ST. PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2021
**The Order of Mass**

**The Introductory Rites**

**Entrance Hymn**

*“Take Up Thy Cross”*

**Breslau**

**Kyrie**

adapt. Litany of the Saints
The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Ester C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Queen Esther, seized with mortal anguish,
    had recourse to the LORD.
She lay prostrate upon the ground, together with her handmaids,
    from morning until evening, and said:
    “God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, blessed are you.
Help me, who am alone and have no help but you,
    for I am taking my life in my hand.
As a child I used to hear from the books of my forefathers
    that you, O LORD, always free those who are pleasing to you.
Now help me, who am alone and have no one but you,
    O LORD, my God.

“And now, come to help me, an orphan.
Put in my mouth persuasive words in the presence of the lion
    and turn his heart to hatred for our enemy,
so that he and those who are in league with him may perish.
Save us from the hand of our enemies;
    turn our mourning into gladness
and our sorrows into wholeness.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8

R\n  (3a) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
    for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple
    and give thanks to your name. R

Because of your kindness and your truth;
    for you have made great above all things
your name and your promise.
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me. R

Your right hand saves me.
The LORD will complete what he has done for me;
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands. R
Jesus said to his disciples:
“Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
Which one of you would hand his son a stone
when he asked for a loaf of bread,
or a snake when he asked for a fish?
If you then, who are wicked,
know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will your heavenly Father give good things
to those who ask him.

“What do to others whatever you would have them do to you.
This is the law and the prophets.”

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

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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**

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

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**Great Amen**

*Missa ‘Ubi Caritas’*  
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Amen, amen, amen, Amen.

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THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

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 Food of exiles lowly, O Bread of angels holy, O manna from on high! We
side redeeming All men of Adam's race! O
2. O cleansing water, streaming From Jesus' holy adore you, All hid beneath this bread. But
3. O Lord, we kneel before you And fervent hunger for your blessing, All good in you pos-
make to us this promise: To see you in your sessing, With favor hear our heart's our cry.
stowing, O come and fill our souls with grace.
fullness, The sacred body's mystical head.
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

1. O God, our help in ages past, Our
   hope for years to come, Our
   stormy blast, And our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of Thy throne, Thy
   saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is thine
   arm alone, And our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood, Or
   earth received her frame, From everlasting
   thou art God, To endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in Thy sight Are
   like an evening gone, Short as the watch that
   ends the night Before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears
   all its sons away; They fly, forgotten,
   as a dream Dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past, Our
   hope for years to come, Be thou our Guard while
GUIDELINES FOR THE RECESSION 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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