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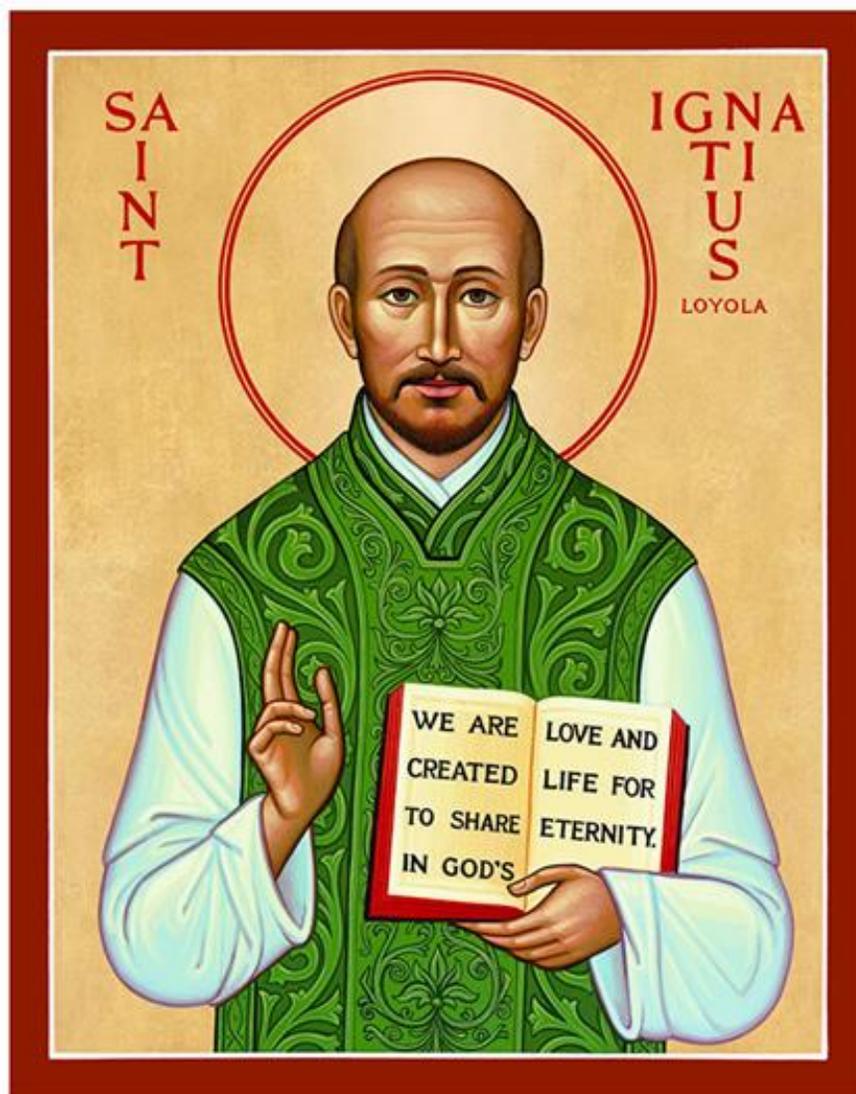
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A Service of Holy Eucharist With Rites of Holy Baptism On the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola



July 31, 2021

The Opening Sentences and Collect of the Day

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who called Ignatius of Loyola to the service of your Divine Majesty and to seek you in all things; Give us also the grace to labor without counting the cost and to seek no reward other than knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 34

Benedicam Dominum

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2. I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.
3. Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.

4. I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.
5. Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6. I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
7. The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.
8. Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!
9. Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
10. The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
11. Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12. Who among you loves life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
13. Keep your tongue from evil-speaking
and your lips from lying words.
14. Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
15. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
16. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
17. The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.
18. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
19. Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
20. He will keep safe all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.

21. Evil shall slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
22. The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Said together

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Gospel Lesson

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. *Mark 10:13-16*

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Celebrant then reads the Gospel lesson.

People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

the Very Rev. Chad Slater



The Liturgy of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

We present Gianna Bea Abada, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.



Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

People Amen.

The Thanksgiving over the Water

The Candidate, her sponsors, and the Altar Party process to the font.

At the font, the Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

The Celebrant then takes the child and pours the blessed water over her head saying:

Gianna, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then the Celebrant says

Let us pray.



Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People Amen.

Then Celebrant then places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying
Gianna, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People Amen.

The Celebrant then lights a candle from the Pascal Candle and passes to one of the child's sponsors.

Gianna, receive this—the light of Christ—and carry it in your heart that your life may be a light unto the world.

People Amen.

The Celebrant then says to the People

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

We now greet each other in the name of the Lord!





The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. In Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Ignatius, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People AMEN.

The Celebrant then says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be 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.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The Celebrant then breaks the Bread and announces

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

The People then respond

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Receive the Holy Eucharist

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Should you prefer not to receive the physical elements of the Holy Communion you are invited to read the following in silent prayer as the physical sacrament is being distributed.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing— simply cross your arms in front of you approach the priest. Each row, beginning in the front, should come up to the chancel step to receive the Blessed Bread. The Chalice cannot be offered at this time by direction of the Bishop of West Virginia. Once the priest has dropped the Blessed Bread in your hand you should return by the side aisle to your pew. Once a row has been Communed, the next is free to come to the chancel steps.

Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

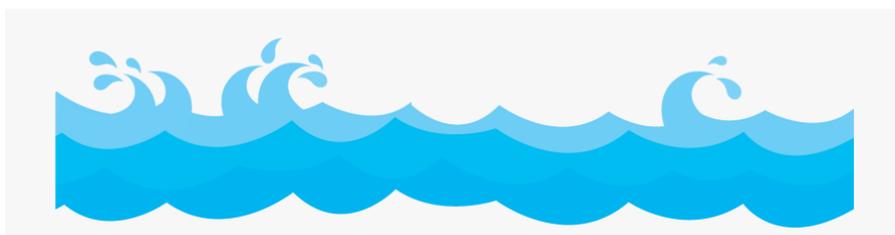
Our Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.



The Celebrant then blesses the People

May God, who has begun a good work within you,
continue that work until the day when Christ Jesus returns.

May your love overflow more and more;
may you continue to grow in knowledge and understanding,
so that you can clearly discern what really matters,
and so that you may stand pure and blameless before God
on the day of Christ's return.

The God who calls you is faithful,
and He will do it.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

People Amen!

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Our worship this day has concluded, but our work has not.
Go out to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!



Participants in Today's Liturgy

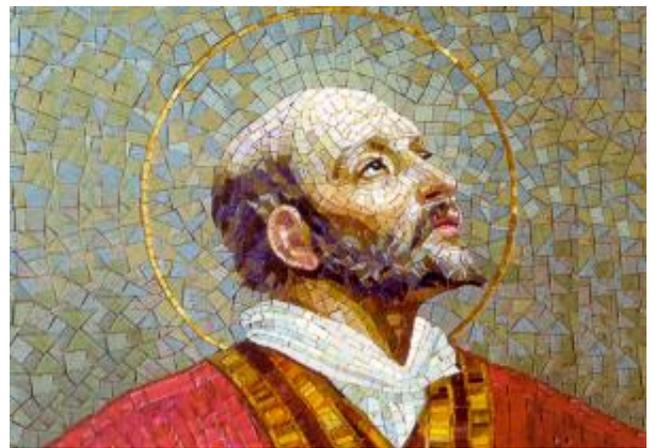
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St. Ignatius of Loyola

Inigo Lopez de Loyola, who later took the name Ignatius, was the youngest son of a nobleman of the mountainous Basque region of northern Spain and was trained as a knight.

In 1521, while defending Pamplona against the French, Inigo's right leg was shattered by a cannon ball. His French captors, impressed by Inigo's courage, carried him on a litter across Spain to his family home at Loyola where he began a long period of convalescence.



During that time he read several religious books. These books and the isolation of the recovery period brought about a conversion. Ignatius began to pray. He fasted, did penance and works of charity, and dedicated himself to God. It was during this time he wrote his most famous work, *The Spiritual Exercises*. After some troubles with the Spanish Inquisition he decided to study for the priesthood.

As a student in Paris he drew a small band of friends to himself and directed them in extended prayer and meditation according to his *Spiritual Exercises*. This led him to found the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). After further studies, the first Jesuits were ordained to the Catholic priesthood in Venice and offered themselves in service to Pope Paul III. In 1540, Paul III approved the Institute of the Society of Jesus. St. Ignatius was elected General Superior and served in that post until his death in 1556 at the age of 65.

To this day, the Jesuits exist as an order dedicating themselves to teaching and social justice. While St. Ignatius of Loyola defended the Roman Catholic Church against the reformers of his day, his *Spiritual Exercises* have become a source of inspiration among many Protestant religious orders and practitioners.