and more.  
I am sorry for my sins deepen my sorrow.

I worship you as my first beginning,  
I long for you as my last end,  
I praise you as my constant helper,  
and call on you as my loving protector.

*(Pope Clement XI)*

Welcome, O Saviour, offered on the Cross  
for me and for all people.

Welcome, O Lord Jesus Christ,  
and remember your creature,  
whom you redeemed with your precious  
blood.

Welcome, precious blood  
that flowed from the wounds of my  
crucified Lord,  
to wash away the sins of the whole world.

Welcome, Sacred Heart,  
that was opened for me by the spear.  
Welcome, my great High Priest,  
offering the love of your death on the Cross  
to your Father for me in this Mass.  
Welcome, welcome, welcome.

Lord I am not worthy,  
yet you have come to me  
so that my poor heart may speak to you.  
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,  
make my heart like yours.

Lord Jesus, I have shared in the meal of  
the Last Supper:  
welcome, my King. Hosanna in the highest,  
blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.

During this Holy Week, of fellowship with  
the Church,

I will accompany you along the Via Dolorosa  
and as I ponder your endurance of the  
passion draw me to yourself so that it may  
be "with Christ I hang upon the cross  
and yet I am alive;

or rather, not I; it is Christ that lives in me."

Lord Jesus, true God and man,  
let your great love for men and women  
which shone forth in your passion  
draw me to greater love of you.

God our Father,  
you exalted the crucified Jesus  
by a triumphant resurrection;  
help us to understand more deeply his  
sufferings and more courageously pass  
through our own.

### PRAYER TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED



Behold, O good and loving Jesus,  
that I cast myself on my knees before you  
and, with the greatest fervour of spirit,  
I pray and beseech you to instill into my heart  
ardent sentiments of faith, hope and charity,  
with true repentance for my sins  
and a most firm purpose of amendment.  
With deep affection and sorrow  
I ponder intimately  
and contemplate in my mind your five wounds,  
having before my eyes what the prophet David  
had already put in your mouth about yourself,  
O good Jesus:  
They have pierced my hands and my feet;  
they have numbered all my bones.



## STAND

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, just as through the death of your Son  
you have brought us to hope for what we  
believe,  
so by his Resurrection  
you may lead us to where you call.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

### PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ  
did not hesitate to be delivered into the  
hands of the wicked  
and submit to the agony of the Cross.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy  
Spirit, come down on you and remain  
with you for ever.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMNS

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to it close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me  
to the skies:  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain  
shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things have done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath bless'd us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.



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