



## WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

Hilary of Poitiers

13 January 2021

*Text in bold print is recited by the whole Community.*

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

#### The Greeting

*Presider*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### The Kyrie

*Presider*

God, be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider*

Let us pray.

Lord our God, you called your servant Hilary to guard with compassion the good of your Church and to preserve by his steadfast witness the fulness of Catholic teaching. Keep us firm in the faith professed at our baptism so that, as your Son made his dwelling with us, so we may always abide in him; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### The First Reading: 2 Timothy 1.13-14, 2.1-3

*Reader*

A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

*Reader*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 119.161-168**

*Psalmist*

My heart stands in awe of your Word.

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<sup>161</sup> Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, \*  
but my heart stands in awe of your word.

<sup>162</sup> I am as glad because of your promise \*  
as one who finds great spoils.

<sup>163</sup> As for lies, I hate and abhor them, \*  
but your law is my love.

<sup>164</sup> Seven times a day do I praise you, \*  
because of your righteous judgements.

*People*

**My heart stands in awe of your Word.**

<sup>165</sup> Great peace have they who love your law; \*  
for them there is no stumbling block.

<sup>166</sup> I have hoped for your salvation, O Lord, \*  
and I have fulfilled your commandments.

<sup>167</sup> I have kept your decrees \*  
and I have loved them deeply.

<sup>168</sup> I have kept your commandments and decrees, \*  
for all my ways are before you.

*People*

**My heart stands in awe of your Word.**

## **The Gospel Alleluia**

*Deacon*

Alleluia. Alleluia. You will know that I am in my Father,  
**and you in me, and I in you. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **The Gospel: Luke 12.8-12**

*Deacon*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

[Jesus said,] “And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say.”

*Deacon*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Reflection on the Word**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

### The Litany of Healing

#### *Leader of the Prayers*

We gather in your presence, O God;  
**in our need and bringing with us  
the needs of the world.**

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus;  
**for you know in him our humanity.**

We come with our faith and with our doubts;  
**we come with our hopes and with our fears.**

We come as we are, because you invite us to come;  
**and you have promised never to turn us away.**

Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled, that they  
may be made whole: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to all who seek your guidance and to all who are lonely, anxious or  
despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your pres-  
ence: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Mend broken relationships and restore those in emotional distress to  
soundness of mind and serenity of spirit: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Bless physicians, nurses and all others who minister to the suffering,  
granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience: Lord of life,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give wholeness of life to those for whom we offer our prayers this day *(during the silence we name or remember those for whom we are praying)*: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by your grace and consolation those who are bereaved *(during the silence we name or remember those for whom we are praying)*: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin --- in our lives, in our nations and in the world: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

You are the Lord who does wonders:

**you have declared your power among the peoples.**

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

**and in your light we see light.**

Hear us, O Lord of life:

**heal us and make us whole.**

Compassionate God, support and strengthen all those who reach out in love, concern and prayer for the sick and distressed. In their acts of compassion, may they know that they are your instruments. In their concerns and fears, may they know your peace. In their faithful serving, may they know your steadfast love. May they not grow weary or faint-hearted, for your mercy's sake. **Amen.**

## **The Exchange of the Peace**

*Presider*

May the peace of Christ  
who has been revealed to us be with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider*

Let us pray.

Source and Partner of the eternal Word, who gave to your Church the teaching of your blessed servant Hilary, spread your mercy over this table and confer your grace upon our service, so that we may know the gladness of your salvation and rejoice in the fulness of your truth. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your Beloved, Jesus the Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word through whom you created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, so that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, so that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Author of creation and Word of redemption, with the Spirit of wisdom in the holy Church, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider*

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider*

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who want to know and to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have stumbled along the way. Come, because it is Christ who invites you, wherever you find yourself on the journey of life and faith, for these are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## The Communion

*As the Presider and Deacon receive the Bread and the Wine, pray silently or quietly the following prayer.*

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, I offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I pray you come into my heart, my soul and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. May I serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

### The Prayer after Communion

*Presider*

Let us pray.

O God, you feed us with the life of the Word made flesh, and make us partakers of his divinity. Grant us so to abide in the grace of this mystery that we may do the works which you ordain and love the truth which you reveal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Doxology

*Presider*

Glory to God,

**from whom all love flows.**

Glory to Jesus,

**who showed us his love through suffering.**

Glory to the Holy Spirit,

**who brings light to the darkest places. Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*Deacon*

Go forth in love to proclaim

that the Word made flesh dwells among us. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**