

Eucharistic Revival Solemn Exposition
Eucharistic Prayer Service
National Shrine Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Taken from Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

The presiding minister for this service is normally a priest or deacon; however, in their absence, a lay minister may preside. In such a case the incensation at the beginning and benediction are omitted.

ENTRANCE OF THE MINISTERS

After the people have assembled, the ministers approach the altar while an appropriate song is sung or while instrumental music is played.

If the blessed sacrament is already exposed, the ministers reverence it with a genuflection and go to their chairs.

INCENSATION AND SONG

If the presiding minister is a priest or deacon, then he goes to the altar and, after placing incense in the censer, kneels and incenses the holy eucharist. Meanwhile, a suitable song may be sung by the people. After the incensation, the ministers go to their chairs.

If the presiding minister is a lay person, the incensation is omitted.

GREETING

The presiding minister greets the people, saying:

Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God for ever.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The presiding minister or another minister may briefly introduce the celebration.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

After a brief pause for silent prayer, the presiding minister continues with **ONE** of the following prayers:

**Almighty and eternal God, in Christ your Son
you have shown your glory to the world.**

**Guide the work of your Church:
help it to proclaim your name, to persevere in faith
and to bring your salvation to people everywhere.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

OR

**Father in heaven, you have made us for yourself;
our hearts are restless until they rest in you.**

**Fulfill this longing through Jesus, the Bread of Life,
so that we may witness to him
who alone satisfies the hungers of the human family.**

**By the power of your Spirit lead us to the heavenly table
where we may feast on the vision of your glory for ever and ever.**

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

One or more Scripture readings are then read. Scripture readings may be chosen from Appendix I, Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist.

A suitable pause for silent reflection should follow each reading.

HOMILY

At the conclusion of the last reading a presiding minister who is a priest or a deacon may give a brief Homily.

There may be a period of silent reflection after the homily.

INTERCESSIONS - Option 1

Standing at the chair, the presiding minister invites the people to pray:

My brothers and sisters, our hope is in God, who gives us help. Let us call on the Lord who strengthens us.

Deacon or other minister announces the intercessions:

Lord our God, you made an eternal covenant with your people; keep us mindful of your mighty deeds. R.

Let your ordained ministers grow toward perfect love, and preserve your faithful people in unity by the bond of peace. R.

Send workers into your vineyard, and glorify your name among the nations. R.

May individuals become more responsive to the universal call to holiness in the Church. R.

Strengthen the faith of those who are weak, and enlighten those who do not yet believe. R.

INTERCESSIONS - Option 2

Standing at the chair, the presiding minister invites the people to pray:

My brothers and sisters, our heavenly Father sent his Son Jesus Christ into the world that the world might be saved and all might be delivered from the power of sin and death. As a pilgrim people seeking Christ's gift of everlasting life, let us pray for all people according to their needs.

Deacon or other minister announces the intercessions:

For the holy Church of God throughout the world: that God the almighty Father guide it and gather it together so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility, we pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that God who chose him to be pastor of the whole Church may give him health and strength to guide and govern God's holy people, we pray to the Lord. R.

For Edward, our bishop and Greg his auxiliary bishop; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for all who have a special ministry in the Church, and for all God's people, we pray to the Lord. R.

For all our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ: that God may gather and keep together in one Church all who seek the truth with sincerity, we pray to the Lord. R.

For those who do not believe in God or his Son Jesus Christ: that the light of the Holy Spirit may help them to follow all that is right, and show them the way to salvation, we pray to the Lord. R.

For those who serve us in public office: that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all may live in true peace. and freedom, we pray to the Lord. R.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister then sings or says:

**Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us offer the prayer
Christ himself taught us:**

All: **Our Father...**

The embolism "Deliver us O Lord..." is omitted. A priest or deacon moves immediately to the Benediction.

BENEDICTION

At the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer the presiding minister who is a priest or deacon goes to the altar, genuflects, and then kneels. A suitable eucharistic song is then sung. Meanwhile, the presiding minister incenses the blessed sacrament. He then rises and sings or says one of the following prayers.

A presiding minister who is a lay person omits the incensation and immediately says the following prayers.

Let us pray.

After a brief period of silence, the presiding minister continues:

**Lord our God, teach us to cherish in our hearts the paschal mystery
of your Son
by which you redeemed the world.**

**Watch over the gifts of grace your love has given us
and bring them to fulfillment in the glory of heaven.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

OR

**Lord, may this sacrament of new life
warm our hearts with your love
and make us eager
for the eternal joy of your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen.

After the prayer the presiding minister who is a priest or deacon puts on the humeral veil, genuflects, and takes the monstrance. He then makes the sign of the cross with it over the people in silence.

A presiding minister who is a lay person does not give the blessing.

The presiding priest or deacon replaces the monstrance on the altar after the blessing.

ACCLAMATION OR SONG

After the Benediction, the people may sing an acclamation or another song, or instrumental music may be played. The ministers then depart.