

Gathering of Ministers of the Eucharist
29 May 2017

Song **O Sacrament Most Holy (Arr. Ian Callanan)**
All sing: O Sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine.
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Opening Prayer **Let us pray,**
All say: We gather as special Ministers,
called to serve the people of God.
May this time of prayer and reflection help us
to recognise the gift we have been given.
May we be generous as we continue to reach out to others
in God's name.
We ask this in the Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reflection

"When you awake in the night, transport yourself quickly in spirit "before the Tabernacle, saying: 'Behold, my God, I come to adore You, to praise, thank, and love You, and to keep You company with all the Angels,' " **(Saint John Vianney)**

Song **In Christ Alone (Getty)**

Prayer **Psalm 62:3**
All say: My soul rests in God alone,
from whom comes my salvation.
God alone is my rock and salvation,
my fortress; I shall never fall.

My New Commandment (Ephrem Feeley)

All sing: This is my new commandment to love one another
just as I have loved you, just as I have loved you.

Reflection **Pope Francis**

"Love and charity, are service, helping others, serving others. There are many people who spend their lives in this way, in the service of others. ... When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love! And with the washing of the feet the Lord teaches us to be servants, and above all, servants as He was a servant to us, for every one of us." **(Jubilee Audience, March 12, 2016)**

Song **The Last Supper (Bernard Sexton)**

All sing: Jesus took the bread he broke,
Jesus shared the bread we broke,
and said do this, do this in memory of me.
Jesus took the wine he poured.
Jesus shared the wine he poured,
and said do this, do this in memory of me.

Reflections

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **(John 3:16)**

God loves us too much to indulge our every whim **(Max Lucado)**

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us **(St Augustine)**

Song **I Love You Lord (Celebrant Singers)**

Prayer **Psalm 116**

All say: What can I give back to God for the blessings God has poured out on me?
I'll lift high the cup of salvation - a toast to God! I'll pray in the name of God;
I'll complete what I promised God I'd do,
and I'll do it together with God's people.
Oh, God, here I am, your servant, your faithful servant:
set me free for your service!
I'm ready to offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and pray in the name of God.
I'll complete what I promised God I'd do,
and I'll do it in company with God's people.

Song **A Íosa Mhilis (Pat Ahern)**

(Sweet Jesus, my tongue is not a worthy seat for you, nor my heart a lodging place but give me your blessedness that it may remain with me forever)

Reading **Matthew 26:36-44**

Then Jesus went with them to a garden called Gethsemane and told his disciples, "Stay here while I go over there and pray."

Song **Keep Watch With Me (Margaret Rizza)**

All sing: Keep watch with me, pray with me and do not be afraid **(2)**

Reflection **Richard Rohr**

The many “multiplication” of food stories in the Gospels—when Jesus feeds a crowd with very little clearly exemplify abundance as the foundation of reality. Notice in almost every case that the good apostles, who represent our worldview of scarcity, advise Jesus against feeding the crowd: “But how will two fish and five loaves be enough for so many?” Jesus is trying to move them from their worldview of scarcity to one of abundance, but does so with great difficulty. In the end, there is always much food left over.

Song **Jesus All For Jesus (Robin Mark)**

All sing: For it's only in your will that I am free
For it's only in your will that I am free.
Jesus, all for Jesus, all I am and have and ever hope to be.

Prayer **Saint Teresa of Avila (Adapted)**

All say: Christ has no body now but ours.
No hands, no feet on earth, but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world.
Ours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Ours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Song **O Esca Viatorum (J.C. Shanahan)**

(O way of weary pilgrims, O bread of angels holy...)

Prayer **Saint Patrick's Breastplate**

All say: Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Song **Críost Liom (Bernard Sexton)**

Song **Adoration (T. James Quinn/Matt Maher)**

All sing: Come, adore this wondrous presence,
bow to Christ, the source of grace.
Here is kept the ancient promise
of God's earthly dwelling-place.
Sight is blind before God's glory,
faith alone may see his face.

Glory be to God the Father,
praise to his co-equal Son,
adoration to the Spirit,
bond of love, in Godhead one.
Blest be God by all creation
joyously while ages run. Amen.

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 Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Prayer

God most high,
you have blessed all generations
in Jesus our compassionate Saviour,
for through him you invite us to your kingdom,
welcome us to your table,
and provide us with nourishment in abundance.

Teach us to imitate your unfailing mercy
and to build up Christ's body, the Church,
by generously handing on to others
the gifts we have received from your bounty.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Song

Faithful Is The Lord Our King (Liam Lawton)

All sing:

Faithful is the Lord our king, let us all in glory sing.
Ever praise in song and word, holy, holy, holy Lord.

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