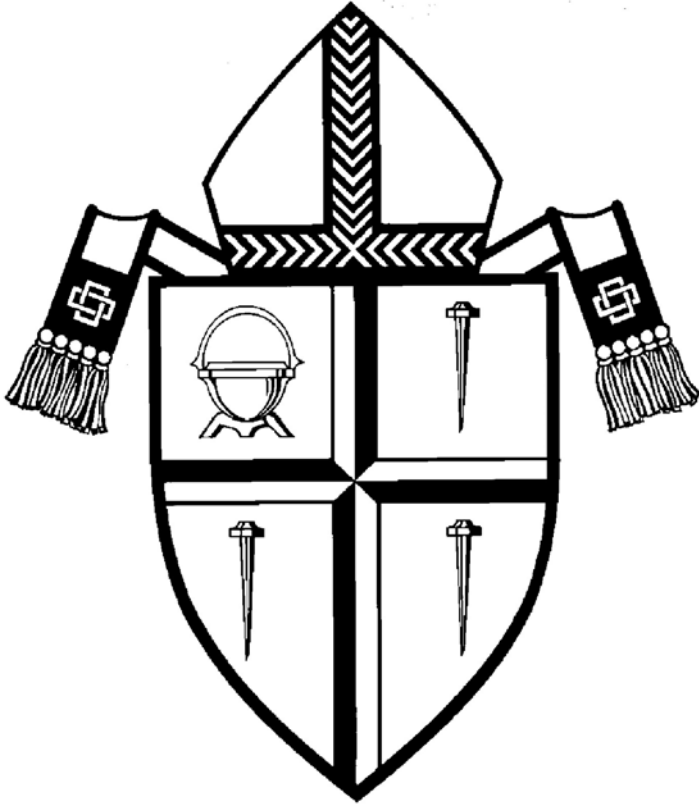


Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations



Diocese of San Diego

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

After the people have assembled, one of the following or another song may be sung while the Eucharist is brought to the altar. After exposition, the presider incenses the Blessed Sacrament.



1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - 'reign King, Who is the
2. Your reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To ev - 'ry
3. To you, and to your church, great King, We pledge our



world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age do we bring And
land and na - tion; For in your King - dom, Lord di - vine, A -
heart's ob - la - tion; Un - til be - fore your throne we sing In



thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.
lone we find sal - va - tion. Christ Je - sus, Vic - tor!
end - less ju - bi - la - tion.



Christ Je - sus, Rul - er! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re - deem - er!



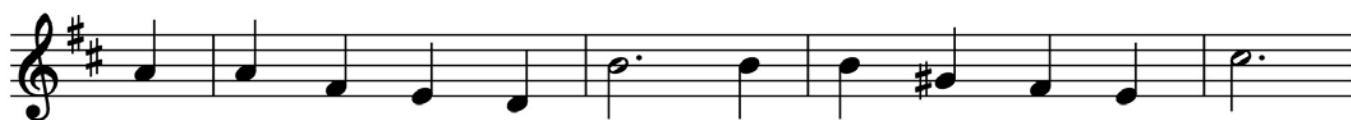
Alternate Song



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Where an - gels sing a - bove;



1. All king-doms of the earth re - sound In praise of him a - lone.
2. Who on the third day did a - rise And hope to sin - ners gave.
3. Crown him the King, to whom is giv'n The won - drous name of Love.



1. A - wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
2. His glo - ry now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
3. Crown him with man - y crowns, As thrones be - fore him fall.



1. And hail him as thy ris - en King For all e - ter - ni - ty.
2. Who came e - ter - nal life to bring, Who lives, no more to die.
3. Through - out the earth his praise re - sounds For he is Lord of all.



Opening Prayer

Kneel

Presider: Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider: Praise to you, Jesus, source of truth and life! In the great mystery of the Eucharist you feed and sanctify your people so that we might be united in faith and love.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider: Praise to you, Jesus, the Good Shepherd! You gave your life for your sheep and founded your Church on the apostles to proclaim the way of truth which leads to eternal joy.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider: Praise to you, Jesus, eternal priest and obedient servant! You choose men to celebrate your holy mysteries, so that in every part of the world a perfect sacrifice may be offered to the glory of your Name and for building up the Church.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider: Praise to you, Jesus, source of salvation! You enliven the Church with the life-giving presence of the Spirit. In the faithful witness of men and women religious you give us a sure sign of your love.

All: **Blessed be God for ever**

PART I

Reading

Stand

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (9:35-38).

Jesus toured all the towns and villages. He taught in their synagogues, he proclaimed the good news of God's reign and he cured every sickness and disease. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity. They were lying prostrate from exhaustion, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples: "The harvest is good but the laborers are scarce. Beg the harvest master to send out laborers to gather his harvest."

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Silent Reflection (5 to 10 minutes)

Sit

Prayer

Kneel

Presider: Lord, eternal shepherd, you have chosen men from among your people and have anointed them with the Holy Spirit;

All: fill with your gifts those you have selected for apostolic ministry in your Church.

Presider: Protect and increase the number of your priests;

All: that your word may be known to the ends of the earth.

Presider: Send laborers to gather the harvest;

All: grant that they may witness in their lives to what they celebrate in the sacred mysteries.

Presider: Through your vicars you continue your ministry of shepherding souls;

All: **grant us continual growth of holiness under the direction of our pastors.**

Presider: You are the bridegroom and the Church is your bride;

All: **bless those consecrated to you in the vowed life, that they may be faithful to their vocation.**

Presider: You marvelously illumine your Church through distinguished leaders and holy men and women;

All: **let Christians always rejoice in such splendor.**

Presider: Be the inspiration of children and young people;

All: **in your love may they find your will and have the courage to do it.**

Presider: And finally we pray together:

All: **Jesus, Good Shepherd, bless the Church with priests, priests with hearts like your own, priests who will give themselves with pastoral charity to those in their care.**

Lord of the harvest, to you we entrust our diocese. Guide our pastors and bless all who have responded generously to the call to serve as priests and deacons. Bless also those in the consecrated life and in missionary apostolates.

Look with love on our young people and call them to follow you. Help them to understand that in you alone can they find complete fulfillment, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Optional Song

PART II

Reading

Stand

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (1:14-20).

After John's arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming the good news of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Reform your lives and believe in the gospel!" As he made his way along the Sea of Galilee, he observed Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me; I will make you fishers of men." They immediately abandoned their nets and became his followers. Proceeding a little farther along, he caught sight of James, Zebedee's son, and his brother John. They too were in their boat putting their nets in order. He summoned them on the spot. They abandoned their father Zebedee, who was in the boat with the hired men, and went off in his company.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Silent Reflection (5 to 10 minutes)

Sit

Prayers

Kneel

Presider: Lord, Jesus, you established your Church on the foundation of the apostles;

All: **make us your witnesses in our homes and families, in our places of work and recreation, in our local communities and nation, and to the farthest corners of the world.**

Presider: You preached the good news to the poor;

All: **help us to proclaim the gospel to every creature.**

Presider: You have chosen bishops, priests and deacons to continue the ministry of the apostles;

All: **may they experience your power at work in them and through them for the salvation of all humanity.**

Presider: You commanded your apostles to teach all nations;

All: **grant that missionaries who work at sowing the seed of your word may share the joy of the harvest.**

Presider: You are the perfect example of consecrated living;

All: **may those who have left everything behind to follow you image your presence in simplicity of life, celibate chastity and humble obedience.**

Presider: You came to reconcile to God people of every race and nation, every language and culture;

All: **may more and more young people respond to your call to serve as priests and religious.**

Presider: And finally we pray together:

All: **Lord, Jesus, you called the apostles to be fishers of men. Speak now to the hearts of our young people; invite them to be your companions and instruments of your love. Help them to respond to your call with courage and not to be afraid to be salt for the earth and light for the world.**

Lord, bless and enrich your Church with vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For this we pray as you taught us:

**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. Amen.**

Optional Song

PART III

Reading

Stand

A reading from the holy gospel according to John (15:1-5, 9-16).

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I am the true vine and my Father is the vinegrower. He prunes away every barren branch, but the fruitful ones he trims clean to increase their yield. You are clean already, thanks to the word I have spoken to you. Live on in me, as I do in you. No more than a branch can bear fruit of itself apart from the vine, can you bear fruit apart from me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever lives in me and I in him will produce abundantly, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love. You will live in my love if you keep my commandments, even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and live in his love. All this I tell you that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.”

“It was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that all you ask the Father in my name he will give you. The command I give you is this, that you love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Silent Reflection (5 to 10 minutes)

Sit

Prayers

Kneel

Presider: Lord, Jesus, you are the true vine and we are the branches;

All: **bless us to remain in you and to bear much fruit in witness to the Gospel way of life.**

Presider: You have given the Pope pastoral care of all the Churches;

All: **give him also unfailing faith, living hope and apostolic charity.**

Presider: Assist the College of Bishops in union with the Holy Father;

All: fill them with your Spirit of unity, love and peace.

Presider: Bless our priests and deacons to be committed to their vocation, fervent in prayer and unselfish in their ministry;

All: mindful that you have chosen them, may they be faithful to your call and put into practice in their lives the mystery of your death and resurrection.

Presider: Confirm in their vocation the religious who have abandoned the way of the world in order to follow you more closely;

All: make them a living gospel for all to hear.

Presider: May our young people come to know your will for them;

All: and in loving response to your love, may they find true and lasting happiness.

Presider: And finally we pray together:

All: Lord, Jesus, you chose the Virgin Mary to be your mother and gave her to be the mother of us all. By the help of her prayers, and through the intercession of San Diego de Alcalá, we beg you for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all of us called to be your disciples and members of your Church. Bless us to be obedient servants, as you were obedient in loving response to the Father's love. Bless us to be like you in prayer and sacrifice for each other and for all our brothers and sisters. Bless us with happy marriages and holy families, with bishops, religious, deacons and priests to image your presence among us, and with dedicated lay people, both married and single, to be signs of your love for the world. Bless us to be good stewards of your gifts to us, and to continue the work you began: a mission in behalf of communion, in truth, love and mercy. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.

PART IV

Litany of Jesus, Priest and Victim

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

God, the Father in heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Priest and Victim,
Jesus, Priest forever, according to
 the order of Melchisedech,
Jesus, Priest sent by God to
 preach the Gospel to the poor,
Jesus, Priest who at the Last Supper
 instituted the Eucharist
 as a sacrament of the eternal sacrifice,
Jesus, Priest living forever to make intercession for us,
Jesus, High Priest whom the Father
 anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power,
Jesus, High Priest taken from among men,
Jesus, made High Priest for the whole human race,
Jesus, High Priest of our profession of faith,
Jesus, High Priest of greater glory than Moses,
Jesus, High Priest of the true tabernacle,
Jesus, High Priest of good things to come,
Jesus, holy High Priest, innocent and undefiled,
Jesus, faithful and merciful High Priest,
Jesus, High Priest of God, on fire with zeal for souls,
Jesus, perfect High Priest forever,
Jesus, High Priest who pierced heaven with your own blood,
Jesus, High Priest who initiated us into a new life,
Jesus, High Priest who loved us
 and washed us clean of our sins in your blood,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, High Priest, who gave yourself up to God
as offering and victim,
Jesus, sacrificial victim of God and man,
Jesus, sacrificial victim, holy and spotless,
Jesus, sacrificial victim, mild and gentle,
Jesus, peace-making sacrificial victim,
Jesus, sacrificial victim of atonement and praise,
Jesus, sacrificial victim of reconciliation and peace,
Jesus, sacrificial victim in whom
we have confidence and access to God,
Jesus, sacrificial victim living for ever,

have mercy on us.

Be gracious!
Be gracious!

**Spare us, Jesus!
Hear us, Jesus!**

Through your eternal priesthood,
Through the holy anointing by
which God the Father made you a priest,
Through your priestly spirit,
Through the ministry by which
you glorified your Father on this earth,
Through the immolation of yourself
made once and for all on the cross,
Through that same sacrifice renewed daily on our altars,
Through the divine power which you exercise
invisibly in your priests,
That you will keep the entire priestly order
in fidelity and holiness,
That you will provide your people
with pastors after your own heart,
That you will fill them with the spirit
of your priesthood,
That the lips of your priests will speak the truth with love,
That you will send faithful workers into your harvest,
That you will increase the priestly ministers of your mysteries,
That you will help them to persevere
in doing your will,

Jesus, save your people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That you will give them gentleness in their ministry,
skill in their work, and constancy in their prayer,
That through them you will promote veneration of the
Blessed Sacrament all over the world,
That you will receive into your joy
those who have served you well,

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,

spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,

graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, our Priest,

hear us.

Jesus, Priest and Victim,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray:

**All: O God, guardian and sanctifier of your Church, stir up
through your Spirit suitable and faithful ministers of your holy
mysteries, so that by their ministry and example the Christian
people may be guided in the path of salvation.**

**When the disciples fasted and prayed, you ordered that Saul
and Barnabas be set aside for the work to which you called
them. Be with your Church today. You, who know the hearts of
all, show us those whom you have chosen for your sacred
ministry. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Song

Kneel

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.
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.

As the assembly sings, the presider incenses the Blessed Sacrament.

Prayer

Presider:

Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist
as the memorial of your suffering and death.
Give us more priests and religious.
Inspire young men and women to give themselves
completely to your work.
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 your kingdom
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Blessing

The presider puts on the humeral veil, goes to the altar, genuflects and takes the monstrance with which he blesses the people at which time they make a sign of the cross.

Divine Praises (optional)

All: 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.

Reposition

Concluding Song

Holy God, we praise thy name!
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth thy sceptre claim,
All in heaven above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.
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!
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy! Holy! Holy Lord!

Alternate Concluding Song

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this gracious God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
Preserve us in his grace,
And guide us in distress,
And free us from all sin,
Till heaven we possess.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Spirit blest,
Who reigns in highest heaven,
Eternal, Triune God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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