"God, We Praise You"

1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we name you
2. True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their
3. Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Everlasting
4. Christ, at God's right hand victorious, You will judge the

sovereign Lord! Mighty King whom angels worship, Father,
world ablaze, Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, Join one
Son of God, Humble was your virgin mother, Hard the
world you made; Lord, in mercy help your servants For whose

by your Church adored: All creation shows your
growing song of praise: While your Church on earth con-
dom you have paid: Raise us up from dust to
glory, Heav'n and earth draw near your throne, Singing
lesses One majestic Trinity: Father,
feated, Hell confronted face to face, Heaven
glory, Guard us from all sin to day; King en-

"Holy, holy, holy," Lord of hosts and God alone!
Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.
opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.
throned above all praisers, Save your people, God, we pray.

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FIRST READING

The Holy Spirit says:

Oh, that today you would hear his voice,
“Harden not your hearts as at the rebellion
in the day of testing in the desert,
where your ancestors tested and tried me
and saw my works for forty years.
Because of this I was provoked with that generation
and I said, ‘They have always been of erring heart,
and they do not know my ways.’
As I swore in my wrath,
‘They shall not enter into my rest.’”

Take care, brothers and sisters,
that none of you may have an evil and unfaithful heart,
so as to forsake the living God.

Encourage yourselves daily while it is still “today,”
so that none of you may grow hardened by the deceit of sin.

We have become partners of Christ
if only we hold the beginning of the reality firm until the end.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11

(8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
  “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
  they tested me though they had seen my works.”

Forty years I was wearied of that generation;
  I said: “This people’s heart goes astray,
  they do not know my ways.”
Therefore I swore in my anger:
  “They shall never enter my rest.”
A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said,  
“If you wish, you can make me clean.”  
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,  
touched the leper, and said to him,  
“I do will it. Be made clean.”  
The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.  
Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.  
Then he said to him, “See that you tell no one anything,  
but go, show yourself to the priest  
and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed;  
that will be proof for them.”  
The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter.  
He spread the report abroad  
so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.  
He remained outside in deserted places,  
and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

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**MYSTERY OF FAITH**

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

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**GREAT AMEN**

Amen, amen, amen.

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THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Heritage Mass
Owen Alstott

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. Draw near and take the body of thy Lord,
   And drink with faith the blood for thee out-poured.

2. Saved by his Body hallowed by his Blood,
   With souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

3. Salvation’s giver, Christ, the only Son,
   By his dear cross and blood the victory won.

4. With heav’nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
   Give living waters to the thirsting soul.

5. Before thy presence, Lord, all people bow.
   In this thy feast of love be with us now.
THE CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

BEACH SPRING

1. There’s a wide-ness in God’s mer-cy Like the
   2. Souls of men, why will you wan-der From a
   3. For the love of God is broad-er Than the

1. wide-ness of the sea; There’s a kind-ness in his
2. love so true and deep? Fool-ish hearts, he still will
3. meas-ures of man’s mind, And the heart of the E-

1. jus-tice Which is more than lib-er-ty.
2. find you Though the wasy be rough and steep?
3. ter-nal Is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

1. There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion In the
2. There is mer-cy for the sin-ner, And more
3. If our love were but more sim-ple, We should

1. blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the
2. grac-es for the good; There is wel-come with the
3. take him at his word; And our hearts would rest for-

1. mem-bers In the sor-rows of the Head.
2. Sav-ior; There is heal-ing in his blood.
3. giv-en In the mer-cy of the Lord.
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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