ST. PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL
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NEW YORK CITY

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE
OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD [CHRISTMAS]

DECEMBER 31, 2020
THE ORDER OF MASS
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye to Bethlehem;

2. God of God, Light from Light, Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb: Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

3. Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n a-bove! Glory to God, begotten not created;

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

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adapt. Litany of the Saints

Gloria Simplex
Richard Proulx

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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to peoples 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,
PSALM 96:1-2, 11-12, 13

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Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them! Then shall all the trees of the forest exult before the LORD.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING
1 John 2:18-21

Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that the antichrist was coming, so now many antichrists have appeared. Thus we know this is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not really of our number; if they had been, they would have remained with us. Their desertion shows that none of them was of our number. But you have the anointing that comes from the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. I write to you not because you do not know the truth but because you do, and because every lie is alien to the truth.

The word of the Lord.
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Thanks be to God.
In the beginning was the Word,
    and the Word was with God,
    and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through him,
    and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
    and this life was the light of the human race;
    the light shines in the darkness,
    and the darkness has not overcome it.

A man named John was sent from God.
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,
    so that all might believe through him.
He was not the light,
    but came to testify to the light.
The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world,
    and the world came to be through him,
    but the world did not know him.
He came to what was his own,
    but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him
    he gave power to become children of God,
    to those who believe in his name,
    who were born not by natural generation
    nor by human choice nor by a man’s decision
    but of God.
And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father’s only-begotten Son,
full of grace and truth.

John testified to him and cried out, saying,
“This was he of whom I said,
‘The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me
because he existed before me.’”
From his fullness we have all received,
grace in place of grace,
because while the law was given through Moses,
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God.
The only-begotten Son, God, who is at the Father’s side,
has revealed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

**SANCTUS**

*Resonet in Laudibus Acclamations*

*Jennifer Pascual*


Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na
Resonet in Laudibus Acclamations
Jennifer Pascual

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, Amen, Amen.
The Lord’s Prayer

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. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of willing love, O morning stars, to com ing, But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.

3. How silently, how silently, The wondrous birth! The blessings of his heav’n. No ear may hear his born in us to-day. We hear the Christmas song of angels The great glad tidings tell; O come to God the King, And peace to men on earth.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be thou a biding with us, Our Lord Em man u el!
THE CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"
IN DULCI JUBILO

1. Good Christian men, rejoice! With heart and soul and
   Give ye heed to what we say:
   Ox and ass before him bow,
   Christ is born to-day!

2. Good Christian men, rejoice! With heart and soul and
   Now ye hear of endless bliss:
   He has oped the heav'nly door,
   Christ was born for this!

3. Good Christian men, rejoice! With heart and soul and
   Now ye need to fear the grave:
   Calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
   Christ was born to save!
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-CATHOLICS
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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