

**CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF FAITH
THROUGH THE TEACHING OF VATICAN II**

**Holy Hour for June 2013
Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy
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*If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet,
how much more should you wash each other's feet.*

As the Blessed Sacrament is exposed during this series of Holy Hours to mark the YEAR OF FAITH let us sing each time the hymn that bears these words from St Paul 'We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight'

'WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT'

Celebration For Everyone No 789/ Laudate No 284

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who have called us in Christ to be your adopted sons and daughters, grant that we may always participate worthily in the holy Eucharist for whenever the memorial of your death and resurrection is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

Reader 1:

'The liturgy daily builds up those who are in the Church, making of them a holy temple of the Lord, a dwelling-place for God in the Spirit, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ. At the same time it marvellously increases their power to preach Christ and thus show forth the Church, a sign lifted up among the nations, to those who are outside, a sign under which the scattered children of God may be gathered together until there is one fold and one shepherd. The Council...desires that, where necessary, the rites be revised carefully in the light of sound tradition, and that they be given new vigour to meet present-day circumstances and needs.

(from the Documents of the II Vatican Council.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium) Nos 2, 4)

A PAUSE FOR QUIET REFLECTION

Reader 2

FIRST READING

EXODUS 12:1-8,11-14 (*Lectionary I, Pg. 387*)

'THIS DAY IS TO BE A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE'

12 MINUTE SILENT ADORATION

To conclude this time of adoration and reflection we sing:

I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU MY PEOPLE.

Celebration For Everyone No 290/ Liturgical Hymns Old & New No 382/ Laudate No 796

Other suitable hymns may be used highlighting the theme of God's providence.

Reader 1:

'Holy Mother Church believes that it is for her to celebrate the saving work of her divine Spouse in a sacred commemoration on certain days throughout the course of the year. Once each week, on the day which she has called the Lord's Day, she keeps the memory of the Lord's resurrection. She also celebrated it once every year, together with his blessed passion, at Easter, that most solemn of all feasts. In the course of the year, moreover, she unfolds the whole mystery of Christ from the Incarnation and Nativity to the Ascension, to Pentecost and the expectation of the blessed hope of the coming of the Lord. Thus recalling the mysteries of the redemption, she opens up to the Faithful the riches of her Lord's powers and merits, so that these are in some way made present for all time; the Faithful lay hold of them and are filled with saving grace.'

(from the Documents of the II Vatican Council.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium) No 102)

A PAUSE FOR QUIET REFLECTION

Reader 2

SECOND READING FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 11:23-26 (*Lectionary I, Pg. 388*)

'THIS IS WHAT I RECEIVED FROM THE LORD AND PASSED ON TO YOU.'

12 MINUTE SILENT ADORATION

To conclude this time of adoration and reflection we sing:

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Celebration For Everyone No 272 / Liturgical Hymns Old & New No 349/ Laudate No 629

Other suitable hymns may be used highlighting the precious gift of the Eucharist as food for our pilgrim journey 'until the Lord, comes again.' (1 Cor. 11:26)

Reader 1:

'In the celebration of the Eucharist, a sense of community should be encouraged. Each person will then feel himself or herself united with their brothers and sisters in the communion of the Church, local and universal, and even in a way with all people. In the sacrifice of the Mass in fact, Christ offers himself for the salvation of the entire world. The congregation of the faithful is both type and sign of the union of the whole human race in Christ its Head.'

(from the Documents of the II Vatican Council.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium) 9:18)

A PAUSE FOR QUIET REFLECTION

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 13:1-15 (*Lectionary I, Pg. 389*)

'I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE'

12 MINUTE SILENT ADORATION

To conclude this time of adoration and reflection we sing:

THIS IS MY BODY

Celebration For Everyone No 730 / Liturgical Hymns Old & New No 681/ Laudate No 627

Other suitable hymns may be used highlighting the theme of dying to self; sacrifice.

Leader:

In humility of heart, let us pray to God who cares for everyone.

Response to each prayer: Lord, strengthen the faith of your people

Reader 2:

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| • Keep alive in your Church the strength of faith and the joy of believing. | We pray to the Lord |
| • Strengthen with your power those you have called to the waters of Baptism. | We pray to the Lord |
| • Enlighten with the gifts of the Spirit those you have called to Confirmation. | We pray to the Lord. |
| • Bring to communion in you and unity with each other those you have called to share in the Eucharist. | We pray to the Lord |
| • Help engaged couples to prepare for the future and deepen the love between husband and wife. | We pray to the Lord |
| • Grant love and perseverance to those you have called to share in the ministerial priesthood of Christ and bestow your wisdom and grace on your servants | |
| Benedict our Pope and Patrick, our Bishop. | We pray to the Lord |
| • Anoint with your love and comfort the poor, the sick, the lonely and the afflicted. | We pray to the Lord |
| • Bring your peace to the nations of the world and rid it of injustice and hatred. | We pray to the Lord |
| • Come to those who have lost their way. | We pray to the Lord |
| • Grant to the dead eternal life. | We pray to the Lord |

BENEDICTION PRAYERS AND HYMNS NOW FOLLOW

LET ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME CRY HOLY

Celebration For Everyone No 356 / Liturgical Hymns Old & New No 301