

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

EXPOSITION — After the people have assembled, the following or another suitable song may be sung while the minister prepares the Holy Eucharist for adoration (Acc #393, 394 / CP3 #374 or 375).

1. O saving Victim, open wide
The gate of heav'n to us below,
Our foes press on from ev'ry side;
Your aid supply, your strength bestow.

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

*Alternate text: Grant us, for endless length of days, in our true native land to be.

ADORATION — The Liturgy of the Hours may be celebrated during the period of exposition, or there may be prayers, songs, readings from scripture and a brief homily to direct the attention of the faithful to the worship of the Lord. The following or another suitable eucharistic song may be sung (Acc #420 or 421 / CP3 #271 or 272).

1. 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.

2. 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.

1. O salutaris Hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

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

1. Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum,
Sensuum defectui.

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

*BENEDICTION SONG — V. You have given them Bread from heaven (Easter: alleluia)
R. Having within it all Sweetness (Easter: alleluia)*

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING — If the minister is a Priest or Deacon, there may be a blessing. Before the blessing, a prayer such as the following may be said.

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 you won for us
and the peace of the kingdom
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

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REPOSITION — After the blessing, the minister places the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

ACCLAMATION OR SONG — The people may say an acclamation or sing another song such as the following.

A

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.

B

Acc #241 / CP3 #377

1. 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!

2. 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!