

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

Exposition

While the celebrant is bringing the Eucharist to the altar the following or other suitable hymn may be sung by the congregation.

O saving Victim, open wide
The gate of heaven to us below.
Our foes press on from every side;
Your aid supply, your strength bestow.

O salutatis Hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium;
Bella premunt hostilla,
Da robur, fer auxillium.

To your great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
O grant us endless length of days
In our true native land to be. Amen.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

†Adoration

During this period there should be appropriate prayers, songs, readings from scripture, and a brief homily to help the congregation focus its attention to the worship of the Lord. It is important to remember that the Eucharist is the "*Real Presence*" of Jesus Christ.

†Benediction

After a period of meditation and reflection the celebrant goes to the altar, genuflects, and kneels. The following or another suitable Eucharistic hymn is sung.

Down in adoration falling,
This great Sacrament we hail;
Over ancient forms of worship
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith will tell us Christ is present,
When our human senses fail.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernul,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritul;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectul.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who made us free,
And the Spirit, God proceeding
From them Each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

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

Priest/Deacon: You have given them Bread from heaven (P.T. Alleluia)

ALL: Having all sweetness with it (P.T. Alleluia)

Priest/Deacon: Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood, help us to experience the salvation won for us and the peace of the kingdom, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

The celebrant will then bless all present with the Eucharist.

†Reposition

When the priest or deacon has blessed everyone he then replaces the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle and genuflects. The following acclamation may be said at this time. This acclamation is called the Divine Praises.

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.
Amen.

As the celebrant is leaving the following or another suitable hymn may be sung.

Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth thy scepter claim;
All in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign!

Hark, the loud celestial hymn;
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

