CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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MEMORIAL

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THE ORDER OF MASS
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ran-som
2. O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, Who or-d’rest
3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy
4. O come, thou Rod of Jes-se’s tree, Free them from
5. O come, thou Key of Da-vid, come, And o-pen
6. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, And cheer us
7. O come, De-sire of na-tions, bind in one the

1. cap-tive Is-ra-el, That mourns in lone-ly
2. all things might-il-y; To us the path of
3. tribes on Si-nai’s height In an-cient times didst
4. Sa-tan’s ty-ran-ny That trust thy might-y
5. wide our heav’n-ly home; Make safe the way that
6. by thy draw-ing nigh; Dis-perse the gloom-y
7. hearts of all man-kind; Bid thou our sad di-

1. ex-ile here Un-til the Son of God ap-pear.
2. knowl-edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
3. give the law, In cloud and maj-es-ty, and awe.
4. pow’r to save, And give them vic’ry o’er the grave.
5. leads on high, And close the path to mis-er-y.
6. clouds of night, And death’s dark shad-ow put to flight.
7. vi-sions cease, And be thy-self our King of peace.

Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el

Shall come to you, O Is-ra-el.
Thus says the Lord GOD:
Lo, I am sending my messenger
  to prepare the way before me;
And suddenly there will come to the temple
  the LORD whom you seek,
And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire.
Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.
But who will endure the day of his coming?
And who can stand when he appears?
For he is like the refiner’s fire,
  or like the fuller’s lye.
He will sit refining and purifying silver,
  and he will purify the sons of Levi,
Refining them like gold or like silver
  that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD.
Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem
  will please the LORD,
as in the days of old, as in years gone by.
Lo, I will send you
  Elijah, the prophet,
Before the day of the LORD comes,
  the great and terrible day,
To turn the hearts of the fathers to their children,
  and the hearts of the children to their fathers,
Lest I come and strike
  the land with doom.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14

Rex (see Luke 21:28) Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. Rex

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, he teaches the humble his way. Rex

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction. Rex

Acclamation before the Gospel

“Veni Emmanuel Alleluia”

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When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, “No. He will be called John.” But they answered her, “There is no one among your relatives who has this name.” So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, “John is his name,” and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, “What, then, will this child be?” For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.

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. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

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

Great Amen

Amen.
The Communion Rite

The Lord’s Prayer

Agnus Dei

Roman Missal

Communion

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.
1. Creator of the Stars of Night
   CREATOR ALME SIDERUM

1. Creator of the Stars of Night,
2. In sorrow that the ancient curse
3. When this world drew on toward night,
4. At your great Name, O Jesus, now
5. Come in your holy might, we pray,
6. To God Creator, God the Son,

1. Your people's everlasting light,
2. Should doom to death a universe,
3. You came; but not in splendor bright,
4. All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
5. Redeem us for eternal day;
6. and God the Spirit, Three in One,

1. O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
2. You came, O Savior, to set free
3. Not as a monarch, but the child
4. All things on earth with one accord,
5. Defend us while we dwell below,
6. Praise, honor, might, and glory be

1. We pray you hear us when we call:
2. Your own in glorious liberty.
3. Of Mary, blameless mother mild.
4. Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
5. From all as saults of our dread foe.
6. From age to age eternally.

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1. The advent of our King Our In-
2. The everlasting Son In -
3. O Zion’s Daughter, rise To 
4. As Judge, on clouds of light, He 
5. Before the dawn ing day Let 
6. All glory to the Son, Who 

1. prayers must now employ, And we must hymns of 
2. car nate deigns to be; Him self a servant’s 
3. meet thy low ly King, Nor let thy faith less 
4. soon will come gain And his true mem bers 
5. sin’s dark deeds be gone, The old man all be 
6. comes to set us free, With Fa ther, Spir it, 

1. welcome sing In strains of holy joy. 
2. form puts on To set his servants free. 
3. heart despise The peace he comes to bring. 
4. all unite With him in heav’n to reign. 
5. put a way, The new man all put on. 
6. ever One, Through all eternity.
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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