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Catholic Center

Exposition & Benediction Prayers

“Exposition of the holy eucharist...is intended to acknowledge Christ’s marvelous presence in the sacrament. Exposition invites us to the spiritual union with him that culminates in sacramental communion. Thus it fosters very well the worship which is due to Christ in spirit and in truth.

This kind of exposition must clearly express the cult of the blessed sacrament in relationship to the Mass. The plan of the exposition should carefully avoid anything which might somehow obscure the principal desire of Christ in instituting the eucharist, namely, to be with us as food, medicine, and comfort” (Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass, #82)

EXPOSITION

O Salutaris Hostia

O saving Victim, open wide
The gate of Heaven to man below;
Our foes press on from every side;
Your aid supply; your strength bestow.

*O salutaris Hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium;
Bella premunt hostilla,
Da robur, fer auxillium.*

To your great name be endless praise;
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
Grant us, for endless length of days,
In our true native land to be.

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

ADORATION

During the adoration there are prayers, songs, scripture readings, and possibly a homily to develop a better understanding of the eucharistic mystery. Silent prayer is also encouraged. If time allows, the Liturgy of the Hours may be celebrated here.

BENEDICTION

It is customary to sing/recite the prayer Tantum Ergo just before Benediction.

Tantum Ergo

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.

*TANTUM ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.*

Glory be to God the Father,
Praise to his coequal Son.
Adoration to the Spirit,
Bond of love, in Godhead one.

Blest be God by all creation
Joyously while ages run!

*Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.*

REPOSITION

As the priest or deacon replaces the Sacrament in the tabernacle, the assembly sings or says the following acclamations.

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.