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“America’s Parish Church”
NEW YORK CITY

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT
FEBRUARY 24, 2021
THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

“The Glory of These Forty Days”
ERHALT UNS HERR

1. The glory of these forty days We celebrate
2. Alone and fasting Moses saw The loving
3. So Daniel trained his mystic sight, Delivered
4. Then grant us, Lord, like them to be Full oft in
5. O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, To thee be

brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
God who gave the law; And to Elijah,
from the lion's might; And John, the Bridegroom's
fast and prayer with thee; Our spirits strengthened
every prayer addressed; Who art in threefold

things were made, Himself hath fasted and hath prayed.
fasting, came The steeds and chariots of flame.
friend, became The herald of Messiah's name.
with thy grace, And give us joy to see thy face.
Name adored, From age to age the only Lord.

KYRIE

adapt. Litany of the Saints

Cantor: All:

Kyrie eleison.

Cantor: All:

Christe eleison.

Cantor: All:

Kyrie eleison.
The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:
“Set out for the great city of Nineveh,
and announce to it the message that I will tell you.”
So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh,
according to the LORD’s bidding.
Now Nineveh was an enormously large city;
it took three days to go through it.
Jonah began his journey through the city,
and had gone but a single day’s walk announcing,
“Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,”
when the people of Nineveh believed God;
they proclaimed a fast
and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh,
he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe,
covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in the ashes.
Then he had this proclaimed throughout Nineveh,
by decree of the king and his nobles:
“Neither man nor beast, neither cattle nor sheep,
shall taste anything;
they shall not eat, nor shall they drink water.
Man and beast shall be covered with sackcloth and call loudly to God;
every man shall turn from his evil way
and from the violence he has in hand.
Who knows, God may relent and forgive, and withhold his blazing wrath,
so that we shall not perish.”
When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way,
he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;
he did not carry it out.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
(19b) A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me. R\^{

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me. R\^{

For you are not pleased with sacrifices;
should I offer a burnt offering, you would not accept it.
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;
a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn. R\^{

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them,
“This generation is an evil generation;
it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it,
except the sign of Jonah.
Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites,
so will the Son of Man be to this generation.
At the judgment
the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation
and she will condemn them,
because she came from the ends of the earth
to hear the wisdom of Solomon,
and there is something greater than Solomon here.
At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation
and condemn it,
because at the preaching of Jonah they repented,
and there is something greater than Jonah here.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
**The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**The Preparation of the Gifts**

**Sanctus**

*Missa ‘Ubi Caritas’*

*Bob Hurd*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna.

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**Mystery of Faith**

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again, until you come again.*

*Missa ‘Ubi Caritas’*

*Bob Hurd*

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**Great Amen**

*Amen, amen, amen, Amen.*

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The Communion Rite

The Lord’s Prayer

Agnus Dei

ed. Vat. XVIII

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.
HUMBY

“Humbly We Adore Thee”
ADORO TE DEVOTE

1. Humbly we adore thee, Christ, Redeemer King;
2. Jesus, Lord, we thank thee for this wondrous bread;
3. Thou who died to save us live as our light;
4. Christ, our God and brother, hear our humble plea;
5. Hail, thou Word incarnate, born from Mary’s womb;
6. Faith alone reveals here bread of Paradise;
7. Christ, at his last supper, breaking bread, decreed;
8. Now with glad thanksgiving, praise Christ glorified;

1. Thou art Lord of heaven, to whom we sing.
2. In our land thou dwellest, by thee we are fed.
3. Though our eyes are blinded, yet our faith gives sight.
4. By this holy banquet keep us joined to thee.
5. Hail, thou Strength immortal, risen from the tomb.
6. Faith alone may witness Jesus’ sacrifice.
7. “This, my body, take and eat;” heavenly food indeed!
8. He in us is present; we in him abide.

1. God, the Mighty, thou hast come, bearing gifts of grace;
2. We who share this mystery in thee are made one;
3. Christ, do thou be merciful, Lamb for sinners slain,
4. Make us one in loving thee, one in mind and heart,
5. Share with us thy victory, Savior ever blest;
6. Therefore, Lord, as once of old Thomas gained his sight,
7. Then he blessed the cup of wine; “Take ye this,” he said:
8. Membere of the body, we in him are one;

1. Son of Adam still thou art, Savior to our race.
2. Ev’ry act we offer thee in thy name is done.
3. We in grief confess our guilt; cleanse our souls of stain.
4. Till in heaven we are thine, never more to part.
5. Live more fully in our hearts; be our constant guest.
6. Now in cease our feeble faith; shed thy healing light.
7. “Drink the chalice of my blood, soon for sinners shed;”
8. Hail this sacred union, heaven on earth begun!
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy Like the
1. wideness of the sea; There’s a kindness in his
2. love so true and deep? Foolish hearts, he still will
3. measures of man’s mind, And the heart of the E-

justice Which is more than liberty.
1. There is plentiful redemption In the
2. There is mercy for the sinner, And more
3. If our love were but more simple, We should

blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the
1. members In the sorrows of the Head.
2. Savior; There is healing in his blood.
3. given In the mercy 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-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.
His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York
Rev. Msgr. Robert T. Ritchie, Rector
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