

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

Celebrant: Greeting and Introduction

Entrance Antiphon: We should glory
in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation,
our life and our resurrection;
through him we are saved and made free

Penitential Rite: Kyrie Eleison

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you
We adore you, we glorify you
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father,
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Opening Prayer of the Mass

Celebrant:

O God, who have called us to participate
in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son,
when about to hand himself over to death,
entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity,
the banquet of his love,
grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery,
the fullness of charity and of life.
We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Congregation: Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

‘This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, “On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten. That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily: it is a passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt, I am the Lord! The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord’s honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever.”’

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm.

Response: The blessing cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.

Second Reading: Corinthians 11: 23 – 26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Jn13:34

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you,
says the Lord.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

GOSPEL OF THE LAST SUPPER John 13: 1 – 15

Narrator: It was before the Festival of Passover.

Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father.

He had always loved those who were his own in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was.

They were at supper,

and the devil had already put it in the mind of Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray him.

Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God.

He got up from the table, removed his outer garment, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist.

Jesus then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing.

Then Jesus came to Peter.

Peter: "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus: "At the moment you do not understand what I am doing; but later you will understand."

Peter: "Never! You shall never wash my feet!"

Jesus: "If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me."

Peter: "Then, Lord, not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!"

Jesus: "No one who has taken a bath needs washing; he is clean all over. You, too, are clean, though not all of you are.

Narrator: Jesus knew who was going to betray him. That was why he said: 'Not all of you are'

When he had washed their feet, Jesus put on his clothes again and went back to the table.

When Jesus was again seated with his disciples, he spoke to them:

Jesus: "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord; and rightly so: so I am. If then, I, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example, so that you may copy what I have done to you."

Narrator: The Gospel of the Lord!

HOMILY by Celebrant

PERSONAL RENEWAL OF PRIESTLY COMMITMENT

In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, the priest makes the following personal renewal of priestly commitment.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Lord Jesus Christ, as the Church approaches the anniversary of that day when you conferred your priesthood on the Apostles and on us, I renew now, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, the promises I made on the day of my priestly ordination.

With humility and faith, I (the priest inserts his name) resolve to be more united with you and more closely conformed to you, denying myself and confirming those promises about sacred duties towards your Church which, prompted by love of you, I willingly and joyfully pledged on the day I was ordained a priest.

I resolve to be a faithful steward of the divine mysteries in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites, and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching, following you the Head and Shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls.

Humbly, I ask for an outpouring of the gifts and graces I need for my priestly service, so that, supported by the prayers of the people

entrusted to my care, and working with my brother priests, I might remain faithful in my ministry to you, the High Priest, and lead your people in the way of salvation.

I pray for my Cardinal Archbishop Vincent and his assistant bishops that they may be faithful to the apostolic office entrusted to him, so that, in our midst, they may be made, day by day, a living and more perfect image of you, the Priest, the Good Shepherd, the Teacher and Servant of all.

Lord Jesus, graciously keep us all in your love and lead all of us, shepherds and flock, to eternal life. Amen.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers and intercessions (*Vespers Divine Office*)

Let us adore our Saviour, who at the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, entrusted to the Church the memorial of his death and resurrection to be celebrated throughout the ages. Confident that he will hear us, we pray:

– *Sanctify the people whom you redeemed by your blood.*

Christ, our Redeemer, let us share in your passion by works of penance; let us attain the glory of your resurrection.

– *Sanctify the people whom you redeemed by your blood.*

Grant us the protection of your Mother, the comforter of the afflicted; may we bring to others the consolation you have given us.

– *Sanctify the people whom you redeemed by your blood.*

Unite the faithful to your passion in times of trouble and distress; let the power of your salvation shine forth in their lives.

– *Sanctify the people whom you redeemed by your blood.*

You humbled yourself even to accepting death, death on a cross; grant to your servants obedience and patience.

– *Sanctify the people whom you redeemed by your blood.*

Share with the dead your bodily glory; let us rejoice one day with them in the fellowship of the saints.

– *Sanctify the people whom you redeemed by your blood.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

Congregation: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

Congregation: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant:
With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be
accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in
your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me
from my sin.

Celebrant: Pray brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

Congregation: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is
celebrated the work of our redemption is
accomplished.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with your spirit

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right and just.

Preface of the Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.
For he is the true and eternal Priest,
who instituted the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice
and was the first to offer himself as the saving Victim,
commanding us to make this offering as his memorial.
As we eat his flesh that was sacrificed for us,
we are made strong,
and, as we drink his Blood that was poured out for
us, we are washed clean.
And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

Holy, holy, holy

Eucharistic Prayer No 1 for Mass of the Last Supper

Fr E *The Celebrant, with hands extended, says:*
To you, therefore, most merciful Father,
we make humble prayer and petition
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:
He joins his hands and says:
that you accept
*He makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and chalice
together, saying:*
and bless † these gifts, these offerings,
these holy and unblemished sacrifices,
With hands extended, he continues:
which we offer you firstly
for your holy catholic Church.
Be pleased to grant her peace,
to guard, unite and govern her
throughout the whole world,
together with your servant Francis our Pope
and Vincent our Bishop,
and all those who, holding to the truth,
hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Fr T *Commemoration of the Living*
Remember, Lord, your servants *N.* and *N.*
*The Celebrant joins his hands and prays briefly for those for whom he
intends to pray. Then, with hands extended, he continues:*
and all gathered here,
whose faith and devotion are known to you.
For them we offer you this sacrifice of praise
or they offer it for themselves
and all who are dear to them:
for the redemption of their souls,
in hope of health and well-being,
and paying their homage to you,
the eternal God, living and true.
Within the Action

Celebrating the most sacred day
on which our Lord Jesus Christ
was handed over for our sake,
and in communion with those whose memory we venerate,
especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,
and blessed Joseph, her Spouse
your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,
Peter and Paul, Andrew,
and all your Saints;
we ask that through their merits and prayers,
in all things we may be defended
by your protecting help.

Fr E **With hands extended, the Celebrant continues:**

Therefore, Lord, we pray:
graciously accept this oblation of our service,
that of your whole family,
which we make to you
as we observe the day
on which our Lord Jesus Christ
handed on the mysteries of his Body and Blood
for his disciples to celebrate;
order our days in your peace,
and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation
and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.
He joins his hands.

Holding his hands extended over the offerings, he says:

Be pleased, O God, we pray,
to bless, acknowledge,
and approve this offering in every respect;
make it spiritual and acceptable,
so that it may become for us
the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

He joins his hands.

ALL On the day before he was to suffer
for our salvation and the salvation of all,
that is today,

He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar,
continues:

he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,
He raises his eyes.

and with eyes raised to heaven
to you, O God, his almighty Father,
giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my Body,
which will be given up for you.

He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it again on the
paten, and genuflects in adoration.

After this, the Celebrant continues:

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar,
continues:

he took this precious chalice
in his holy and venerable hands,
and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in memory of me.

He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and
genuflects in adoration. Then he says:

Fr E The mystery of faith.

And the people continue, acclaiming in song:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory, until you come in glory. *(do not repeat)*

Then the Celebrant with hands extended, says:

Fr E Therefore, O Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion,
the Resurrection from the dead,
and the glorious Ascension into heaven
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,
we, your servants and your holy people,
offer to your glorious majesty
from the gifts that you have given us,
this pure victim,
this holy victim,
this spotless victim,
the holy Bread of eternal life
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.
Be pleased to look upon these offerings
with a serene and kindly countenance,
and to accept them,
as once you were pleased to accept
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

Bowing, with hands joined, he continues:

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:
command that these gifts be borne
by the hands of your holy Angel
to your altar on high
in the sight of your divine majesty,
so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar
receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
He stands upright and signs himself with the Sign of the Cross,
saying:
may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

He joins his hands.

Commemoration of the Dead

With hands extended, the Celebrant says:

Fr T Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N.,
who have gone before us with the sign of faith
and rest in the sleep of peace.

He joins his hands and prays briefly for those who have died and for
whom he intends to pray. Then, with hands extended he continues:

Grant them, O Lord, we pray,
and all who sleep in Christ,
a place of refreshment, light and peace.

He joins his hands. He strikes his breast with his right hand, saying:

Fr A To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners,

And, with hands extended he continues:

hope in your abundant mercies,
graciously grant some share
and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:
with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas,
and all your Saints;
admit us, we beseech you, into their company,
not weighing our merits,
but granting us your pardon,

He joins his hands.

through Christ our Lord.

And he continues:

Fr E Through whom
you continue to make all these good things, O Lord;
you sanctify them, fill them with life,
bless them, and bestow them upon us.

He takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both,
he says:

ALL Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory is yours,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Grant, almighty God,
that, just as we are renewed
by the Supper of your Son in this present age,
so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Final Blessing: