

HYMN
**for Mass, Holy Communion, Benediction
and visits to the Blessed Sacrament**

*The Patriarch Abraham met Melchisedech King of Salem (Gen. 14:18)
Tune proper, or Once in Royal David's City; metre 87.87.77*

WHEN THE PATRIARCH was returning
Crowned with triumph from the fray,
Him the peaceful king of Salem
Came to meet upon his way;
Meekly bearing bread and wine,
Holy priesthood's awful sign.

2. On the truth thus dimly shadowed,
Later days a lustre shed;
When the great High-Priest eternal,
Under forms of wine and bread,
For the world's immortal food,
Gave his Flesh and gave His Blood.

3. Wondrous gift! – The Word Who fashioned
All things by His might Divine,
Bread into His Body changes,
Into His own Blood the wine;
What though sense no change perceives,
Faith admires, adores, believes.

4. He, Who once to die a victim,
On the Cross, did not refuse,
Day by day upon our altars,
That same Sacrifice renews;
Through His holy priesthood's hands,
Faithful to His last commands.

5. While the people all uniting
In the sacrifice sublime,
Offer Christ to His high father,
Offer up themselves with Him;
Then together with the priest
On the living Victim feast.

6. Highest praise to God the Father
Who created ev'rything,
Also to His Son Who saved us
Our High High Priest and offering,
With the mighty Paraclete,
Heav'nly Breath enlivening us.

ANOTHER HYMN

Tune Aurelia "O Jesus Christ, remember", metre iambic 7676D

WE HAIL THEE now, O Jesus,
Upon Thine altar-throne,
Though sight and touch have fail'd us
And faith perceives us alone!
Thy love has veil'd Thy Godhead
And hid Thy power Divine,
In mercy to our weakness,
Beneath an earthly sign.

2. We hail thee now, O Jesus;
In silence Thou hast come;
For all the hosts of heaven
With wonderment are dumb;
So great the condescension,
So marvellous the love
Which for our sakes, O Saviour,
Have drawn Thee from above.

3. We hail Thee now, O Jesus;
For law and type have ceased,
Thou in the consecration
Art sacrifice and Priest;
We make this great memorial
In union, Lord, with Thee,
And plead Thy Death and Passion
To cleanse and set us free.

4. We hail Thee now, O Jesus;
For death is drawing near,
And in Thy presence only
Its terror disappear.
Dwell with us, sweetest Saviour,
And guide us through the night,
Till shadows end in glory,
And faith be lost in sight.

THIS IS A HOLY BANQUET indeed,
In which Christ himself is made our food,
The memory of His Passion is told again,
Grace fills our mind and heart,
And there is given to us an assurance
Of the glory that one day will be ours.

A Litany
Of the Blessed Sacrament

for Visits to the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

Lord, have mercy on us,
Christ, have mercy on us,
Lord have mercy on us, Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.

A READING
FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING GOD created the heavens and the earth.
The earth was without form and empty, and darkness was
upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God moved
over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and
there was light. And God saw that the light was good ...

LEADER: The first Response to the petition is:
We Adore Thee through Thy Divine Son.

O Creator God, with Whom Abel walked in Eden.
O God, to Whom Abel sacrificed his lambs and his life.
O God, to Whom Abraham offered his only son.
O God of Melchisedech, Priest and King, who brought
forth bread and wine.
O God of Jacob, to whom Thou came in a vision of angels
at the House of God and the Gate of Heaven, and who
fathered Thy holy people.
O God, the Mystery Awesome and Wondrous, Who
revealed Thyself to Moses at the Burning Bush and
Made him mediator of Thy law.
O God of Moses, who with Thy holy people offered Thee
the Paschal Lambs.
O God of Moses, who sprinkled the Israelites with the
blood of the covenant and gave them heavenly Manna,
the Bread of Angels.

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We Adore Thee through Thy Divine Son.

- O God of Samuel, who prayed in Thy Presence before the Ark of the Covenant, "Speak, Lord, thy servant is listening."
- O God of David, who sang Thy praises to lead us to the altar of God.
- O God of Isaiah, who heard the seraphs praise Thee, "holy, holy, holy."
- O God for Whom Jeremiah prophesied Thy new and eternal covenant.
- O God for Whom Ezekiel foretold an end of stony hearts and a resurrection of dry bones.
- O God of Azariah who prayed, "With humble spirit and contrite hearts may we be accepted by Thee O Lord, and may our sacrifice be in Thy sight this day pleasing to Thee."
- O God of Malachi, who foretold Christ's pure offering by us, the Gentiles.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men, and the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it ... And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

- O God, Who sent Thy Holy Spirit on the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- O God, by Whom she conceived Emmanuel, Thine only begotten Son.
- O God, we magnify Thee with her.
- O God, for Whom the angels sang, "Glory in the highest" at His birth.
- O God, Who sent the Magi to adore the Infant Jesus.
- O God, Whose Divine Son Our Lady and St Joseph sought and found in the Temple.
- O God, for Whom His Divine Son lived a Hidden Life to teach us obedience, prayer and work.

LEADER: The new Response to the petitions is:

We Adore Thee in the Blessed Sacrament.

- O Jesus, eye hath has not seen nor ear heard what Thou hast prepared for those who love Thee.
- O Jesus, Who made water into wine as a sign of Thy royal wedding to the Church.
- O Jesus, Who hast taught us to pray, "Hallowed be Thy Name" and "Give us this day our daily bread."
- O Jesus, Who of Thy Body told us, "Eat this bread and live forever."
- O Jesus, Who taught us to reconciled to our offended brothers first.
- O Jesus, Who calls us to confess our sins to receive Thy forgiveness.
- O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, Who invites us to to come unto Thee with hearts like unto Thine.
- O Jesus, it is good for us to be here, as on the holy mountain when Thou foretold Thy Passover in Jerusalem.
- O Jesus, Mediator of the new and eternal covenant.
- O Jesus, High Priest according to the order of Melchisedech.
- O Jesus, Who said, "With desire have I desired to eat this Passover with you, before I suffer."
- O Jesus, Who said, "Do this in memory of Me." and made Thine Apostles priest to offer Thy Sacrifice, that through them all of us might share in it and offer up ourselves with Thee.
- O Jesus, Who on the altar of the Cross made this same Sacrifice for all to see.
- O Jesus, to Whom Doubting Thomas at Thy Resurrection said, "My Lord and my God!"
- O Jesus, Who made hearts burn with the Scriptures about Thyself and invite us to pray them.
- O Jesus, of Whom John told Peter, "It is the Lord!"
- O Jesus, Who from the Father continues to send the Holy Spirit upon Thy Church.
- O Jesus, Who gathers us for, "the breaking of Bread."

We Adore Thee in the Blessed Sacrament.

- O Jesus, whoever eats this bread or drinks the cup unworthily profanes Thy Body and Blood.
- O Jesus, as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim Thy death until Thy Second Coming.
- O Jesus, help us to examine ourselves, lest we eat and drink damnation to ourselves, not discerning Thy Body.
- O Jesus, at Whose altar they cannot eat who serve the tabernacle of the Old Covenant.
- O Jesus, Who stand at our door and knock.
- O Jesus, let us not abandon our first love; let us not wax hot and cold.
- O Jesus, Who grant us to eat of the Tree of Life.
- O Jesus, blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.
- O Jesus, Who art with us to the end of the world.
- O Jesus, both Spirit and the Bride bid us come.
- O Jesus, Who with Thy Father and the Holy Spirit art a consuming fire.

ACT of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

ALL:

THOU ART HERE, LORD JESUS, in this Thy Holy Temple, in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar of Sacrifice. Let the whole earth keep silence before Thee. Thy majesty veils the heavens, the earth is filled with Thy glory. I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in God my Jesus.

I HUNGER FOR THEE, LORD JESUS, the Bread of God Who came down from Heaven to give life to the world. May I eat this Bread and live forever!

O LORD JESUS, Who said, "I greatly desire to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, let us join Thee now on all altars of the world where Mass is being offered today, in an act of spiritual Holy Communion, as though we were receiving Thee sacramentally at this moment."

COME TO MY HEART, LORD JESUS, there is room in my heart for Thee. Come, Lord, and do not tarry.

LET US FOREVER adore the most holy Sacrament.