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

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT
MARCH 10, 2021
The Order of Mass
The Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn
“Praise to the Living God”
LEONI

1. Praise to the living God, Who reigns enthroned above,
An - cient of ever - last - ing days, And God of love;
To him up - lift your voice, At whose supreme command
From earth we rise, and seek the joys At his right hand.
2. He by himself hath sworn: I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagle-wings upborne, To heav'n ascend:
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore,
And sing the wonders of his grace For ever more.
3. There dwells the Lord, our King, The Lord, our Right - eousness, Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace;
On Sion's sacred height His kingdom he maintains,
And, glorious with his saints in light, For ever reigns.
4. The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing, And "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly," cry, "Al mighty King! Who was, and is, the same, And might - y more shall be, E - ter - nal Father, great I AM, We worship thee."

Kyrie
adapt. Litany of the Saints

Moses spoke to the people and said:

“Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees
which I am teaching you to observe,
that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land
which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.
Therefore, I teach you the statutes and decrees
as the LORD, my God, has commanded me,
that you may observe them in the land you are entering to occupy.
Observe them carefully,
for thus will you give evidence
of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations,
who will hear of all these statutes and say,
‘This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.’

For what great nation is there
that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us
whenever we call upon him?

Or what great nation has statutes and decrees
that are as just as this whole law
which I am setting before you today?

“However, take care and be earnestly on your guard
not to forget the things which your own eyes have seen,
nor let them slip from your memory as long as you live,
but teach them to your children and to your children’s children.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Jesus said to his disciples:
“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.
Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away,
not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter
will pass from the law,
until all things have taken place.
Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments
and teaches others to do so
will be called least in the Kingdom of heaven.
But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments
will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.”

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

Missa ‘Ubi Caritas’
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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.

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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

“Ah, Holy Jesus”
HERZLIEBSTER JESU

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou of-
2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this up-
3. Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is
4. For me, kind Jesus, was thine Incarnation
5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot

1. fended, That man to judge thee hath in hate pre-
2. on thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath un-
3. offered; The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath
4. nation, Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s ob-
5. pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever

1. tended? By foes derided, by thine
2. done thee ‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it
3. suffered; For man’s atonement, while he
4. nation; Thy death of anguish and thy
5. pray thee, Think on thy pity and thy

1. own rejected, O most afflicted.
2. was denied thee: I crucified thee.
3. nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.
4. bitter Passion, For my salvation.
5. love unwavering, Not my deserving.
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-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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