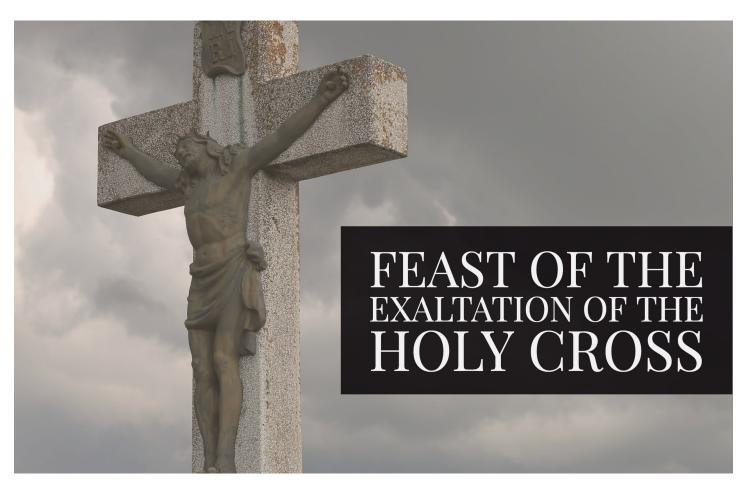


Mass of Atonement



The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout Bishop of the Diocese of Richmond, Presider

Friday, the Fourteenth of September
Two Thousand Eighteen
Seven in the Evening

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Richmond, Virginia

MASS OF ATONEMENT

If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it. (1 Corinthians 12:26)

Bishop Knestout said on August 15, 2018: "Our Church—especially its bishops—must continually seek forgiveness for our failures." He continued, "we must prayerfully seek healing and reconciliation with all who have been hurt." As the leader and shepherd of our Diocese, through this Atonement Mass tonight, the Bishop invites all of us to pray together with him as he prays for the victims of abuse, expresses sorrow for the failure of Church leaders, and atones for the sins of past leadership in the universal Church.

LIGHTING OF THE VOTIVES

We invite you to take a tea light votive as you enter the cathedral and place it at the foot of the cross as a sign of unity with all those who have suffered abuse or have been affected by abuse in any way.

Light a votive... Say a prayer...

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To maintain the appropriate reverence during this Mass, please refrain from taking any photos or videos. Both professional photography and videography will be used during this Mass, to assist those of the Diocese who are unable to physically be with us.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Welcome

Maryjane Fuller, Director, Safe Environment/ Director, Human Resources

The Mass of Atonement begins in silence as the Bishop processes from the rear of the cathedral.

Upon reaching the foot of the altar, the Bishop bows and then moves to stand before the cross. He then lays down and sets aside his crozier. He removes his miter and sets it aside. The Bishop begins the liturgy in front of the cross.

Greeting

Bishop: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All present: Amen

Bishop: Peace be with you.

All present: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Bishop: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare

ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

After introducing the Penitential Rite, the Bishop removes his episcopal ring and puts it aside. The bishop removes his symbols of office (miter, crozier, and episcopal ring) as an act of humility. He, like each one of us, is a member of the body of Christ, a baptized believer called to a life modeled on the gospels.

The Bishop then prostrates himself before the cross and altar. This prostration, similar to the prostration at the Good Friday liturgy, signifies contrition, humility, reverence, deep anguish for the suffering Christ, and too, the grief and sorrow of the Church.

After a few minutes of silence, the prayer of contrition begins:

All present: I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned,

in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault,

through my most grievous fault;

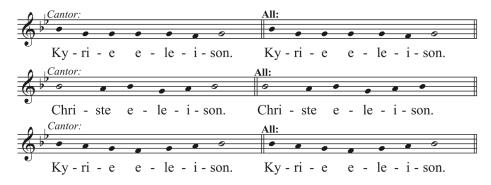
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers ans sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy)



The Bishop remains prostrated until the conclusion of the Kyrie, elesion. Once the Kyrie concludes, the Bishop stands and leaves the symbols of his office at the foot of the cross for the remainder of the liturgy.

He then moves to the altar to conclude the Penitential Act.

Bishop: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to

everlasting life.

All present: Amen.

Gloria



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Numbers 21:4B-9

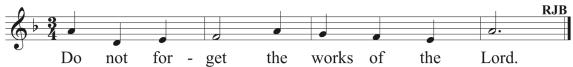
Proclaimed by: Vy Barto

En aquellos días, el pueblo se impacientó y murmuró contra Dios y contra Moisés, diciendo: "¿Para qué nos sacaste de Egipto? ¿Para que muriéramos en el desierto? No tenemos pan ni agua y ya estamos hastiados de esta miserable comida".

Entonces envió Dios contra el pueblo serpientes venenosas, que los mordían, y murieron muchos israelitas. El pueblo acudió a Moisés y le dijo: "Hemos pecado al murmurar contra el Señor y contra ti. Ruega al Señor que aparte de nosotros las serpientes". Moisés rogó al Señor por el pueblo y el Señor le respondió: "Haz una serpiente como ésas y levántala en un palo. El que haya sido mordido por las serpientes y mire la que tú hagas, vivirá". Moisés hizo una serpiente de bronce y la levantó en un palo; y si alguno era mordido y miraba la serpiente de bronce, quedaba curado.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **All present:** Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm



Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Proclaimed by: Alfredo Serrano

Brothers and sisters:

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Reader: Palabra de Dios.

All present: Te alabamos Señor.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand



Gospel Verse: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.

Gospel John 3:13-17

Bishop: The Lord be with you. **All present: And with your spirit.**

Bishop: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All present: Glory to you, O Lord.

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a Nicodemo: "Nadie ha subido al cielo sino el Hijo del hombre, que bajó del cielo y está en el cielo. Así como Moisés levantó la serpiente en el desierto, así tiene que ser levantado el Hijo del hombre, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna.

Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo, que le entregó a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna. Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por él".

After the proclamation of the Gospel:

Bishop: The Gospel of the Lord.

All present: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

Homily Bishop Barry C. Knestout

Prayer of the Faithful Please stand

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Please be seated

Bishop: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be

Please stand

acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All present: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and

glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

All present: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop: The Lord be with you. **All Present: And with your spirit.**

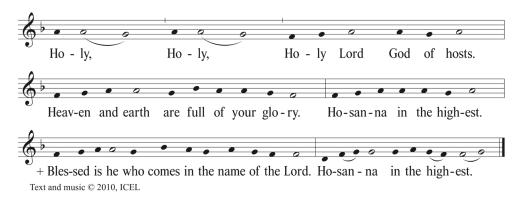
Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All Present: We lift them up to the Lord.

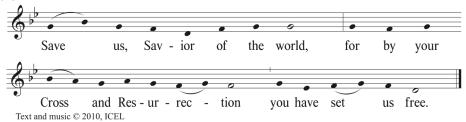
Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All Present: It is right and just.

Sanctus



Memorial Acclamation



Doxology and Amen



Please stand

Please kneel

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

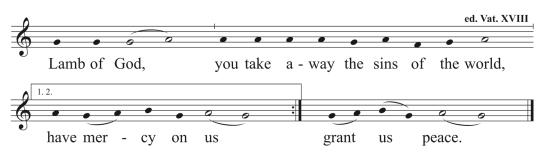
The Sign of Peace

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All present: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Lamb of God



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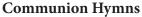
Bishop: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All Present: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the

word and my soul shall be healed.

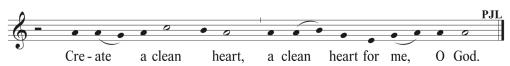
Communio: By the sign of the cross, deliver us from our enemies, O Lord our God.

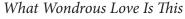


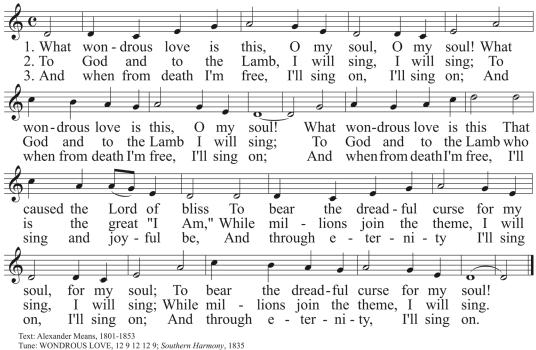
You, O Lord, Are the Fountain of Life



Create a Clean Heart







Exposition

Immediately after the distribution of communion, a monstrance is placed on the altar. The Bishop places the host in the monstrance. He then returns to his chair.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

Incensation and Song

Please kneel when the Bishop kneels

Following the Prayer after Communion, the Bishop goes to the altar and prepares to incense the eucharist. He then kneels before the blessed sacrament; all are invited to kneel or be seated.





Period of Silence

Chaplet of Divine Mercy



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Following the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Bishop moves to the altar and removes the blessed sacrament from the monstrance and places it in the tabernacle.

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After the blessed sacrament is in the tabernacle, all are invited to stand.

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Please stand

The Bishop returns to the altar for the Final Blessing and Dismissal.

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Final Blessing and Dismissal

Bishop: The Lord be with you. **All Present: And with your spirit.**

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All Present: Now and for ever.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All Present: Who made heaven and earth.

Bishop: May almighty God bless you,

the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy + Spirit.

All Present: Amen.

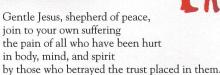
Bishop: Go in peace.

All present: Thanks be to God.

The Bishop then recesses to the rear of the Cathedral.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.



Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.

Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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UNA ORACIÓN DE SANACIÓN VÍCTIMAS DE ABUSO

Dios del amor infinito, Siempre presente, siempre justo; Tú nos cuidas y nos proteges Y nos diste a tu único Hijo Para salvarnos con su sangre en la cruz.

Jesús manso, pastor de la paz, Dígnate unir a tu propio sufrimiento El dolor de todos los que han sido heridos

De cuerpo, mente y espíritu Por parte de aquellos que traicionaron la confianza puesta en ellos.

Escucha el clamor de nuestros hermanos y hermanas Que han sido lastimados gravemente,

Así como el clamor de aquellos que los aman. Dales la esperanza que mitigue el desosiego de sus corazones,

Dales la fe que calme sus espíritus perturbados. Concédeles justicia para su causa, Ilumínalos con tu verdad.

Espíritu Santo, consolador de corazones, Cura las heridas de tus hijos e hijas Y devuelve la integridad a lo que ha sido quebrantado. Concédenos el valor y la sabiduría,

La humildad y la gracia, para actuar con justicia. Sopla tu sabiduría en nuestras oraciones y empeños. Que todos los que han sido heridos por el abuso

encuentren paz y justicia.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

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