

HOLY THURSDAY

THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The tabernacle is empty, because, today, communion is given only with newly consecrated hosts.

Galatians 6: 14

NOS autem gloriari oportet in cruce Domini nostri Iesu Christi: in quo est salus, vita, et resurrectio nostra: per quem salvati, et liberati sumus. Ps. 66: 2. Deus misereatur nostri, et benedicat nobis: illuminet vultum suum super nos, et misereatur nostri.

All the bells are rung at the Gloria in excelsis and then, with the organ, and then are silent until Easter Eve. A clapper replaces the altar bell.

INTROIT

But it behooves us to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: in Whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection: by Whom we are saved and delivered. Ps. May God have mercy on us, and bless us: may He cause the light of His countenance to shine upon us; and may He have mercy on us.

DEUS, a quo et Judas reatus sui poenam, et confessionis suae latro præmium sumpsit, concede nobis tuæ propitiationis effectum; ut, sicut in passione sua Jesus Christus, Dominus noster, diversa utrisque intulit stipendia meritorum; ita nobis, ablato vetustatis errore, resurrectionis suæ gratiam largiatur. Qui tecum vivit et regnat.

1 Corinthians 11: 20-32

FRATRES: Convenientibus vobis in unum, jam non est Dominicam cœnam manducare. Unusquisque enim suam cœnam præsumit ad manducandum. Et alius quidem esurit: Alius autem ebrius est. Numquid domos non habetis ad manducandum et bibendum? Aut ecclesiam Dei contemnitis, et confunditis eos, qui non habent? Quid dicam vobis? Laudo vos? In hoc non laudo. Ego enim accepi a Domino, quod et tradidi vobis, quoniam Dominus Jesus in qua nocte tradebatur, accepit pan-

COLLECT

O God, from whom Judas received the punishment of his guilt, and the thief the reward of his confession, grant us the effect of Thy clemency; that even as in His passion our Lord Jesus Christ gave to each a different recompense according to his merits, so may He deliver us from our old sins and grant us the grace of His Resurrection. Who with Thee liveth and reignest.

EPISTLE

Brethren: When you come therefore together into one place, it is not now to eat the Lord's supper. For every one taketh before his own supper to eat. And one indeed is hungry and another is drunk. What, have you not houses to eat and to drink in? Or despise ye the church of God and put them to shame that have not? What shall I say to you? Do I praise you? In this I praise you not. For I have received of the Lord that which I also delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed,

em, et gratias agens fregit, et dixit: Accipite, et manducate: hoc est corpus meum, quod pro vobis tradetur: hoc facite in meam commemorationem. Similiter et calicem, postquam coenavit, dicens: Hic calix novum testamentum est in meo sanguine: hoc facite, quotiescumque bibetis, in meam commemorationem. Quotiescumque emin manducabitis panem hunc, et calicem bibetis, mortem Domini annuntiabitis donec veniat. Itaque quicumque manducaverit panem hunc, vel biberit calicem Domini indigne, reus erit corporis et sanguinis Domini. Probet autem seipsum homo, et sic de pane illo edat, et de calice bibat. Qui enim manducat et bibet indigne, judicium sibi manducat et bibit: non dijudicans corpus Domini. Ideo inter vos multi infirmi et imbecilles, et dormiunt multi. Quod si nosmetipos dijudicaremus, non utique judicaremur. Dum judicamur autem, a Domino corripimur, ut non cum hoc mundo damnemur.

Philippians 2: 8, 9

CHRISTUS factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. V. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum: et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.

John 13: 1-15

ANTE diem festum Paschæ, sciens Jesus, quia venit hora ejus, ut transeat ex hoc mundo ad Patrem: cum dilexisset suos, qui erant in mundo, in finem dilexit eos. Et coena facta, cum diabolus jam mississet in cor, ut traderet eum Judas Simonis Iscariotæ: sciens quia omnia dedit ei Pater in manus, et quia a Deo exivit, et ad Deum vadit: surgit a coena, et ponit vestimenta sua: et cum accepisset linteum, praecinxit se. Deinde

took bread, and giving thanks, broke and said: Take ye and eat: This is My Body, which shall be delivered for you. This do for the commemoration of Me. In like manner also the chalice, after He had supped, saying: This chalice is the new testament in My Blood. This do ye, as often as you shall drink, for the commemoration of Me. For as often as you shall eat this bread and drink the chalice, you shall show the death of the Lord, until He come. Therefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, or drink the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and the Blood of the Lord. But let a man prove himself; and so let him eat of that bread and drink of the chalice. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the Body of the Lord. Therefore are there many infirm and weak among you: and many sleep. But if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But whilst we are judged, we are chastised by the Lord, that we be not condemned with this world.

GRADUAL

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death of the cross. V. For which cause God also exalted Him and hath given Him a Name which is above all names.

GOSPEL

Before the festival-day of the Pasch, Jesus knowing that His hour was come, that He should pass out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world. He loved them unto the end. And when supper was done (the devil having now put into the heart of Judas, the son of Simon the Iscariot, to betray Him), knowing that the Father had given Him all things into His hands and that He came from God and goeth to God: He riseth

mittit aquam in pelvam, et cœpit lavare pedes discipulorum, et extergere linteo, quo erat præcinctus. Venit ergo ad Simonem Petrum. Et dicit ei Petrus: Domine, tu mihi lavas pedes? Respondit Jesus, et dixit ei: Quod ego facio, tu nescis modo, scies autem postea. Dicit ei Petrus: Non lavabis mihi pedes in æternum. Respondit et Jesus: Si non lavero te, non habebis partem mecum. Dicit et Simon Petrus: Domine, non tantum pedes meos, sed et manus, et caput. Dicit ei Jesus: Qui lotus est, non indiget nisi ut pedes lavit, sed est mundus totus. Et vos mundi estis, sed non omnes. Sciebat enim quisnam esset qui traderet eum: propterea dixit: Non estis mundi omnes. Postquam ergo lavit pedes eorum, et accepit vestimenta sua: cum recubuisse iterum, dixit eis: Scitis quid fecerim vobis? Vos vocatis me Magister et Domine: et bene dicitis, sum enim. Si ergo ego lavi pedes vestros, Dominus et Magister: et vos debetis alter alterius lavare pedes. Exemplum enim dedi vobis, ut quemadmodum ego feci vobis, ita et vos faciatis.

The Creed is not said.

from supper and layeth aside His garments and, having taken a towel, girded Himself. After that, He putteth water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples and to wipe them with the towel where-with He was girded. He cometh therefore to Simon Peter. And Peter saith to Him: Lord, dost Thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said to him: What I do, thou knowest not now: but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith to Him: Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him: If I wash thee not, thou shalt have no part with Me. Simon Peter saith to Him: Lord, not only my feet, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him: He that is washed needeth not but to wash his feet, but is clean wholly. And you are clean, but not all. For He knew who he was that would betray Him; therefore He said: You are not all clean. Then after He had washed their feet and taken His garments, being set down again, He said to them: Know you what I have done to you? You call Me Master and Lord. And you say well; for so I am. If then I being your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that as I have done to you, so you do also.

THE MAUNDY OR WASHING OF THE FEET

The washing of the feet takes place after the homily. The celebrant girds himself with a cloth, and assisted by his ministers, begins the washing of the feet of twelve men chosen for the ceremony. While the subdeacon holds the right foot of each of those whose feet are to be washed, the celebrant, kneeling before him, washes the foot and wipes it, the deacon handing him a towel for the wiping. Meanwhile some or all of the following antiphons are sung, concluding with the Ubi Caritas.

John 13: 34

ANTIPHON 1

MANDATUM novum do vobis: ut diligatis invicem, sicut dilexi vos, dicit Dominus. Ps. 118: 1. Beati immaculati in via: qui ambulant in lege Domini.

John 13: 4, 5, 15

POSTQUAM surrexit Dominus a coena, misit aquam in pelvim; cœpit lavare pedes discipulorum: hoc exemplum reliquit eis. Ps. 47: 2. Magnus Dominus, et laudabilis nimis: in civitate Dei nostri, in monte sancto ejus. Postquam...

John 13: 12, 13, 15

DOMINUS Jesus, postquam cœnavit cum discipulis suis, lavit pedes eorum, et ait illis: Scitis quid fecerim vobis ego Dominus, et Magister? Exemplum dedi vobis, ut et vos ita faciatis. Ps. 84: 2. Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob. Dominus...

John 13: 6-8

DOMINE, tu mihi lavas pedes? Respondit Jesus, et dixit ei: Si non lavero tibi pedes, non habebis partem mecum. V. Venit ergo ad Simonem Petrum, et dixit ei Petrus: R. Domine... V. Quod ego facio, tu nescis modo, scies autem postea. R. Domine...

John 13: 34

A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another, as I have loved you, saith the Lord. Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord.

ANTIPHON 2

After our Lord was risen from supper, He put water into a basin, and began to wash the feet of His disciples: to whom He gave this example. Ps. Great is the Lord, and exceedingly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. After...

ANTIPHON 3

Our Lord Jesus, after He had supped with His disciples, washed their feet, and said to them: Know you what I your Lord and Master have done to you? I have given you an example, that ye also may do likewise. Ps. Thou hast blessed, O Lord, Thy land; Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Our Lord...

ANTIPHON 4

Lord, dost Thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said to them: If I shall not wash thy feet, thou shalt have no part with Me. V. He came to Simon Peter, and Peter said to Him: R. Lord... V. What I do, thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. R. Lord...

25. Timeat eum omne semen Is-rael, quoniam non sprevit, ne-que despexit deprecationem pauperis.
26. Nec avertit faciem suam a me: et cum clamarem ad eum, exaudivit me.
27. Apud te laus mea in ecclesia magna: vota mea reddam in conspectu timentium eum.
28. Edent pauperes, et saturabun-tur: laudabunt Dominum, qui requirunt eum: vivent corda eorum in sæculum sæculi.
29. Reminiscentur et convertentur ad Dominum universi fines terræ.
30. Et adorabunt in conspectu eius universæ familiae gentium.
31. Quoniam Domini est regnum: et ipse dominabitur gentium.
32. Manducaverunt, et adoraverunt omnes pingues terræ: in conspectu eius cadent omnes qui descendunt in terram.
33. Et anima mea illi vivet: et se-men meum serviet ipsi.
34. Annuntiabitur Domino gen-eratio ventura: et annuntiabunt cœli justitiam ejus, populo qui nasceretur, quem fecit Dominus.

After all the altars have been stripped, the Celebrant repeats the Antiphon, Diviserunt sibi, before returning to the sacristy.

25. Let all the seed of Israel fear Him. Be-cause He hath not slighted nor despised the supplication of the poor man.

26. Neither hath He hid His face from me: but when I cried unto Him, He heard me.

27. With Thee is my praise in the great church: I will pay my vows in the sight of them that fear Him.

28. The poor shall eat and be filled, and they shall praise the Lord that seek Him: their hearts shall live for ever and ever.

29. All the ends of the earth shall remem-ber and turn unto the Lord.

30. And all the kindreds of the Gentiles shall adore in His sight.

31. For the kingdom is the Lord's: and He shall have dominion over the nations.

32. All the fat ones of the earth have eaten and have adored: all they that go down to the earth shall fall before Him.

33. My soul also shall live unto Him: and my seed shall serve Him.

34. The generation to come shall tell it unto the Lord: and the heavens shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

11. Quoniam tribulatio proxima est, quoniam non est qui adjuvet.
12. Circumdederunt me vituli multi: tauri pingues obsederunt me.
13. Aperuerunt super me os suum, sicut leo rapiens et rugiens.
14. Sicut aqua effusus sum: et dispersa sunt omnia ossa mea.
15. Factum est cor meum tamquam cera liquescens, in medio ventris mei.
16. Aruit tamquam testa virtus mea, et lingua mea adhæsit fauicibus meis: et in pulverem mortis deduxisti me.
17. Quoniam circumdederunt me canes multi: concilium malignantium obsedit me.
18. Foderunt manus meas, et pedes meos: dinumeraverunt omnia ossa mea.
19. Ipsi vero consideraverunt, et inspexerunt me: diviserunt sibi vestimenta mea, et super vestem meam miserunt sortem.
20. Tu autem, Domine, ne elongaveris auxilium tuum a me: ad defensionem meam conspice.
21. Erue a framea, Deus, animam meam: et de manu canis unicam meam.
22. Salva me ex ore leonis: et a cornibus unicorniam humilitatem meam.
23. Narrabo nomen tuum fratribus meis: in medio ecclesiæ laudabo te.
24. Qui timetis Dominum, laudate eum: universum semen Jacob glorificate eum.

11. For tribulation is very near; for there is none to help me.
12. Many calves have surrounded me: fat bulls have besieged me.
13. They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.
14. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are scattered.
15. My heart is like melting wax in the midst of my bowels.
16. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws: and Thou hast brought me into the dust of death.
17. For many dogs have compassed me: the council of the malignant have besieged me.
18. They pierced my hands and my feet: they have numbered all my bones.
19. They look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and upon my vesture do they cast lots.
20. But Thou, O Lord, remove not Thy help to a distance from me: look towards my defence.
21. O God, deliver my soul from the sword: my only one from the power of the dog!
22. Save me from the lion's mouth: and my affliction from the horns of the unicorns.
23. I will declare Thy Name unto my brethren: in the midst of the church will I praise Thee.
24. Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him: all ye seed of Jacob, glorify Him.

John 13: 14
SI ego Dominus, et Magister vester lavi vobis pedes: quanto magis debetis alter alterius lavare pedes? Ps. 48: 2. Audite hæc, omnes gentes: auribus percipite qui habitatis orbem. Si ego...

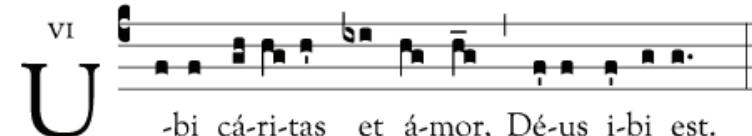
John 13: 35

IN hoc cognoscent omnes, quia mei estis discipuli, si dilectionem habueritis ad invicem. V. Dicit Jesus discipulis suis. R. In hoc...

I Cor. 13: 13

MANEANT in vobis fides, spes, caritas, tria hæc: major autem horum est caritas. V. Nunc autem manent fides, spes, caritas, tria hæc: major autem horum est caritas. R. Maneat...

I John 2: 3, 4



et á-mor, Dé-us i-bi est.

Where charity and love are, there is God.

V. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. R. Ubi caritas...

V. Simul ergo, cum in unum congregamur. Ne nos mente dividamur, caveamus. Cessent jurgia maligna, cessant lites. Et in medio nostri sit Christus Deus. R. Ubi caritas...

V. Simul quoque cum beatis videamus. Glorianter vultum tuum, Christe Deus: Gaudium, quod est immensus, atque probum. Sæcula per infinita sæculorum. Amen.

V. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice in Him and be glad. Let us fear and love the living God. And let us love one another with a sincere heart. R. Where charity...

V. When, therefore, we are assembled together. Let us take heed, that we be not divided in mind. Let malicious quarrels and contentions cease. And let Christ our God dwell among us. R. Where charity...

V. Let us also with the blessed see Thy face in glory, O Christ our God. There to possess immeasurable and happy joy. For infinite ages of ages. Amen.

ANTIPHON 5

If I your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, how much more ought you to wash one another's feet? Ps. Hear these things, all ye nations: give ear, ye that inhabit the world. If I...

ANTIPHON 6

By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for another. V. Said Jesus to His disciples. R. By this...

ANTIPHON 7

Let these three, faith, hope, and charity, remain in you; but the greatest of these is charity. V. And now there remain faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. R. Let these...

After the Maundy, the celebrant washes his hands. Then returning to the place whence he came he puts on maniple and chasuble and standing with his head uncovered, before the altar, he chants the Pater noster in secret, until:

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.
V. Tu mandasti mandata tua, Domine.
R. Custodiri nimis.
V. Tu lavasti pedes discipulorum tuorum.
R. Opera manuum tuarum ne despicias.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.
V. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

ADESTO, Domine, quæsumus, officio servitutis nostræ: et quia tu discipulis tuis pedes lavare dignatus es, ne despicias opera manuum tuarum, quæ nobis retinenda mandasti: ut, sicut hic nobis, et a nobis exteriora ablunter inquinamenta; sic a te omnium nostrum interiora laventur peccata. Quod ipse præstare digneris: Qui vivis et regnas, Deus: per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

The Mass then proceeds as usual.

V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil.
V. Thou hast commanded Thy commandments, O Lord.
R. To be exactly observed.
V. Thou hast washed the feet of Thy disciples.
R. Despise not the work of Thy hands.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

PRAYER

Be present, O Lord, we beseech Thee, at the performance of our service: and since Thou didst vouchsafe to wash the feet of Thy disciples, despise not the work of Thy hands, which Thou hast commanded us to retain: that as here the outward stains are washed away by us and from us, so the inward sins of us all may be blotted out by Thee. Which do Thou vouchsafe to grant, Who liveth and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

Stripping of the Altars

The celebrant and ministers adore for a little while. On returning from the Altar of Repose the Celebrant and his Ministers return to the sacristy where white vestments are removed and violet stoles are assumed by Celebrant and deacon. At the altar the Celebrant sings in a clear voice this Antiphon:

Psalm 21: 19

ANTIPHON

DIVISERUNT sibi vestimenta mea:
et super vestem meam miserunt
sortem.

He pronounces the opening words of Psalm 21 in the same voice, the assistants or Choir singing the rest of the Psalm. The Celebrant and ministers strip the altar.

PSALM 21

1. DEUS, Deus meus, respice in me: quare me dereliquisti?
longe a salute mea verba delictorum meorum.
2. Deus meus, clamabo per diem,
et non exaudies: et nocte, et non ad insipientiam mihi.
3. Tu autem in sancto habitas, laus Israel.
4. In te speraverunt patres nostri:
speraverunt, et liberasti eos.
5. Ad te clamaverunt, et salvi facti sunt: in te speraverunt, et non sunt confusi.
6. Ego autem sum vermis, et non homo: opprobrium hominum,
et abjectio plebis.
- 7 Omnes videntes me, deriserunt me: locuti sunt labii, et moverunt caput.
8. Speravit in Domino, eripiat eum: salvum faciat eum,
quoniam vult eum.
9. Quoniam tu es, qui extraxisti me de ventre: spes mea ab uberibus matris meæ.
10. In te projectus sum ex utero:
de ventre matris meæ Deus meus es tu: ne discesseris a me.

They parted my garments amongst them,
and upon my vesture they cast lots.

Verbum caro, panem verum
Verbo carnem efficit;
Fitque sanguis Christi merum:
Et si sensus deficit,
Ad firmandum cor sincerum
Sola fides sufficit.

On reaching the Altar of Repose, the ciborium is placed on it, and after being incensed it is placed in the tabernacle. Meanwhile Tantum ergo is sung.

TANTUM ERGO Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio:
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Word made Flesh, the bread of nature,
By His words to Flesh He turns;
Wine into His Blood He changes:
What though sense no change discerns,
Only be the heart in earnest,
Faith her lesson quickly learns.

Down in adoration falling,
Lo, the Sacred Host we hail,
Lo, o'er ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father
And the Son who reigns on high
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honour, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

The Mass

Psalm 117: 16, 17

DEXTERA Domini fecit virtutem,
dextera Domini exaltavit me: non
moriar, sed vivam, et narrabo opera
Domini.

IPSE tibi, quæsumus, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, aeterne Deus, sacrificium nostrum reddat acceptum, qui discipulis suis in sui commemorationem hoc fieri hodierna traditione monstravit, Jesus Christus Filius tuus Dominus noster: Qui tecum.

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos Tibi semper, et ubique gratias agere: Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, aeterne Deus. Qui salutem humani generis in ligno Crucis constitisti: ut, unde mors oriebatur, inde vita resurgeret: et Qui in ligno vincebat, in ligno quoque vinceretur, per Christum Dominum nostrum. Per Quem maiestatem tuam laudant Angeli, adorant Dominationes, tremunt Potestates. Cœli, celorumque Virtutes, ac beata Seraphim, socia exsultatione concelbrant. Cum quibus et nostras voices, ut admitti jubeas, deprecamur, supplici confessione dicentes:

OFFERTORY

The right hand of the Lord hath wrought strength: the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me. I shall not die, but live, and shall declare the works of the Lord.

SECRET

We beseech Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, that He Himself may render our Sacrifice acceptable to Thee, Who, by the tradition of today, taught His disciples to do this in remembrance of Him, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth.

PREFACE OF THE HOLY CROSS

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God: Who didst establish the salvation of mankind on the tree of the Cross: that whence death came thence also life might arise again, and that He, Who overcame by the tree, by the tree also might be overcome: Through Christ our Lord. Through Whom the Angels praise Thy Majesty, the Dominations worship it, the Powers stand in awe. The Heavens and the Heavenly hosts together with the blessed Seraphim in triumphant chorus unite to celebrate it. Together with these we entreat Thee, that Thou mayest bid our voices also be admitted while we say with lowly praise:

In the Canon, the following variations are used:

COMMUNICANTES: *Communicating and celebrating the most sacred day in which our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed for us: and also honouring in the first place the memory of the glorious and ever Virgin Mary . . .*

HANC IGITUR: *We therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this offering of our service, and that of Thy whole family, which we make to Thee in memory of the day on which our Lord Jesus Christ gave to His disciples the Mysteries of His Body and Blood to be celebrated; and to dispose our day in Thy peace . . .*

QUI PRIDIE: *Who, the day before He suffered for our salvation and that of all men, that is, on this day, took bread into His most sacred and venerable hands . . .*

The Pax or Kiss of Peace is not given. The response to the third Agnus Dei is miserere nobis.

DOMINUS Jesus, postquam cœnavit cum discipulis suis, lavit pedes eorum, et ait illis: Scitis quid fecerim vobis ego Dominus, et Magister? Exemplum dedi vobis, ut et vos ita faciatis.

COMMUNION

The Lord Jesus, after He had supped with His disciples, washed their feet, and said to them: Know you what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I gave you an example, that you also may do likewise.

POSTCOMMUNION

REFECIT vitalibus alimentis, quæsumus, Domine Deus noster: ut, quod tempore nostræ mortalitatis exsequimur, immortalitatis tuæ munere consequamur. Per Dominum.

Benedicamus Domino is sung instead of Ita missa est, and ends the Mass. The blessing and last Gospel are omitted. The Hosts for the morrow's communion are carried in procession to the Altar of Repose.

Procession to the Altar of Repose

After Mass the priest takes off his chasuble and vests in a white cope; then returning to the altar he incenses the Sacred Host reserved in the Ciborium. Preceded by the cross, torchbearers, and the clergy, and accompanied by deacon and subdeacon, he carries the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose where it will remain until the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified on Good Friday, when no consecration takes place. During the procession the hymn, Pange lingua gloriosi Corporis, is sung until the strope: Tantum ergo.

PANGE lingua, gloriosi
Corporis mysterium,
Sanguinisque pretiosi,
Quem in mundi pretium
Fructus ventris generosi
Rex effudit gentium.

Nobis datus, nobis natus
Ex intacta Virgine,
Et in mundo conversatus,
Sparsò verbi semine.
Sui moras incolatus.
Miro clausit ordine.

In supremæ nocte cœnæ
Recumbens cum fratribus,
Observata lege plene
Cibis in legalibus,
Cibum turbæ duodenæ
Se dat suis manibus.

Sing, my tongue, the Savior's glory:
Of His Flesh the mystery sing;
Of His Blood all price exceeding,
Shed by our immortal King,
Destined for the world's redemption
From a noble womb to spring.

Of a pure and spotless Virgin,
Born for us on earth below,
He, as Man with man conversing,
Stayed the seeds of truth to sow,
Then He closed in solemn order
Wondrously His life of woe.

On the night of His last supper,
Seated with His chosen band,
He, the paschal victim eating,
First fulfills the Law's command;
Then as food to all His brethren
Gives himself with His own hand.