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NEW YORK CITY

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 4, 2021
THE ORDER OF MASS
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Praise to the Lord”
LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
2. Praise to the Lord, who dost prosper thy work and doeth all things so wondrously well.
3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
4. Praise to the Lord! Praise him in the magnificence of his holiness.

Kyrie

adapt. Litany of the Saints


All: Kyrie eleison.
Cantor: Christe eleison.
All: Kyrie eleison.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24

Brothers and sisters:
You have not approached that which could be touched
and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness
and storm and a trumpet blast
and a voice speaking words such that those who heard
begged that no message be further addressed to them.
Indeed, so fearful was the spectacle that Moses said,
“I am terrified and trembling.”
No, you have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,
and countless angels in festal gathering,
and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven,
and God the judge of all,
and the spirits of the just made perfect,
and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,
and the sprinkled Blood that speaks more eloquently
than that of Abel.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11

Rcx (see 10) O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple.

Great is the LORD and wholly to be praised
in the city of our God.
His holy mountain, fairest of heights,
is the joy of all the earth. Rcx

Mount Zion, “the recesses of the North,”
the city of the great King.
God is with her castles;
renowned is he as a stronghold. Rcx

As we had heard, so have we seen
in the city of the LORD of hosts,
In the city of our God;
God makes it firm forever. Rcx
O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple.
As your name, O God, so also your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Of justice your right hand is full.

R: O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Robert M. Evers

G O S P E L

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave from there. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

**SANCTUS**

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**MYSTERY OF FAITH**

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**GREAT AMEN**

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The Communion Rite

The Lord’s Prayer

Agnus Dei

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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. Draw near and take the body of thy Lord,
2. Saved by his Body hallowed by his Blood,
3. Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
4. With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
5. Before thy presence, Lord, all people bow.

1. And drink with faith the blood for thee out-poured.
2. With souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.
3. By his dear cross and blood the victory won.
4. Give living waters to the thirsting soul.
5. 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 merc-y
   Like the
   
   1. wide-ness of the sea;
   There’s a kind-ness in his
   
   1. jus-tice Which is more than lib-er-ty.

2. Souls of men, why will you wan-der
   From a
   
   2. love so true and deep?
   Fool-ish hearts, he still will
   
   2. find you Though the wasy be rough and steep?

3. For the love of God is broad-er
   Than the
   
   3. meas-ures of man’s mind,
   And the heart of the E-
   
   3. ter-nal Is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

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1. There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion
   In the
   
   1. blood that has been shed;
   There is joy for all the
   
   1. mem-bers In the sor-rows of the Head.

2. There is mer-cy for the sin-ner,
   And more
   
   2. grac-es for the good;
   There is wel-come with the
   
   2. Sav-ior; There is heal-ing in his blood.

3. If our love were but more sim-ple,
   We should
   
   3. take him at his word;
   And our hearts would rest for-
   
   3. giv-en In the mer-cy of the Lord.
GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION 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.