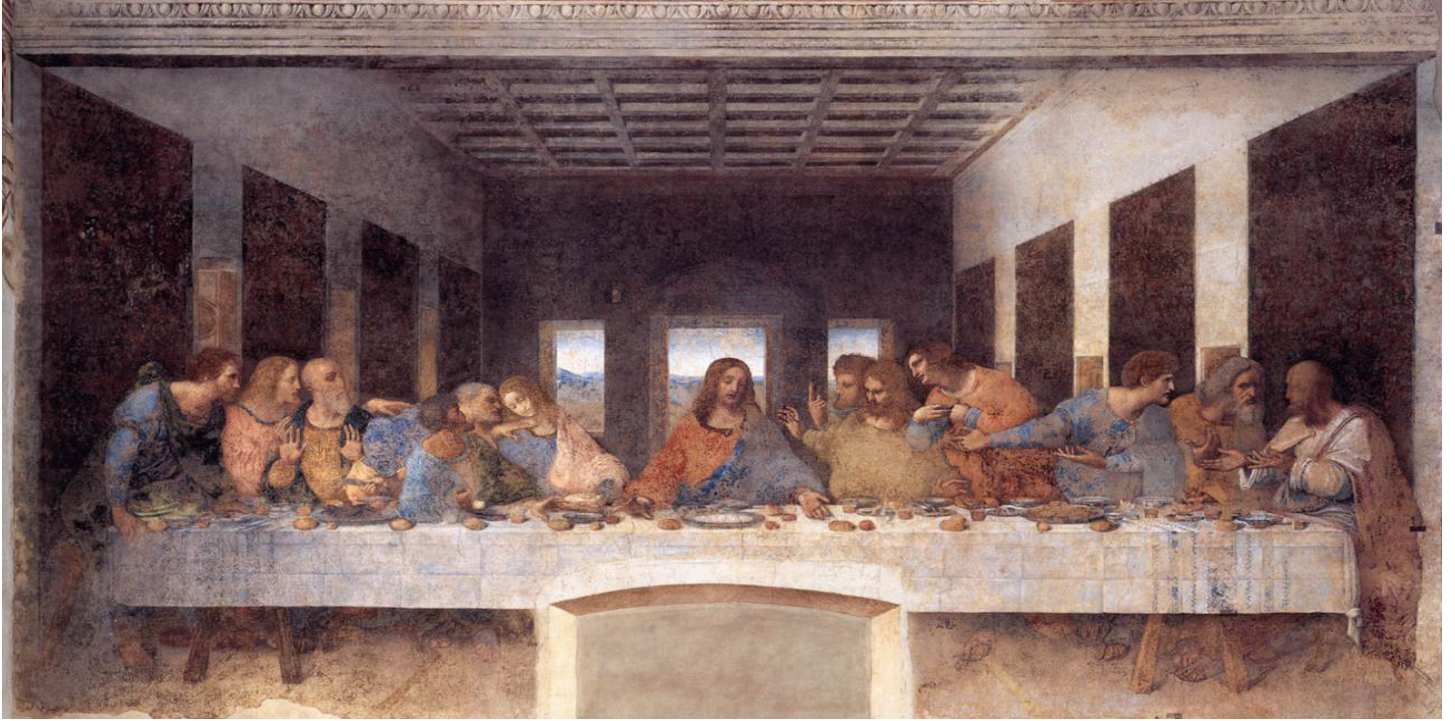


Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper



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Cover Artwork

The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci – Fresco – is among the most recognizable images in the world. The painting captures the scene that occurred immediately after Christ tells the twelve that one of them will betray him.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) by Francisco de Zurbarán – Oil on canvas – Museo del Prado, Madrid. The Lamb of God is an expression of Christ's title as recorded in John's Gospel (John 1: 29) when John the Baptist describes Jesus as "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World." Here, the Passover Lamb is bound and ready for sacrifice. In the New Passover, Jesus is the Lamb who, on Good Friday, was sacrificed to bring the world salvation.



THE EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER begins the Paschal Triduum – Latin for Three Days. These three days are the holiest in our liturgical calendar; in fact, to set them apart even more, the Church designates these three days as its own liturgical season. Due to this year's peculiar circumstances, the Washing of Feet (an optional rite) is omitted. The Collection on Holy Thursday is traditionally an offering for the poor. As we do at every Mass, we celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but tonight we have an opportunity to feel a deeper connection as we commemorate Christ instituting the Eucharist at the last supper. This evening's liturgy has no ending. Rather, the Triduum is viewed as one continuous liturgy or time of prayer. Strive to make these next days prayerful, so you can feel the presence of the sacred mysteries we're celebrating.

HOLY THURSDAY

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRELUDE

LE BANQUET CÉLESTE

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”

Olivier Messiaen was one of the most prominent French composers of the 20th century. “Le Banquet Céleste” was composed in 1928 while he was studying at the Paris Conservatory. A devout Catholic, Messiaen based much of his music on scripture passages and religious ideas, like the one noted above. In this piece, the unique, sustained chords create an ethereal mood that remains throughout the piece. The pedal enters after a few minutes in an unusual way, playing staccato (short) notes “like drops of water” as Messiaen indicates. Scholars believe that this signifies drops of Christ’s blood falling from the cross. The slow tempo and ambiguous nature of the piece hint that our perception of time is not that of God’s. The piece ends on an unresolved chord, symbolizing that the celestial banquet, the Eucharist, is eternal.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Galatians 6:14

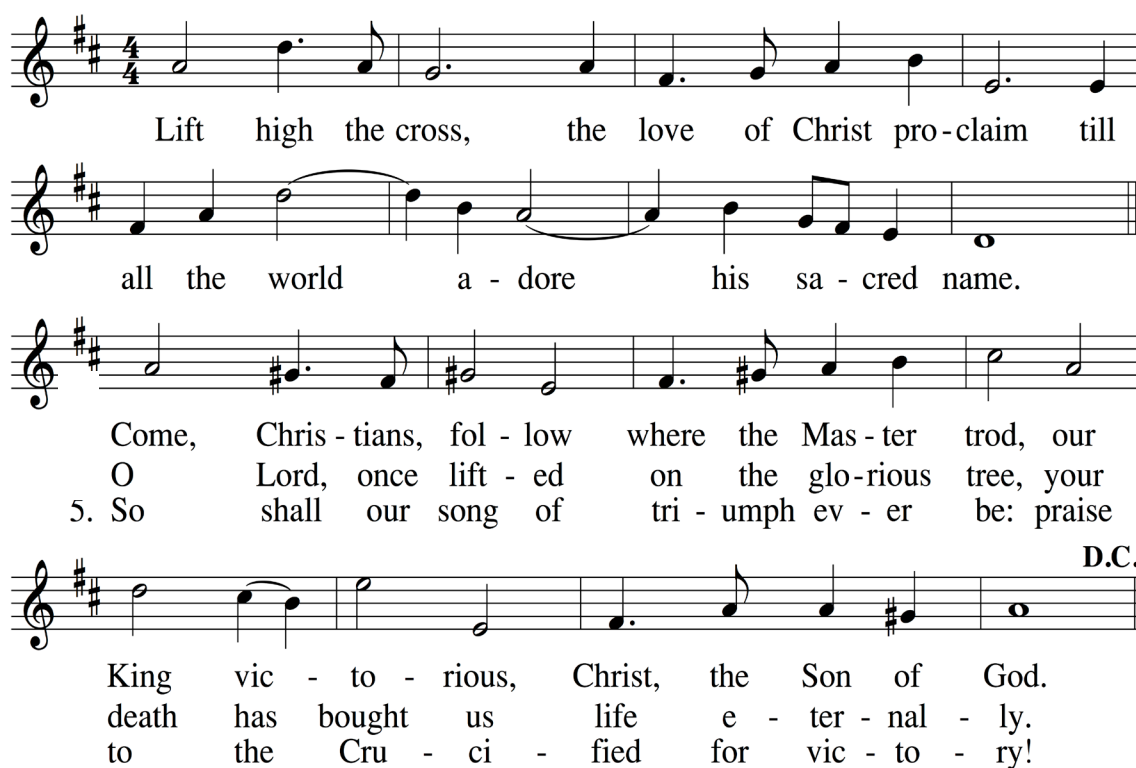
Gaduale Romanum

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,
through whom we are saved and delivered.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

Crucifer



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.
Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where the Mas - ter trod, our
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your
5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise
King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
death has bought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE

MISSA DE PROFUNDIS

Gregorian Chant

Ky - ri - e _____ E - le - i - son.

Chri - ste - E - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e _____ E - le - i - son.

GLORIA

MASS OF WISDOM

Steve Janco

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to

peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -

dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for

your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O

God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
 you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
 us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our
 prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,
 have mer - cy on us. ————— For you a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT

O God, who have called us to participate
 in this most sacred Supper,
 in which your Only Begotten Son,
 when about to hand himself over to death,
 entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity,
 the banquet of his love,
 grant, we pray,
 that we may draw from so great a mystery,
 the fullness of charity and of life.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

The law regarding the passover meal.

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,
“This month shall stand at the head of your calendar; you shall reckon it the first month of the year.
Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every one of your families
must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household.
If a family is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join the nearest household in procuring one
and shall share in the lamb in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it.
The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats.
You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present,
it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight.
They shall take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel
of every house in which they partake of the lamb.
That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

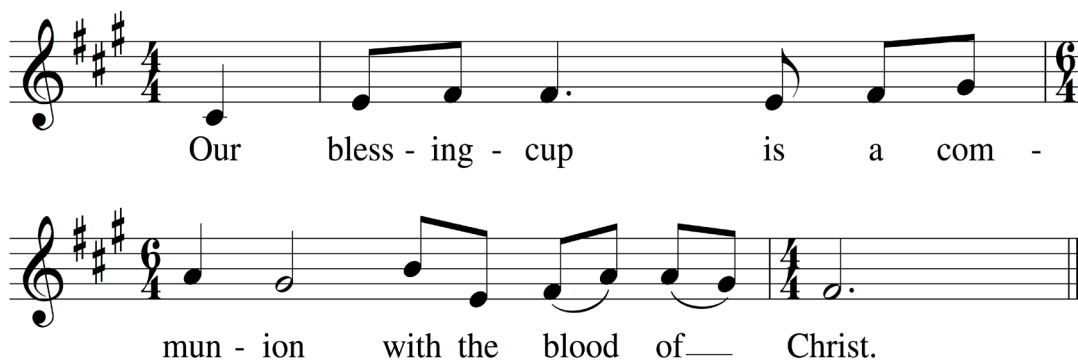
“This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand,
you shall eat like those who are in flight. It is the Passover of the LORD.
For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every firstborn of the land, both man and beast,
and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt—I, the LORD!
But the blood will mark the houses where you are.
Seeing the blood, I will pass over you;
thus, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you.

“This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate
with pilgrimage to the LORD, as a perpetual institution.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 116:12-13, 15-18

Paul French



1. How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?
The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call on the name of the Lord.
2. Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds.
3. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.
My vows to the Lord I will pay in the presence of all his people.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord.

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,
that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over,
took bread, and, after he had given thanks,
broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood."
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Charles Gardner



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

GOSPEL

John 13:1-15

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean."

So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

HOMILY

Fr. Jim Deiters

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Braxton, Bishop-Elect McGovern, Fr. Jim, and all the clergy whose ordination was instituted at the Last Supper: that their consecrated lives of priestly service may continue to flow from the Eucharist, which they offer in the person of Christ.

We pray for the Church: that all Catholics will recognize themselves and their communities as members of the Body of Christ, uniting their ministries and charitable works with the mission of the Universal Church.

We pray in thanksgiving for parishioners Nick Fleming and Joel Seipp who joyfully anticipate the Sacrament of Holy Orders: that their example will inspire more young men in our diocese to consider a vocation to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

We pray for the gifts of faith and understanding: that all Catholics will grow in their love of the Eucharist; and that all parish communities will put the celebration of the Eucharist as the central focus of their life.

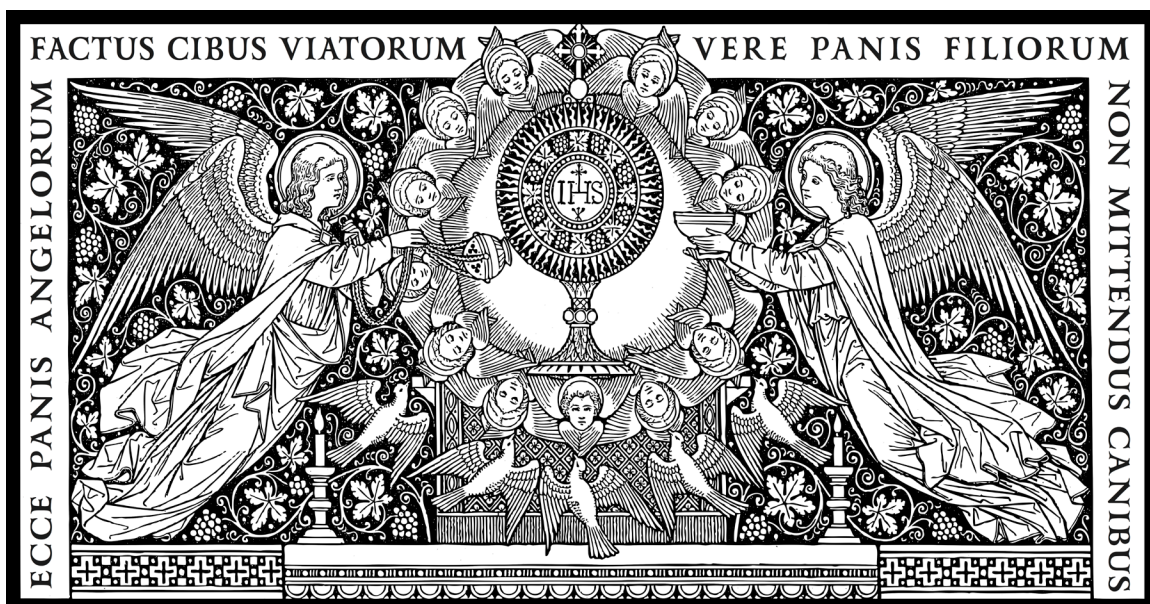
We pray for unity among all Christians. May the mercy of God—which is at work through our common baptism—help us forget past sins and division, and become one truly unified Body of Christ.

We pray for those who have nothing to eat, who are being persecuted, or who feel abandoned this night: that God will fill their emptiness, renew their spirit, and grant them peace of mind and heart.

We pray for those who seek spiritual, material or emotional assistance from our community of faith: that we may welcome them, assist them along life's journey, and share the gospel with them.

We pray for the intentions of those watching this broadcast. At this time, we will pause for a moment as you voice your intentions in your home, or type them in the comments field to share with your community.

We pray for our faithful departed loved ones, who ate the Divine Bread and drank the Holy Cup: that they may now share His victory over death in heaven.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

Ubi Caritas

9th Century Hymn



Since the love of Christ has brought us all together, Therefore when we gather as one in Christ Jesus,
Let us all rejoice and be glad, now and always. Let our love enfold each race, creed, every person.
Let everyone love the Lord God, the living God; Let envy, division and strife cease among us;
And with sincere hearts let us love each other now. May Christ our Lord dwell among us in every heart.

Bring us with your saints to behold your great beauty,
There to see you, Christ our God, throned in great glory
There to possess heaven's peace and joy, your truth and love,
For endless ages of ages, world without end.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.

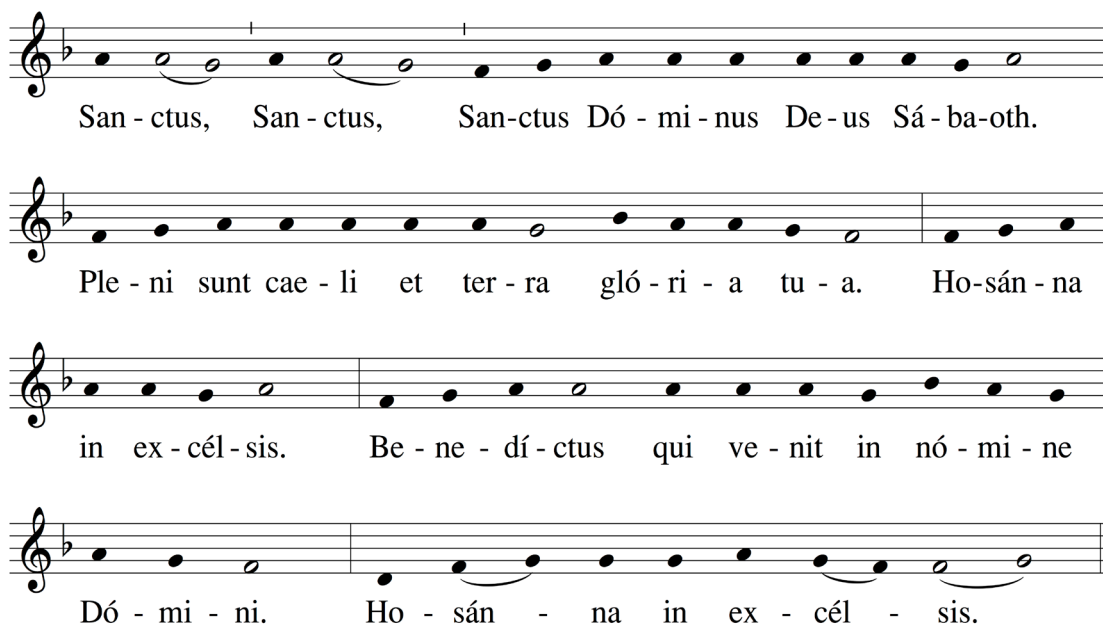
PREFACE

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 he is the true and eternal Priest,
who instituted the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice,
and was the first to offer himself as the saving Victim,
commanding us to make this offering as his memorial.
As we eat his flesh that was sacrificed for us,
we are made strong,
and, as we drink his Blood that was poured out for us,
we are washed clean.
And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

SANCTUS

Chant Mass XVIII



San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba-oth.

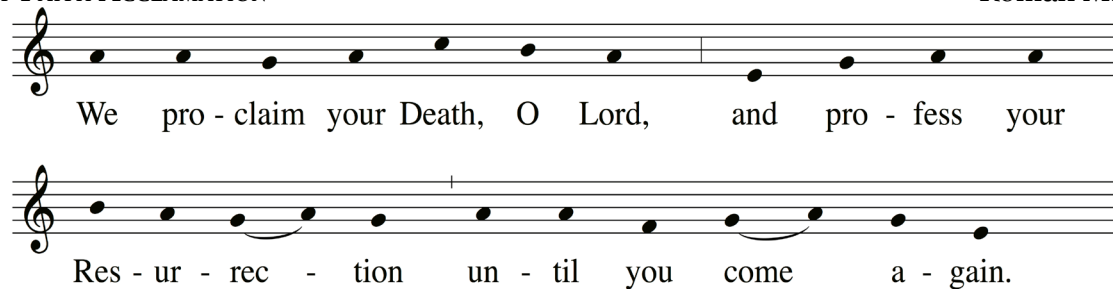
Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho-sán - na

in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

MYSTERY OF FAITH ACCLAMATION

Roman Missal Chant

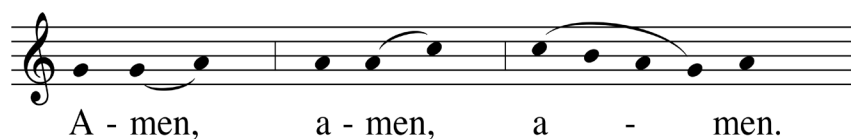


We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your

Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN

Roman Missal Chant

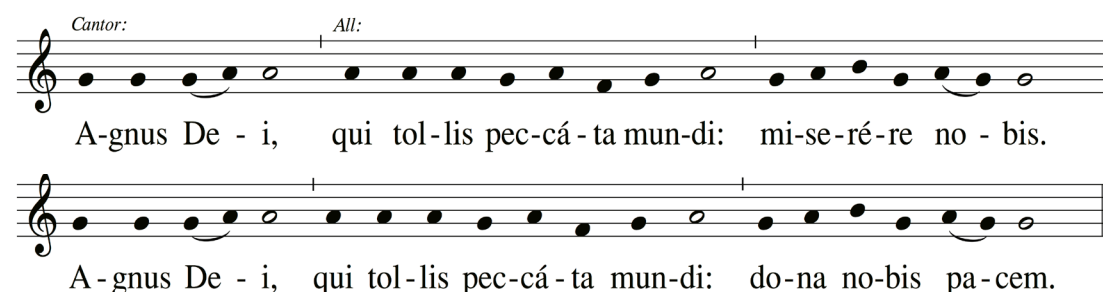


A - men, a - men, a - men.

COMMUNION RITE

AGNUS DEI

Chant Mass XVII



Cantor: A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá - ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis.

All: A - gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá - ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

This is the Body that will be given up for you;
this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the Lord;
do this, whenever you receive it, in memory of me.

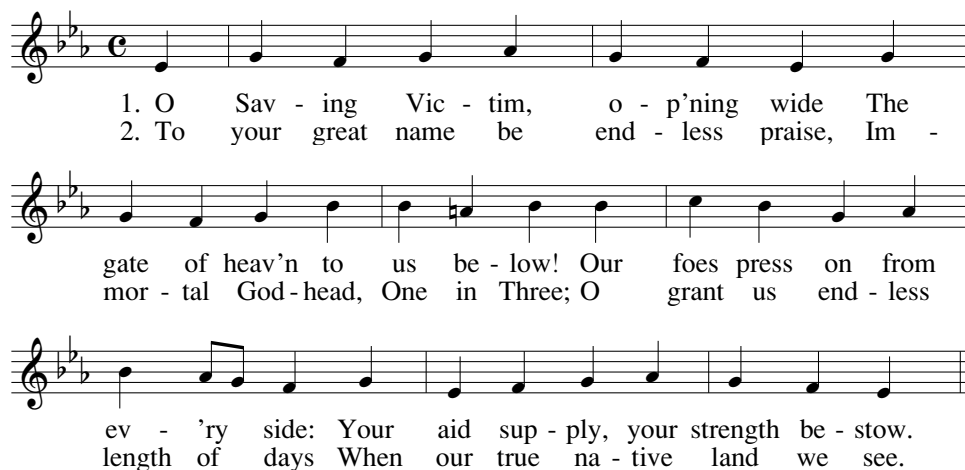
A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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 in my body, my soul, and my whole being.
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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, almighty God,
that, just as we are renewed
by the Supper of your Son in this present age,
so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

PERIOD OF EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION



1. O Sav - ing Vic - tim, o - p'ning wide The
2. To your great name be end - less praise, Im -

gate of heav'n to us be - low! Our foes press on from
mor - tal God - head, One in Three; O grant us end - less

ev - 'ry side: Your aid sup - ply, your strength be - stow.
length of days When our true na - tive land we see.

HYMN DURING REPOSITION

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.