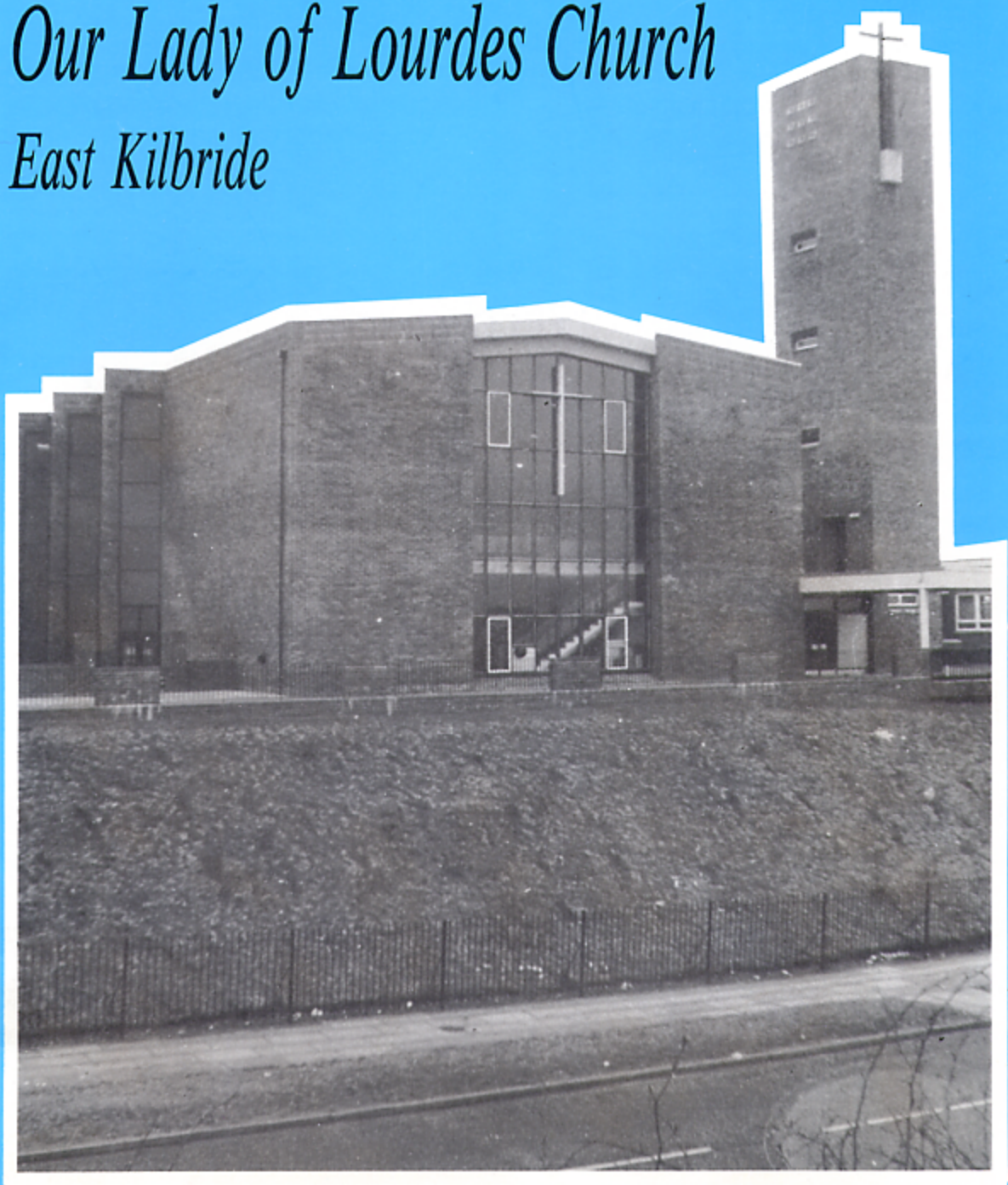


Solemn Dedication

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

East Kilbride



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by

The Right Reverend Joseph Devine, Ph.D.
Bishop of Motherwell

on

Tuesday, 11th February, 1986



**His Holiness, John Paul II graciously bestows
His Apostolic Blessing
on the Priests and Parishioners
of Our Lady of Lourdes, East Kilbride
on the occasion of the
Solemn Dedication of their Church
11th February, 1986**



RIGHT REVEREND JOSEPH DEVINE, Ph.D.
Bishop of Motherwell



Sanctuary of First Church
14th February, 1986

Mass of Dedication

ENTRANCE HYMNS

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come
from thy bright heavenly throne,
come take possession of our souls,
and make them all thine own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,
best gift of God above,
the living spring, the living fire,
sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sev'nfold in thy grace,
finger of God's right hand;
his promise, teaching little ones
to speak and understand.

O guide our minds with thy blest light,
with love our hearts inflame;
and with thy strength, which ne'er decays,
confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;
true peace unto us bring;
and through all perils lead us safe
beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know,
through thee th'eternal Son,
and thee the Spirit of them both,
thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,
with his co-equal Son:
the same to thee, great Paraclete,
while endless ages run.

2. Fill my house unto the fullest.
Eat my bread and drink my wine.
The love I bear is held from no-one.

*All I own and all I do
I give to you.*

Take my time unto the fullest.
Find in me the trust you seek,
and take my hands to you outreaching.

Christ our Lord with love enormous
from the cross his lesson taught
—to love all men as I have loved you.

Join with me as one in Christ-love.
May our hearts all beat as one,
and may we give ourselves completely.

STAND

GREETING

Bishop:

The grace and peace of God be with all of you
in his holy Church.

P. And also with you.

BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

Bishop:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this solemn rite
of dedication let us ask the Lord our God to bless
this water, created by his hand. It is a sign of our
repentance, a reminder of our baptism. May the
grace of God help us to remain faithful members
of his Church, open to the Spirit we have received.

*All pray in silence for a brief period. The bishop then
continues:*

God of mercy,
you call every creature to the light of life,
and surround us with such great love
that when we stray
you continually lead us back to Christ our head.
For you have established an inheritance of such
mercy,
that those sinners, who pass through water made
sacred,
die with Christ and rise restored
as members of his body
and heirs of his eternal covenant.

Bless † this water;
sanctify it.

As it is sprinkled upon us and throughout this
church
make it a sign of the saving waters of baptism,
by which we become one in Christ, the temple of
your Spirit.

May all here today,
and all those in days to come,
who will celebrate your mysteries in this church
be united at last in the holy city of your peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

P. Amen.

*The Bishop, accompanied by the deacons, passes
through the main body of the church, sprinkling the
people and the walls with the holy water; then, when
he has returned to the sanctuary, he sprinkles the altar.*

All sing:

Turn to me, O turn, and be saved,
says the Lord, for I am God;
there is no other, none beside me.
I call your name.

I am he that comforts you;
who are you to be afraid.
Of flesh that fades, is made like the
grass of the field soon to wither.

Listen to me, my people;
give ear to me, my nation.
A law will go forth from me,
and my justice for a light to the people.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth down below.
The heavens will vanish like smoke;
and the earth will wear out like a garment.

After the sprinkling the Bishop returns to the chair and, when the singing is finished, standing with hands joined, says:

May God, the Father of mercies,
dwell in this house of prayer.
May the grace of the Holy Spirit cleanse us,
for we are the temple of his presence.

All: Amen.

GLORIA (Sung)

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Lord God heavenly King, almighty God and
Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise
you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ only Son of the Father
Lord God Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy
on us.

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are
the Lord.
You alone are the Most High Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the
Father.

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

*All pray in silence for a brief period. Then the
Bishop, with hands extended, says:*

Lord,
fill this place with your presence,
and extend your hand
to all those who call upon you.
May your word here proclaimed
and your sacraments here celebrated
strengthen the hearts of all the faithful.
We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING—Catherine McCulloch

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

On the occasion of the return of the Chosen
people from exile in Babylon, the rebuilt temple
is dedicated, and Ezra the priest reads the Book
of the Law of the Lord to the people, reminding
them that it is their holiness of life which should
make the consecration of their temple a living
thing and not just a legal formality.

At the end of the reading:

Cantor:

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
all who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Response:

Here I am Lord; is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me,

I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Response:

I the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Response:

SECOND READING—Martin Halleron

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

St. Paul reminds his readers that it is they who are real temple of God, built on Christ. The material temple is only a symbol of the people of God.

At the end of the reading:

Cantor:

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

"I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, for my name to be there forever."

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

STAND

The Lord be with you.

P. And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The presence of Our Lord in his house brings Zacchaeus a blessing and the grace of conversion.

P. Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd;

so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down, Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

SIT

Preacher:

Right Reverend Joseph Devine, Ph.D.

STAND

PROFESSION OF FAITH (Credo III)

All: Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum, et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero, genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri: per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato; passus et sepultus est, et resurrexit tertia die secundum scripturas, et ascendit in caelum, sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria, iudicare vivos et mortuos, cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem; qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur: qui locutus est per prophetas. Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE ANOINTINGS

STAND

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Bishop:

Let us ask the saints to support our prayers to God the Father almighty, who has made the hearts of his people faithful temples of his Spirit.

KNEEL

LITANY OF THE SAINTS**KNEEL**

Cantors. **All.**
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 Holy Mary, Mother of God. **pray for us.**
 St. Michael. **pray for us.**
 Holy angels of God. **pray for us.**
 St. John the Baptist **pray for us.**
 St. Joseph. **pray for us.**
 Saint Peter and Saint Paul. **pray for us.**
 St. Andrew. **pray for us.**
 St. John. **pray for us.**
 St. Mary Magdalene. **pray for us.**
 St. Stephen. **pray for us.**
 St. Lawrence. **pray for us.**
 St. John Ogilvie. **pray for us.**
 St. Agnes. **pray for us.**
 St. Gregory. **pray for us.**
 St. Augustine. **pray for us.**
 St. Athanasius. **pray for us.**
 St. Basil. **pray for us.**
 St. Martin. **pray for us.**
 St. Kentigern. **pray for us.**
 St. Benedict. **pray for us.**
 St. Francis and St. Dominic. **pray for us.**
 St. Francis Xavier. **pray for us.**
 St. John Vianney. **pray for us.**
 St. Catherine. **pray for us.**
 St. Teresa. **pray for us.**
 St. Margaret. **pray for us.**
 St. Patrick. **pray for us.**
 St. Bernadette. **pray for us.**
 St. Bride. **pray for us.**
 St. Vincent de Paul. **pray for us.**
 St. Leonard **pray for us.**
 All holy men and women. **pray for us.**
 Lord be merciful. **Lord, save your people.**
 From all evil **Lord, save your people.**
 From every sin. **Lord, save your people.**
 From everlasting death. **Lord, save your people.**
 By your coming as man. **Lord, save your people.**
 By your death and rising to new life. **Lord, save your people.**
 By your gift of the Holy Spirit. **Lord, save your people.**
 Be merciful to us sinners. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 Guide and protect your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 Keep the Pope and all the clergy in faithful service to your Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 Bring all peoples together in trust and peace. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen us in your service. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 Make this church holy and consecrate it to your worship. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 Bless all who have helped in its building **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 Jesus, Son of the living God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 Christ hear us. **Christ, hear us.**
 Lord Jesus, hear our prayer. **Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Bishop:

Lord,
 may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 and of all the saints
 make our prayers acceptable to you.
 May this building,
 which we dedicate to your name,
 be a house of salvation and grace
 where Christians gathered in fellowship
 may worship you in spirit and truth
 and grow together in love.
 Grant this through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.**PRAYER OF DEDICATION****STAND***Bishop:*

Father in heaven,
 source of holiness and true purpose,
 it is right that we praise and glorify your name.
 For today we come before you,
 to dedicate to your lasting service
 this house of prayer, this temple of worship,
 this home in which we are nourished by your word
 and your sacraments.
 Here is reflected the mystery of the Church.
 The Church is fruitful,
 made holy by the blood of Christ:
 a bride made radiant with his glory,
 a virgin splendid in the wholeness of her faith,
 a mother blessed through the power of the Spirit.
 The Church is holy,
 your chosen vineyard:
 its branches envelop the world,
 its tendrils, carried on the tree of the cross,
 reach up to the kingdom of heaven.
 The Church is favoured,
 the dwelling-place of God on earth;
 a temple built of living stones,
 founded on the apostles
 with Jesus Christ its cornerstone.
 The Church is exalted,
 a city set on a mountain:
 a beacon to the whole world,
 bright with the glory of the Lamb,
 and echoing the prayers of her saints.

Lord,
send your Spirit from heaven
to make this church an ever-holy place,
and this altar a ready table for the sacrifice of
Christ.

Here may the waters of baptism
overwhelm the shame of sin;
here may your people die to sin
and live again through grace as your children.
Here may your children,
gathered around your altar,
celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Lamb,
and be fed at the table
of Christ's word and Christ's body.
Here may prayer, the Church's banquet,
resound through heaven and earth
as a plea for the world's salvation.
Here may the poor find justice,
the victims of oppression, true freedom.
From here may the whole world
clothed in the dignity of the children of God,
enter with gladness your city of peace.
We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

ANOINTING OF THE ALTAR AND THE WALLS OF THE CHURCH

Bishop:

We now anoint this altar and this building. May
God in his power make them holy, visible signs
of the mystery of Christ and his Church.

All: Antiphon.

**Holy is the temple of the Lord,
It is God's handiwork,
his dwelling place.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
The world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
On the waters he made it firm.

Antiphon.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
Who desires not worthless things.

Antiphon.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
And reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
Seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Antiphon.

INCENSATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE CHURCH

Bishop:

Lord,
may our prayer ascend as incense in your sight.
As this building is filled with fragrance
so may your Church fill the world
with the fragrance of Christ.

All sing:

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of
creation!**

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and
salvation.

All you who hear, now to his altar draw near,
join in profound adoration.

Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at his
altar;

let not our sins and transgressions now cause us
to falter.

Christ, the High Priest, bids us all join in his feast,
Victims with him on the altar.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in us adore
him!

All that has life and breath, come now in praises
before him.

Let the Amen sound from his people again,
now as we worship before him.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR AND THE CHURCH

*The Bishop gives to the deacon a lighted candle
and says:*

Light of Christ,
shine forth in the Church
and bring all nations
to the fullness of truth.

All sing:

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
the sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
and let's give the message to the people we
meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
open the door, let Jesus return,
take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

Go through the park, on into the town;
the sun still shines on; it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
the people of darkness are needing our friend.

Open your eyes, look into the sky,
the darkness has come, the sun came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
but Jesus is living, and his Spirit is near.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III

KNEEL

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY PROFESSION

(Claire Boland, Mairi Boland, Nicholas Fitzsimmons, Margaret Anne McGinn, Damian Robson, Karen Robson).

**In bread we bring you, Lord,
our bodies' labour.
In wine we offer you, our spirit's grief.
We do not ask you Lord, who is my neighbour
but stand united now, one in belief.**

**Oh we have gladly heard, your Word, your holy
Word,
and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith
renew,
our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.**

**The bread we offer you is blessed and broken
and it becomes for us our spirit's food.
Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken;
make it your gift to us, your healing blood.**

**Take all that daily toil, plants in our heart's
poor soil,
take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,
the chances we have missed, the graces we
resist,
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.**

*The Preparation of the Gifts concludes with the
Bishop inviting the congregation to pray in the
following words:*

Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be
acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All: 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 Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord our God.
By the power of this Sacrament
deepen our love
and strengthen our faith;
As we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes,
bind us more and more to each other
in unity and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Bishop:

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Bishop:

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Bishop:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Bishop:

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you
thanks.

We thank you now for this house of prayer
in which you bless your family
as we come to you on pilgrimage.

Here you reveal your presence
by sacramental signs
and make us one with you
through the unseen bond of grace.

Here you build your temple of living stones,
and bring the Church to its full stature
as the body of Christ throughout the world,
to reach its perfection at last
in the heavenly city of Jerusalem,
which is the vision of your peace.

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, dominus.

**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, dominus.**

**Blessed is he who comes, comes in the name
of the Lord.**

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, dominus.

Bishop:

Father, you are holy indeed,
and all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
by the working of the Holy Spirit.
From age to age you gather a people to
yourself,
so that from east to west
a perfect offering may be made
to the glory of your name.

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts.
We ask you to make them holy by the power
of your Spirit,

that they may become the body † and blood of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise.

He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.

It will be shed for you and for all men so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Bishop:

Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation, his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven, and ready to greet him when he comes again, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look with favour on your Church's offering, and see the Victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself.

Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood,

may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make us an everlasting gift to you and enable us to share in the inheritance of your saints,

with Mary, the virgin Mother of God:

with the apostles, the martyrs,

St. Charles and all your saints,

on whose constant intercession we rely for help.

Lord, may this sacrifice, which has made our peace with you, advance the peace and salvation of all the world.

Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth;

your servant Pope John Paul, our bishop Joseph,

and all the bishops, with the clergy and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

Father, hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you.

In mercy and love unite all your children wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship.

We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory,

through Christ Our Lord, from whom all good things come.

Through him, with him,

in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours,

almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All sing:

Amen, Amen, Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

Bishop:

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Bishop:

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil,

and grant us peace in our day.

In your mercy keep us free from sin

and protect us from all anxiety

as we wait in joyful hope

for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Bishop:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your
apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of
your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your
kingdom,
where you live for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Bishop:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

*As a seal and pledge of the preceding prayers, all
exchange a prayer for peace and friendship with the
gesture of a simple handshake and the words Peace
be with you.*

During the Breaking of Bread, the following is sung:

**All: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us Lord we pray.
Have mercy on us Lord. (2)**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the
world, grant us peace.

The Bishop, taking the host, says:

P. This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMNS

Ave Verum.

Ecce Panis.

**I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me shall not hunger.
He who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.**

*And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up at the last day.*

**The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and he who eats this bread
shall live for ever,
he shall live for ever.**

**Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man,
and drink his blood,
and drink his blood,
you shall not have life within you.**

POST COMMUNION

**Lord, Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
you are one with us, Mary's son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus our love for you we sing, living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, now and ev'ry day
teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you.
Into our lives your pow'r breaks through,
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
borne as one of us, Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see you are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life you pow'r breaks through,
living Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord our God,
may the sacraments we receive
show us your forgiveness and love.
May we who honour the Mother of your Son
be saved by his coming among us as man
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Bishop:

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Bishop:

The Lord of earth and heaven
has assembled you before him this day
to dedicate this house of prayer.
May he fill you with the blessings of heaven.

All: Amen.

God the Father wills that all his children scattered
throughout the world
become one family in his Son.
May he make you his temple,
and the dwelling place of his Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

May God free you from every bond of sin,
dwell within you and give you joy.
May you live with him for ever
in the company of all his saints.

All: Amen.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Deacon:

The Mass is ended, go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Immaculate Mary! Our hearts are on fire,
that title so wondrous fills all our desire.

Ave, ave, ave Maria!

We pray for God's glory, may his kingdom come!
We pray for his vicar, our Father, and Rome.

We pray for our mother the church upon earth,
and bless, sweetest Lady, the land of our birth.

For poor, sick, afflicted thy mercy we crave;
and comfort the dying, thou light of the grave.

In grief and temptation, in joy or in pain,
we'll seek thee, our mother, nor seek thee in vain.

In death's solemn moment, our mother, be nigh;
as children of Mary O teach us to die.

And crown thy sweet mercy with this special
grace,
to behold soon in heaven God's ravishing face.

Now to God be all glory and worship for aye,
and to God's virgin mother an endless Ave.