

Holy Eucharist according to the Rite of the Guild of the Master Jesus

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(It is recommended that the priest say silently (or sotto voce) the usual offertory prayers and the prayers at the fraction.)

Ministry of the Word

Priest: (stand) O Holy Jesus, Master of Love and Compassion, we Thy children, dedicated to Thy service, approach Thee in faith in the Living Christ, the unseen companion of the heart.

Prepare us, O Lord, to drink of the living waters of life, soon to be made manifest to us; open our eyes that we may see, and our hearts that we may understand. Make the way plain, O Lord, that we fail not in Thy service. May we be a channel whereby Thy Holy Ones may approach the World. May we be a centre of radiation of Thy power.

Teach us to travel light as do all who travel upon the path; to give ourselves entirely to Thy service; to attune ourselves to Thy will; to suffer gladly for Thy sake; to lay down the small personal life in the great cosmic life, and to love with the love of God.

Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Lector: (congregation seated) I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth and even for evermore.

Priest (kneeling): O Lord Jesus, Most Holy and Beloved Master, be with us in Thy wisdom and compassion, that what we are about to do may be potent in spiritual power. Amen. Let us meditate upon the Master Jesus as the Risen Christ.

(Remains kneeling – Silence – Pause for meditation)

Lector: (standing, congregation seated)

God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness we do not speak the truth. But if we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

I will arise and go to my Father and will say unto Him: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son. Make me as one of Thy hired servants."

And he arose and came to his Father. But when he was yet a great way off, his Father saw him and had compassion, and ran to meet him, and fell on his neck and kissed him.

Priest: (Standing)

O Master of Love and Compassion, show us wherein we have erred and give us strength and understanding to make amends.

Short Silence

O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

ALL: And grant us Thy salvation.

Lector: (standing, congregation seated)

Lord, who shall abide in Thy Tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Thy Holy Hill? He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness and speaketh the Truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor. He that sweareth to his own hurt and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Priest: (standing)

Let the brethren dwell together in love and harmony, in loyalty and truth, thinking no evil of one another. Let compassion temper justice and justice balance compassion. Let us be serene and diligent, courageous and strong, wise and temperate. There is a blessing on all who serve ☩.

Lector: (Standing)

Jesus saith: Judge not that ye be not judged: and with what measure ye give, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the irritation that is in thy brother's eye, and considerest not the annoyance that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the sting that is in thine own eye, and then thou shalt see clearly to cast out the speck that is in thy brother's eye. Love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you and use you and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven; for He maketh His Sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust. For if you love them that love you, what reward have ye? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others?

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect.

Priest: (standing)

Let us join together in the Lord's Prayer.

ALL: (Stand)

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.
Forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and
the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Priest: For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses.

ALL: (Sit.)

Priest: O Master of Love and Compassion, our human needs are ever with us. May Thy wisdom give us understanding, and Thy love give us strength to bear our burdens to the honour and glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen.

Lector: (Standing.)

Jesus saith: "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am humble and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters, He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death,
I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

Priest approaches the altar and kneels or stands:

Let us make our needs known to God, and place ourselves unreservedly in His hands.

Silent meditation, followed by prayers varying according to the occasion. In the original typescript, the prayers are:

O Master Jesus, we bring to Thy compassion and wisdom all those, our friends, who are sick or in trouble. May Thine infinite love meet all their needs.

May Thy mercy sustain our King in his illness, and if it be Thy will, restore him to his people.

May Thy help comfort one for whom our prayers have been asked.

Let us remember those dear to us who have entered into the Light.

O Thou Most Holy and Powerful Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God Most High, we invoke Thy Most Potent Name and Sign, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lector: (standing)

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion. We will rejoice in Thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfill all thy petitions. Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; He will hear him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

And Jesus said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh

thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My Name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Priest (standing.)

Let us meditate upon the Power of the Sacred Name of Jesus.

Silence

O Master Jesus, Lord of Love and Compassion, we salute Thee with reverence, love, obedience, and humility.

O Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus, draw thy compassionate mantle of blue around us.

O Holy Michael, Saint and Angel, with thy rod of power protecting us from the satanic forces, we salute you with love, honor and gratitude for thy protection.

O Holy People of our race, great Saints of old with whom we join, we salute you with love and respect. Give us of your strength, your faith and fearlessness.

Remains at Altar.

Lector: (standing)

Jesus saith: The Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

(TEACHING AND INSTRUCTION by designated speaker)

Ministry of the Sacrament

Priest: (standing)

Dearly beloved in Christ, ye that mind to come to the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Our Saviour Jesus Christ must consider how St Paul exhorteth all persons diligently to try and examine themselves before they presume to eat of that Bread and drink of that Cup. For as the benefit is great if with true penitent heart and lively faith we receive that Holy Sacrament, so the danger is great if we receive the same unworthily, for then we are guilty of the Body and Blood of Christ our Saviour: we eat and drink to our own damnation.

Judge yourselves, therefore, brethren, that ye be not judged of the Lord. Repent you truly for your sins past; have a lively and steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour; amend your lives and be in perfect charity with all men. So shall ye be meet partakers of this Holy Mystery.

Let us examine ourselves in thought, word and deed.

Silence. Kneels at altar.

Standing at altar, turns to the people.

Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, Who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Him; have mercy upon you; ✠ may He pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

(Bread, wine and water to the altar, which are prepared in the customary manner)

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

ALL: It is meet and right so to do.

Priest: (standing)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and all the Company of Heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee and saying,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

ALL: We do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

(Priest standing at altar)

Priest: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech Thee; and grant that we receiving these Thy creatures of Bread and Wine, according to Thy Son Our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood. Who, in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me". *(elevation)* Likewise after supper He took the Cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this, for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me." Amen. *(elevation) (fraction)*

(Priest communicates, then serves Lector)

(Turns to people)

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life and follow the commandments of God, draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort.

(Word of administration, as follows)

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The Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this, in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on Him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

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The Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

Priest: (standing)

Glory be to God on High, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

Let us invoke the descent of the Holy Spirit upon us.

ALL: O Holy Spirit, my soul inspire;
Thou flame of fire,
Descend on me.

Lector: (standing)

Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bearing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory. But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Jesus saith: I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever: even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

Priest:

May the Peace of the Master be in your hearts; the Strength of the Master in your hands; and may you go forth in the Name of the Living Christ to work and to conquer.
Amen.