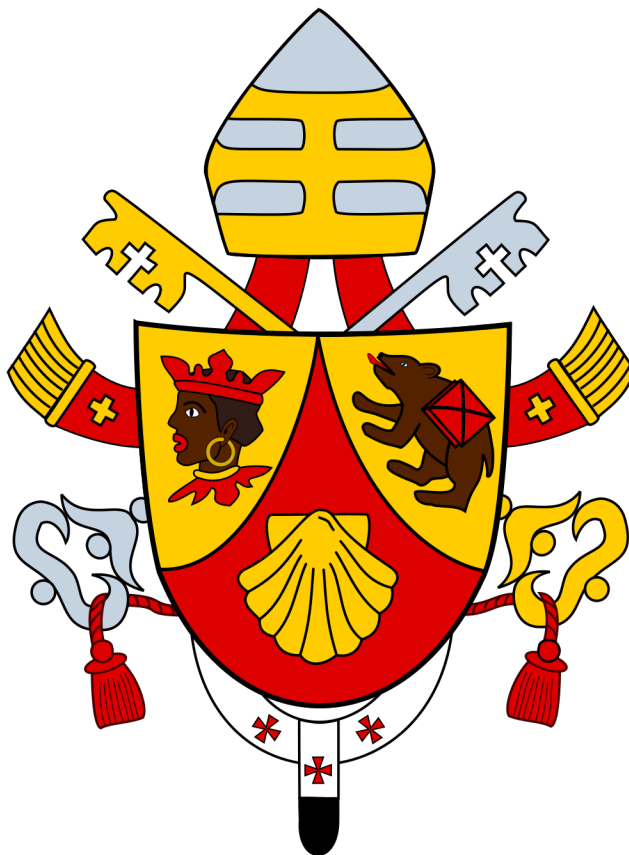


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**MASS OF THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE OF
POPE BENEDICT XVI**

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**HIS HOLINESS
POPE BENEDICT XVI**

SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

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His Excellency

MOST REVEREND CHRISTOPHE PIERRE

Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America

Celebrant and Homilist



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CONCELEBRATING PRIESTS

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12:10 PM

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PRELUDE

Cortège et Litanie

Marcel Dupré
(1886–1971)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the Head
2. All that de - di - ca - ted Ci - ty. Loved by God
3. To this tem - ple where we call Thee Come, O Lord
4. Here may all Thy ser - vants me - rit What they ask
5. Laud and ho - nor to the Fa - ther, Laud and ho -



and Cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
e - ter - nal - ly, In e - xul - tant ju - bi - la - tion
of Hosts, to - day; With Thy won - ted lo - ving kind - ness
of Thee to gain, What they gain from Thee for e - ver
nor to the Son, Laud and ho - nor to the Spi - rit,



Bind - ing all the Church in one: Ho - ly Si - on's
Pours un - dy - ing me - lo - dy, God the One and
Hear Thy peo - ple as they pray, And Thy ful - lest
With the Bless - ed to re - tain, And here - aft - er
E - ver Three and e - ver One; Con - sub - stan - tial



hope for ev - er And her con - fi - dence a - lone.
God the Tri - nal Prais - ing e - ver - last - ing - ly.
be - ne - dic - tion Shed wi - thin its walls al - way.
in Thy glo - ry E - ver - more with Thee to reign.
co - e - ter - nal, While un - end - ing a - ges run.

GREETING

Celebrant: Peace be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Assembly: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Assembly: Amen.



Ky - ri - e e - - - - - le - i-son.



Chri - ste e - - - - - le - i-son.



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COLLECT

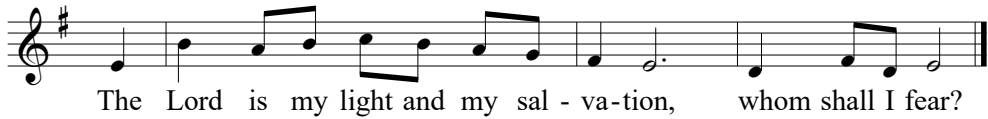
LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 27:1, 4, 7 and 8b and 9a, 13-14



READING II

I Peter 5:1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:14



I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.
Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the Gospel according to N.
Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 21:15-17

HOMILY

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

(Choir) Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren (Op. 30)
(Geistliches Lied, 1856)

Johannes Brahms
(1833–1897)

*Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren,
Sei stille, wie Gott es fügt,
so sei vergnügt mein Wille!*

*Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen?
Der Eine steht allem für,
der gibt auch dir das Deine.*

*Sei nur in allem Handel ohn' Wandel,
steh feste, was Gott beschleußt,
das ist und heißt das Beste.*

Let no regrets distress you with anguish.
But bear it, as God ordains,
Let it be your delight, my spirit.

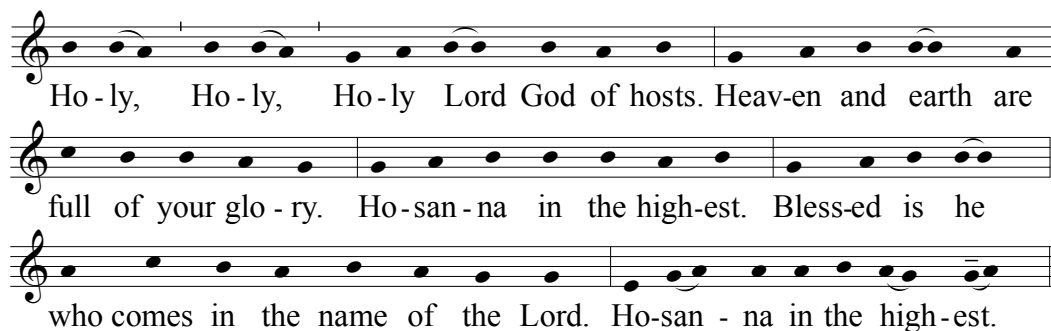
Why do you dwell today on tomorrow?
The One who is Lord of all
allots to each his portion.

Be steadfast in your actions and changeless.
Stand firmly. What God decides,
that still remains your blessing.

PREFACE

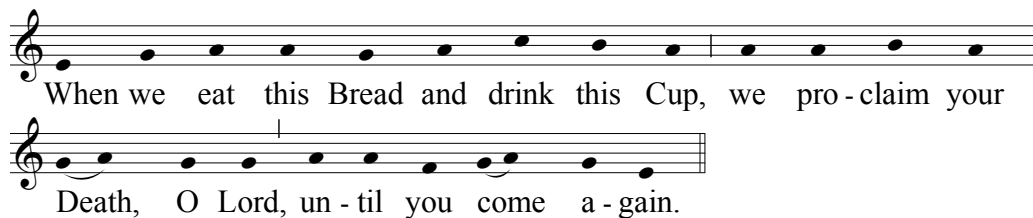
PREFACE DIALOGUE

PREFACE ACCLAMATION



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN



A - men, A - men, A - men.

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD

(Choir) Agnus Dei *from* Missa super Qual donna attende

Orlando di Lasso
(1532–1594)

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 (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 the 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 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.

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.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lord, you know all things: you know that I love you.

(John 21:17)

COMMUNION PROCESSION



(Choir) *Nunc dimittis*

Paweł Łukaszewski
(b. 1968)

*Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace:
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum
Quod parasti ante faciem
omnium populorum:
Lumen ad revelationem gentium,
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.*

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace:
according to your word.
For my eyes have seen: your salvation,
Which you have prepared:
before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of your people Israel.

(Luke 2:29-32)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant: May the God of all consolation bless you,
for in his unfathomable goodness he created the human race,
and in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son
he has given believers the hope of rising again.

Assembly: Amen.

Celebrant: To us who are alive, may God grant pardon for our sins,
and to all the dead, a place of light and peace.

Assembly: Amen.

Celebrant: So may we all live happily for ever with Christ,
whom we believe truly rose from the dead.

Assembly: Amen.

Celebrant: And may the blessing of almighty God,
the ✠ Father, and the ✠ Son, and the ✠ Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Assembly: Amen.

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
2. O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has yet per - ceived!
3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead;
4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un - known,



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, To the for - mer days be - long.
Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing, Nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!
When, a - midst earth's clos - ing thun - ders, Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease;
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, There on high our wel - come waits;
Pa - tri - archs from dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing for thier heav'n,
O to en - ter that bright por - tal, See that glow - ing fir - ma - ment,



In God's like - ness, we a - wak - en, Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
Proph - ets, psalm - ists, seers and sag - es, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
Know, with you, O God im - mor - tal, "Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!"

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

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THE SPIRITUAL TESTAMENT OF POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

When, at this late hour of my life, I look back on the decades I have wandered through, I see first of all how much reason I have to give thanks. Above all, I thank God Himself, the giver of all good gifts, who has given me life and guided me through all kinds of confusion; who has always picked me up when I began to slip, who has always given me anew the light of his countenance. In retrospect, I see and understand that even the dark and arduous stretches of this path were for my salvation and that He guided me well in those very stretches.

I thank my parents, who gave me life in difficult times and prepared a wonderful home for me with their love, which shines through all my days as a bright light until today. My father's clear-sighted faith taught us brothers and sisters to believe and stood firm as a guide in the midst of all my scientific knowledge; my mother's heartfelt piety and great kindness remain a legacy for which I cannot thank her enough. My sister has served me selflessly and full of kind concern for decades; my brother has always paved the way for me with the clear-sightedness of his judgements, with his powerful determination, and with the cheerfulness of his heart; without this ever-new going ahead and going along, I would not have been able to find the right path.

I thank God from the bottom of my heart for the many friends, men and women, whom He has always placed at my side; for the co-workers at all stages of my path; for the teachers and students He has given me. I gratefully entrust them all to His goodness. And I would like to thank the Lord for my beautiful home in the Bavarian foothills of the Alps, in which I was able to see the splendour of the Creator Himself shining through time and again. I thank the people of my homeland for allowing me to experience the beauty of faith time and again. I pray that our country will remain a country of faith and I ask you, dear compatriots, not to let your faith be distracted. Finally, I thank God for all the beauty I was able to experience during the various stages of my journey, but especially in Rome and in Italy, which has become my second home.

I ask for forgiveness from the bottom of my heart from all those whom I have wronged in some way.

What I said earlier of my compatriots, I now say to all who were entrusted to my service in the Church: Stand firm in the faith! Do not be confused! Often it seems as if science - on the one hand, the natural sciences; on the other, historical research (especially the exegesis of the Holy Scriptures) - has irrefutable insights to offer that are contrary to the Catholic faith. I have witnessed from times long past the changes in natural science and have seen how apparent certainties against the faith vanished, proving themselves not to be science but philosophical interpretations only apparently belonging to science - just as, moreover, it is in dialogue with the natural sciences that faith has learned to understand the limits of the scope of its affirmations and thus its own specificity. For 60 years now, I have accompanied the path of theology, especially biblical studies, and have seen seemingly unshakeable theses collapse with the changing generations, which turned out to be mere hypotheses: the liberal generation (Harnack, Jülicher, etc.), the existentialist generation (Bultmann, etc.), the Marxist generation. I have seen, and see, how, out of the tangle of hypotheses, the reasonableness of faith has emerged and is emerging anew. Jesus Christ is truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life - and the Church, in all her shortcomings, is truly His Body.

Finally, I humbly ask: pray for me, so that the Lord may admit me to the eternal dwellings, despite all my sins and shortcomings. For all those entrusted to me, my heartfelt prayer goes out day after day.

Benedictus PP XVI.

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