U.S. Bishops' Statement on the Reception of Holy 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" (Jn 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).

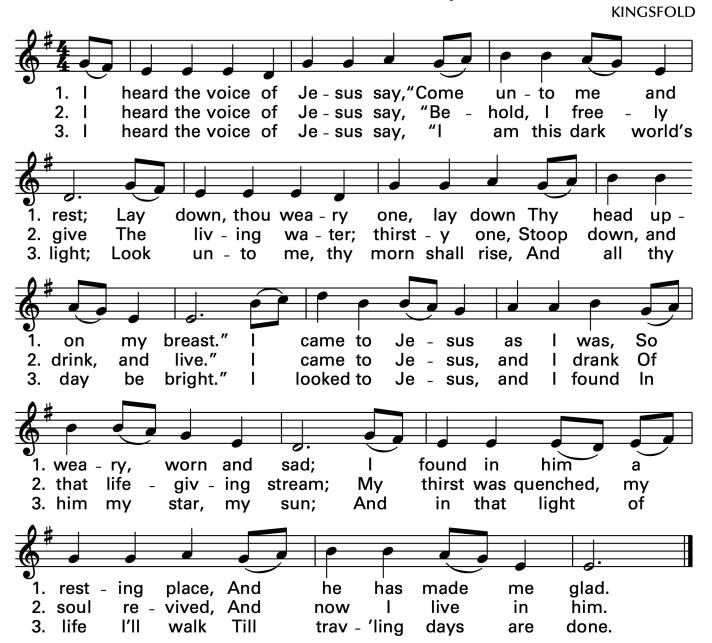
For those not receiving Holy Communion

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-Christians

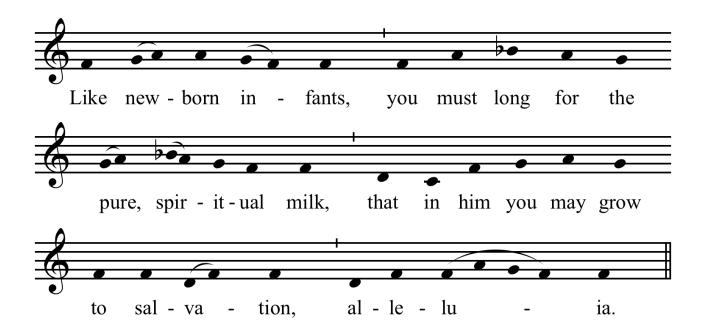
We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: from Sacred Heart English Propers by Dr. Prowse



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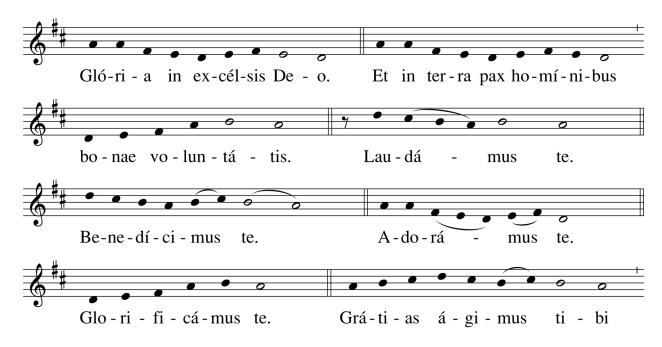
GREETING

PENITENTIAL RITE

I confess to almighty God...

KYRIE: Missa Choralis by Refice (Sacred Heart Seminary Choir)

GLORIA: Missa de Angelis





Music: Vatican Edition VIII

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-7b

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 89



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SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 3:8-10, 12-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Festival Alleluia





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GOSPEL: John 12: 24-26



RITE OF ORDINATION

Election of the Candidates

One of the deacons calls forth the candidates for Orders. After the candidates have come forward, the Rector, speaking on behalf of the local Church, requests that the Bishop ordain these candidates. After the Bishop accepts his testimony, the congregation responds with assent to the choice.

The candidates are called by a deacon: Let those to be ordained deacons come forward.

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Each one answers: Present

When the candidates are in their places before the Bishop, the priest designated by the Bishop says:

Most Reverend Father, holy Mother Church asks you to ordain these men, our brothers, to the responsibility of the diaconate.

The Bishop asks: Do you know them to be worthy?

He answers: After inquiry among the Christian people and upon the recommendation of those concerned with their formation, I testify that they have been found worthy.

Bishop: Relying on the help of the Lord God and of our Savior Jesus Christ, we choose these, our brothers, for the Order of the Diaconate.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Homily

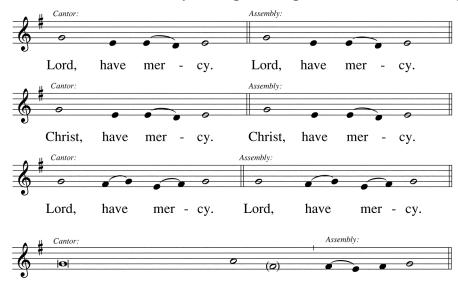
Promise of the Elect

Through questions, the Bishop asks the deacons-elect to declare before this assembly their intention to undertake the office of deacon. The office of deacon includes assisting the bishop and priests and serving the people of God. Each one of the elect goes to the Bishop, kneels before him, and places his joined hands between those of the Bishop. He then promises respect and obedience to his respective Ordinary and his successors.

Litany of Supplication (Please Stand)

In the Litany of the Saints, the assembly appeals to God, to Mary the Mother of God, and to the Angels and Saints to remember and intercede for the elect.

[The elect prostrate themselves and the litany is sung; all respond. All in the assembly please stand.]



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Saint Michael, (sim.)

Holy Angels of God,

Saint John the Baptist,

Saint Anne,

Saint Joseph,

Saint Peter and Saint Paul,

Saint Andrew,

Saint Thomas,

Saint John,

Saint Mary Magdalene,

Saint Stephen,

Saint Ignatius of Antioch,

Saint Lawrence,

Saint Vincent,

Saint Benjamin,

Saint Boethius,

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity,

Saint Agnes,

Saint Maria Goretti,

Saint Gregory,

Saint Augustine,

Saint Athanasius,

Saint Basil,

Saint Ephrem,

Saint Martin,

Saint Patrick,

Saint Kelly of Armagh,

Saint Benedict,

Saint Francis,

Saint Dominic,

Saint Francis Xavier,

Saint John Vianney,

Saint Irene,

Saint Georgia,

Saint Catherine of Siena,

Saint Teresa of Jesus,

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus of the Holy Face,

Blessed Conor O'Devaney,

Blessed Solanus Casey,

All holy men and women, Saints of God,

(continued on the next page...)



Lord, be merciful Lord, De-li-ver us, we pray.

From all evil, (sim.)

From every sin,

From everlasting death



By your incarnation,

Lord, Deliver us, we pray.

By your Death and Resurrection, (sim.)

By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,



Be Merciful to us sinners,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Govern and protect your holy Church, (sim.)

Keep the Pope and all the ordained

in faithful service to your Church,

Bless these chosen men,

Bless and sanctify these chosen men,

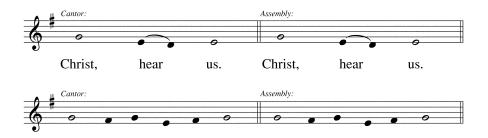
Bless, sanctify, and consecrate these chosen men,

Bring all peoples together in peace and true harmony,

Comfort with your mercy the troubled and the afflicted,

Strengthen all of us and keep us in your holy service,

Jesus, Son of the living God,



Christ, graciously hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination

In the laying on of hands, the Bishop invokes the Holy Spirit to confer the order of deacon on these men. In silence, the Bishop will lay his hands upon each of them. <u>This is the most solemn moment of the rite.</u> The prayer of ordination, very ancient in the tradition of the Church, recalls how all of creation is renewed through Jesus Christ and His Church. The prayer then invokes the Holy Spirit to strengthen the deacons for the work of ministry, so that they may excel in every virtue.

Investiture with Stole and Dalmatic - Psalm 84

The stole and dalmatic are signs of the office of deacon which these men now hold in the Church. By this investiture the liturgical ministry they will henceforth fulfill is outwardly manifested.



Handing on of the Book of the Gospels

The handing on of the Book of Gospels signifies that those holding the office of the deacon are to be heralds of the Gospel and are to preach the faith of the Church in word and in deed.

Kiss of Peace-Psalm 145

The Bishop and the other deacons welcome the newly ordained deacons with the sign of peace. This ancient gesture of Christian fellowship highlights the deacon's admittance into the order of deacon.



Who-ev-er serves me, says the Lord, my Fa-ther in heav-en will hon-or.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

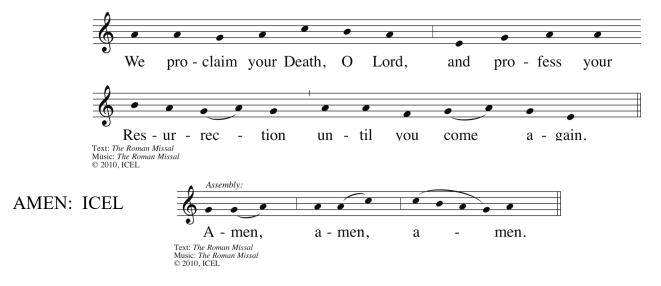
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SANCTUS: Missa de Angelis



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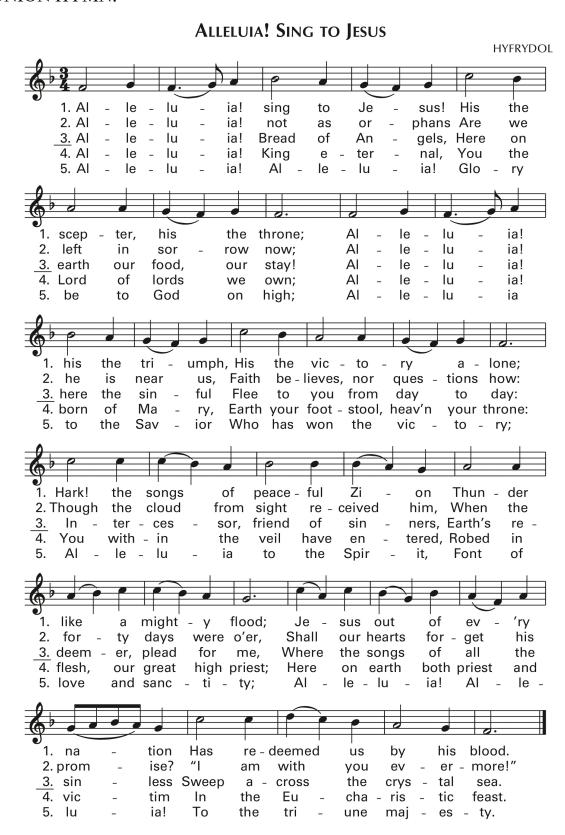
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AGNUS DEI: Missa Choralis by Refice (Sacred Heart Seminary Choir)

COMMUNION CHANT: Qui mihi ministrat (Sacred Heart Seminary Choir)

(If any man minister to me, let him follow me: and where I am, there also shall my minister be.)



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Rev. Mr. Patrick Bruen

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