ST. PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL
“America’s Parish Church”

NEW YORK CITY

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SAINT POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR
Memorial

FEBRUARY 23, 2021
THE ORDER OF MASS
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”
ST. FLAVIAN

1. Lord who throughout these forty days
   For us did fast and pray,

2. As thou with Satan didst contend,
   Teach us with thee to

3. As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,
   O give us strength in

4. And through these days of penitence,
   To die to self, and

5. Abide with us that when this life of
   An Easter of un-

1. mourn our sins, And close by thee to
   And

2. thee to fight, In thee to conquer sin,
   by

3. ever live By thy most holy word,
   life

4. and death, O Lord, with us abide.
   death

5. ending joy We may attain at last!
   ending

KYRIE

adapt. Litany of the Saints

Cantor:  All:

Kyrie eleison.  Kyrie eleison.

Cantor:  All:

Christe eleison.  Christe eleison.

Cantor:  All:

Kyrie eleison.  Kyrie eleison.
First Reading

Thus says the LORD:
Just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
And do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,
Giving seed to the one who sows
and bread to the one who eats,
So shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
It shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19

R* (18b) From all their distress God rescues the just.

Glorify the LORD with me,
let us together extol his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears. R*

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,
and from all his distress he saved him. R*

The LORD has eyes for the just,
and ears for their cry.
The LORD confronts the evildoers,
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth. R*

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them.
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. R*
Jesus said to his disciples:
“in praying, do not babble like the pagans,
who think that they will be heard because of their many words.
Do not be like them.
Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“This is how you are to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

“If you forgive men their transgressions,
your heavenly Father will forgive you.
But if you do not forgive men,
neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.”

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

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

SANCTUS

Roman Missal

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

Roman Missal

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

GREAT AMEN

Roman Missal

Amen.
THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Roman Missal

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Grant us peace.

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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. Soul of my Savior sanctify my breast,
2. Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
3. Hear me, Lord Jesus, listen as I pray;

1. Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
2. O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
3. "Lead me from night to never ending day.

1. Blood of my Savior bathe me in thy tide;
2. Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
3. Fill all the world with love and grace divine,

1. Wash me, ye waters flowing from his side.
2. So shall I never, never part from thee.
3. And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine."
The Concluding Rites

Recessional Hymn

“God Is My Great Desire”
LEONI

1. God is my great desire, His face I seek the first;
   To him my heart and soul aspire, For him I thirst.

2. God is my true delight, My richest feast his praise,
   Through silent watches of the night, Through all my days.

3. God is my strong defense In every evil hour;
   In him I face with confidence The tempter's power.

As one in desert lands, Whose very flesh is flame,
To him my spirit clings, On him my soul is cast;

I trust his mercy sure, With truth and triumph crowned:

In burning love I lift my hands And bless his name.
Be beneath the shadow of his wings He holds me fast.

My hope and joy for evermore In him are found.
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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