A CEREMONY FOR THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

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OPENING OF THE FORTY HOURS

The Mass is concluded as usual. The celebrant removes his maniple and enthrones the Blessed Sacrament.

An appropriate Eucharistic hymn is sung.

After the hymn the celebrant and people recite the Litany of the Saints. After the concluding prayers of the Litany, the celebrant and servers leave the altar.

If a procession is held, the procedure for the procession in the closing ceremony is observed.

CLOSING OF THE FORTY HOURS

The closing ceremonies begin with the sung Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, which is permitted by the rubrics on any except a feast of the first class. The Last Gospel is omitted. After the final blessing the celebrant removes the chasuble and maniple and puts on the cope.

The people sing the hymn "Humbly We Adore Thee." During the first verse the celebrant incenses the Blessed Sacrament, receives the humeral veil and begins the procession.



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THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us. God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us. Holy Mary, pray for us. Holy Mother of God, pray for us. Holy Virgin of virgins, St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, All you holy angels and archangels, All you holy orders of blessed spirits, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph, All you holy patriarchs and prophets, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Andrew, St. James, St. John, St. Thomas, St. James, St. Philip, St. Bartholomew, St. Matthew, St. Simon, St. Jude, St. Matthias, St. Barnabas, St. Luke, St. Mark, All you holy apostles and evangelists, All you holy disciples of the Lord, All you holy Innocents, St. Stephen, St. Lawrence, St. Vincent, SS. Fabian and Sebastian, SS. John and Paul, SS. Cosmas and Damian, SS. Gervase and Protase, All you holy martyrs, St. Sylvester, St. Gregory, St. Ambrose, St. Augustine, St. Jerome, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, All you holy bishops and confessors, All you holy doctors, St. Anthony, St. Benedict, St. Bernard, St. Dominic, St. Francis, All you holy priests and levites, All you holy monks and hermits,

St. Mary Magdalen, pray for us. St. Agatha, St. Lucy, St. Agnes, St. Cecilia, St. Catherine, St. Anastasia, All you holy virgins and widows, All you holy saints of God, intercede for us. Be merciful, spare us, O Lord. Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Lord. From all evil, deliver us, O Lord. From all sin, deliver us, O Lord. From your anger, From threatening dangers, From the scourge of earthquakes, From disease and hunger and war, From sudden and unforeseen death, From the treacheries of the devil, From anger, and hatred, and all kinds of ill will, From attitudes of impurity, From lighting and storms, From everlasting death, Because of the mystery of your holy Incarnation, deliver us, O Lord. Because of your coming, Because of your Birth, Because of your baptism and holy fasting, Because of your Cross and Passion, Because of your death and burial, Because of your holy Resurrection, Because of your wonderful Ascension, Because of the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, In the day of judgment, Of us poor sinners, answer our prayers. That you would spare us, answer our prayers. That you would forgive us, That you would lead us to true repentance, That you would govern and preserve your holy Church, That you would preserve in holy religion our Apostolic Prelate and all orders of the Church, That you would bring down the enemies of our holy Church, That you would give peace and harmony to Christian rulers, That you would grant peace and unity to the whole Christian world, answer our prayers. That you would restore to the unity of the Church all who have strayed from the truth, and lead all those without belief to the light of the Gospel, That you would keep us and make us strong in your holy service, That you would lift up our minds to the things of heaven, That you would reward with eternal blessings all those who have helped us, That you would deliver from eternal punishment our souls, and the souls of our brethren, relatives and benefactors, That you would give and preserve the good things of the earth, That you would give eternal rest to all the faithful departed,

That you would hear us in all these things, answer our prayers. Son of God,

- Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the
- world, spare us, O Lord. Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord. Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the
- world, have mercy on us.
- Christ, hear us.

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

Christ, have mercy on us.

- Lord, have mercy on us.
- P. Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- All. 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.
- The psalm is alternated between celebrant and the people. PSALM 69:
- Be pleased, O God, to aid me; O Lord, Р. hasten to help me.
- All. Let them be put to shame and confusion that seek my life.
- Let them be turned back and disgraced who P. wish evil to me.
- All. Let them be turned back in disgrace who ridicule me.
- P. May all who seek you be happy with you.
- All. And may those who look for your help say always: God be praised. But I am poor and desolate; O God, help me!
- **P**.
- All. But you are my helper and my liberator,
- O Lord, do not delay. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and Ρ. to the Holy Spirit,
- All. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Versicle:
- **P**. Save your servants.
- All. Who hope in you, my God. P. Lord, be a strong fortress for us.
- All. In the face of the enemy. P. May the enemy accomplis
- May the enemy accomplish nothing to harm
- All. And may the devil do nothing to injure us. P. O Lord, do not deal with us as we deserve for our sins.
- All. Do not treat us according to our wickedness. P. Let us pray for our Holy Father, N.
- All. May the Lord keep him in good health and give him happiness, and preserve him from the power of his enemies.
- Ρ. Let us pray for those who have helped us.
- All. O Lord, give the rewards of eternal life to all those who have done good to us for the sake of your name. Amen. Let us pray for the faithful departed.
- Ρ.
- All. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. P
- All. Amen.
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- P. Let us pray also for those who are absent.
- All. Save all of those, my God, who hope in you.
- P. Send them, Lord, your heavenly aid.
- All. And protect them from your throne.
- P. O Lord, hear my prayer.
- All. And let my cry come unto you.
- The Lord be with you. Ρ.
- All. And with you. P. Let us pray.

O God, who has left us a memorial of your Passion in this great Sacrament — allow us, we pray, to venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood in such a way that we may always experience the benefit of redemption.

- From the beginning of Advent to Christmas: -

O God! It was your will that at the message of the angel your Word became man in the body of the Virgin Mary. May we, who offer our prayers now and who believe that she really was the Mother of God, have her as a protector in heaven.

From Cbristmas until February 2:

O God, you have given the rewards of eternal salvation to the human race through the Motherhood of the Virgin Mary. Allow us to have her as an intercessor through whom we have received the Author of Life, Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord.

From February 2 to Easter; and from Trinity Sunday until Advent:

Grant to us, O Lord God, your servants, the happiness of continued health of mind and body, and by the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary who was ever a Virgin, free us from sad things of the present time, and give us everlasting happiness.

During Paschaltide:

O God, through the Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have brought joy into the whole world; now grant, we implore you, that through his Virgin Mother Mary we may take possession of the happiness of life everlasting.

Almighty, everlasting God, have mercy on your servant, our Sovereign Pontiff, N., and out of your kindness, direct him on the way to everlasting salvation; grant that by your grace he may desire the things that are pleasing to you, and work with all his strength to do them.

O God, our refuge, our strength, and the very source of mercy, listen to the prayers of your Church, so that what we ask for with faith we may actually receive.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have power over the living and the dead, and you are merciful to all whom you know will follow you by faith and good works; we humbly ask that all those for whom we propose to pray, whether they are still alive in this world or their souls have gone to the world to come, may these by your goodness and the intercession of your Saints, obtain pardon of all their sins. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

- P. O Lord, hear my prayer.
- All. And let my cry come unto you.

P. May the Almighty and merciful Lord hear us.

- All. And may He always be our protector. Amen.
- P. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

All. Amen. At the closing: After the Litany, the reposition takes place in the usual manner.



O BREAD OF ANGELS

TANTUM ERGO

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui: Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui. Genitori, Genitoque Laus et jubilatio: Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio: Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

P. Panem de caelo praestitisti eis. (alleluia).

- All. Omne delectamentum in se habentem (alleluia).
- P. Oremus . . . Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quaesumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari; ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.
- All. Amen.



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