



What Are You Missing in the Mass?

Thursdays, 7PM
Parish Center

Dates and Topics

- * April 8 - Readings for April 11 - Sunday of Divine Mercy - Before Going to Mass
- * April 15 - 3rd Sunday of Easter - 1st Communion - Introductory Rites
- * April 22 - 4th Sunday of Easter - Penitential Act / Kyrie
- * April 29 - 5th Sunday of Easter - Liturgy of the Word
- * May 6 - 6th Sunday of Easter - Homily / Profession of Faith / Prayers of Faithful
- * **May 13 - 7th Sunday of Easter - Liturgy of the Eucharist**
- * May 20 - Pentecost Sunday - Communion Rite
- * May 27 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - Sending Forth

Liturgy of Word → Opening ourselves fully to Word of God

Liturgy of Eucharist → Join the sacrifice of our Lord

1 Corinthians 11:26 ~ For as often as you eat this bread
and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord
until he comes.

Preparation of the Gifts

* Collection

- * Early church people would bring bread and wine
- * We offer monetary donations - dying to self
- * We participate in sacrifice

* Procession with Gifts

- * Hymn brings us together
- * Procession by lay people mirrors entrance procession
- * Gifts represent us
- * We ask presider to offer gifts to God for us



Preparation of the Gifts

Priest says inaudibly:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

We respond:

Blessed be God, FOREVER!





Daniel 2:20

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
for wisdom and power are his.

Psalms 113:2

Blessed be the name of the LORD both now
and forever.

Matthew 21:9

The crowds preceding him and those
following kept crying out and saying:

“Hosanna* to the Son of David;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord; hosanna in the highest.”

Blessed be God, FOREVER

May God's external glory and blessedness be extended and experienced in all places and times. May God be blessed (praised) everywhere and unto the age of ages.

Mixing of Water and Wine

Priest says inaudibly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.



We respond:

Blessed be God, FOREVER!

Ancient Practices Take on Spiritual Meaning

- Mixing water and wine common in ancient world
- Wines were heavier than modern vintages
- Diluting wine made it more palatable and less inebriating
- Drank more wine since water hard to purify



Ancient Practices Take on Spiritual Meaning

- Mystically it came to represent:
 - Our inclusion into Christ's body by our baptism
 - Jesus is the blood, we are the water
 - Jesus' dual nature - fully human and fully divine
 - Christ's Passion - when thrust with the spear, blood and water flowed out
 - Blood = Eucharist
 - Water = Baptism



Ancient Practices Take on Spiritual Meaning

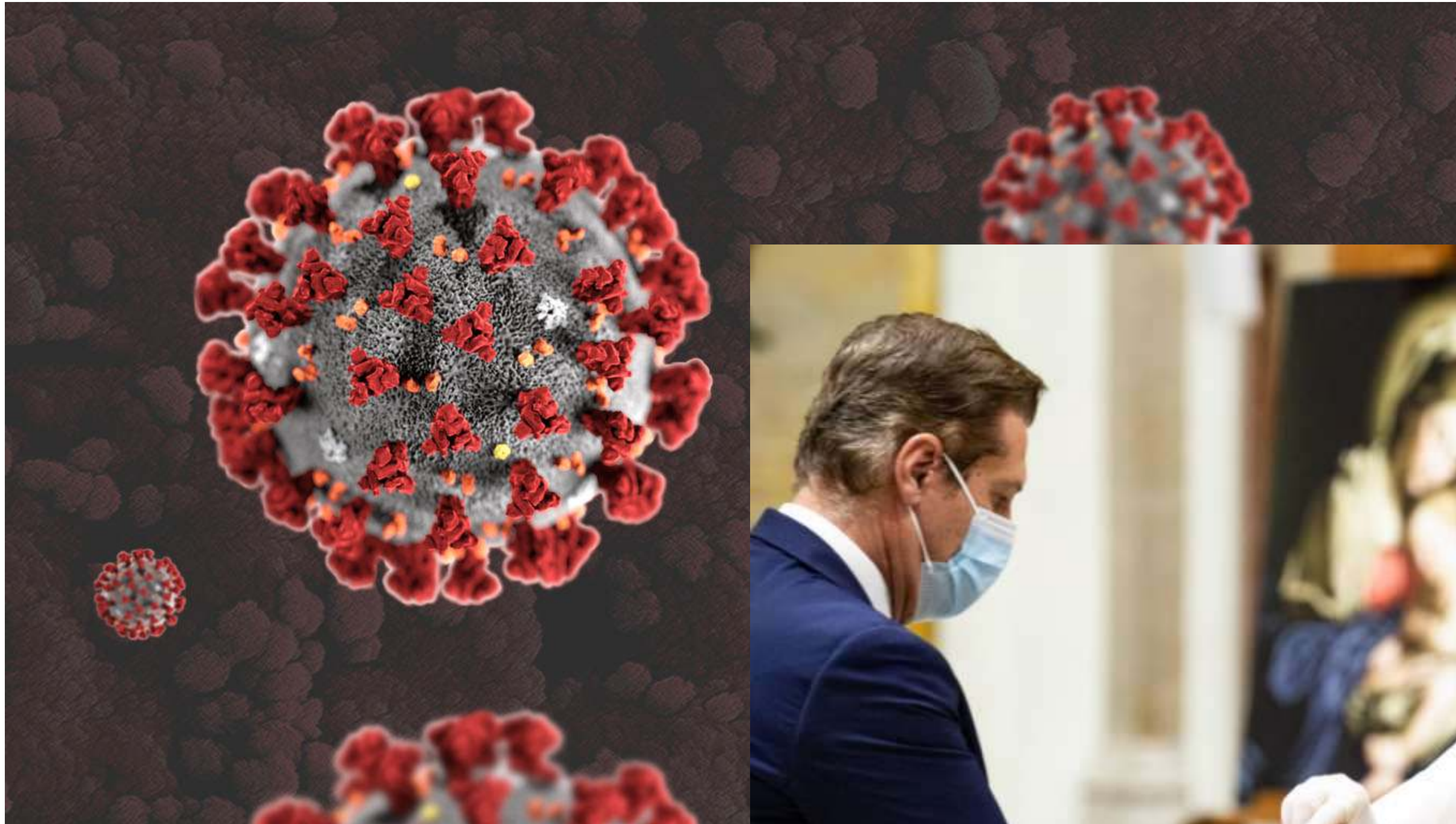
Priest says inaudibly:

Psalms 51:2 - "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."

Practical step before distributing the Eucharist

Later took on spiritual meaning





Preparation of the Gifts

Priest: *Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours 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 holy Church.*

Genesis 4:4-5 - The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor.

Malachi 1:6-10 - God rejects sacrifice of the priests due to being imperfect, not following laws

Romans 12:1 - I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.

Eucharistic Prayer

- * Roots in Jewish table prayers
- * Early Eucharistic prayers followed Jewish pattern
 - * Reciting blessing over bread / wine
 - * Retelling foundational Passover story (now Jesus death / resurrection)
 - * Threefold offering - praise, thanksgiving, supplication

Preface Dialogue

Priest: *The Lord be with you.*

All: *And with your spirit.*

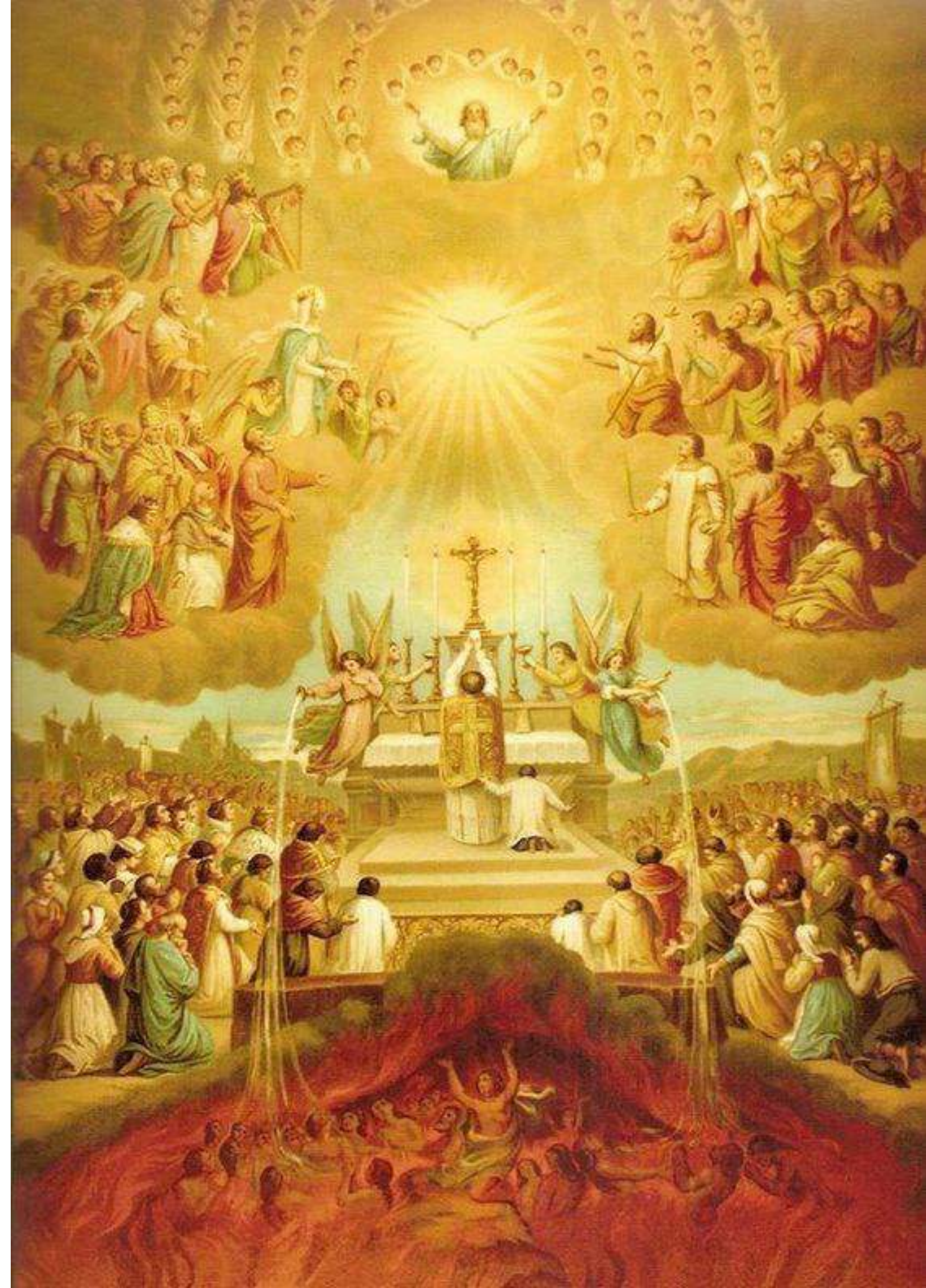
Priest: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Priest: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: *It is right and just.*

Priest: *It is truly right and just...*



Sanctus

- *Part of Mass from the first century AD
- *Jewish roots go back even farther
- ***Isaiah 6:3** - "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!"
- ***Matthew 21:9** - "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."
- *Unites our voices with those of the saints and angels in heaven

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Epiclesis



- *Epiclesis = invocation upon
- *Priest prays the Father send the Holy Spirit upon the gifts → transubstantiation
- *Speaking in Persona Christi
- *Jews hoped Messiah would reunite God's people in restored Davidic kingdom
- *We confidently hope that the Messiah who comes to us in the Eucharist will unite us more deeply as a church

True Presence

1 Cor 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Mark 14:22-24

Matthew 26:26-28

While they were eating, he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is the blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins."

True Presence

Exodus 12:24-25 - You will **keep this practice forever** as a statute for yourselves and your descendants. Thus, when you have entered the land which the LORD will give you as he promised, **you must observe this rite.**

Luke 22:7-8 - When the day of the feast of Unleavened Bread arrived, the day for sacrificing the Passover lamb, he sent out Peter and John, instructing them, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

Passover was a perpetual reminder of how God saved Israelites from Egypt

Exodus 12:3,5 - Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every family must procure for itself a lamb.... Your lamb must be a year-old **male and without blemish.**

John 19:33,36 - But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs... For this happened so that the scripture passage might be fulfilled: **"Not a bone of it will be broken."**

**Old passover blood was sign to save them from death,
new blood of the lamb will save us from death**

True Presence

*How did they know how to have mass?

*Jesus instructed them over 40 days

***Act 1:3** - He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

*After ascension, apostles had to carry on

***Acts 2:42** - They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.

***Acts 2:46** - Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart,



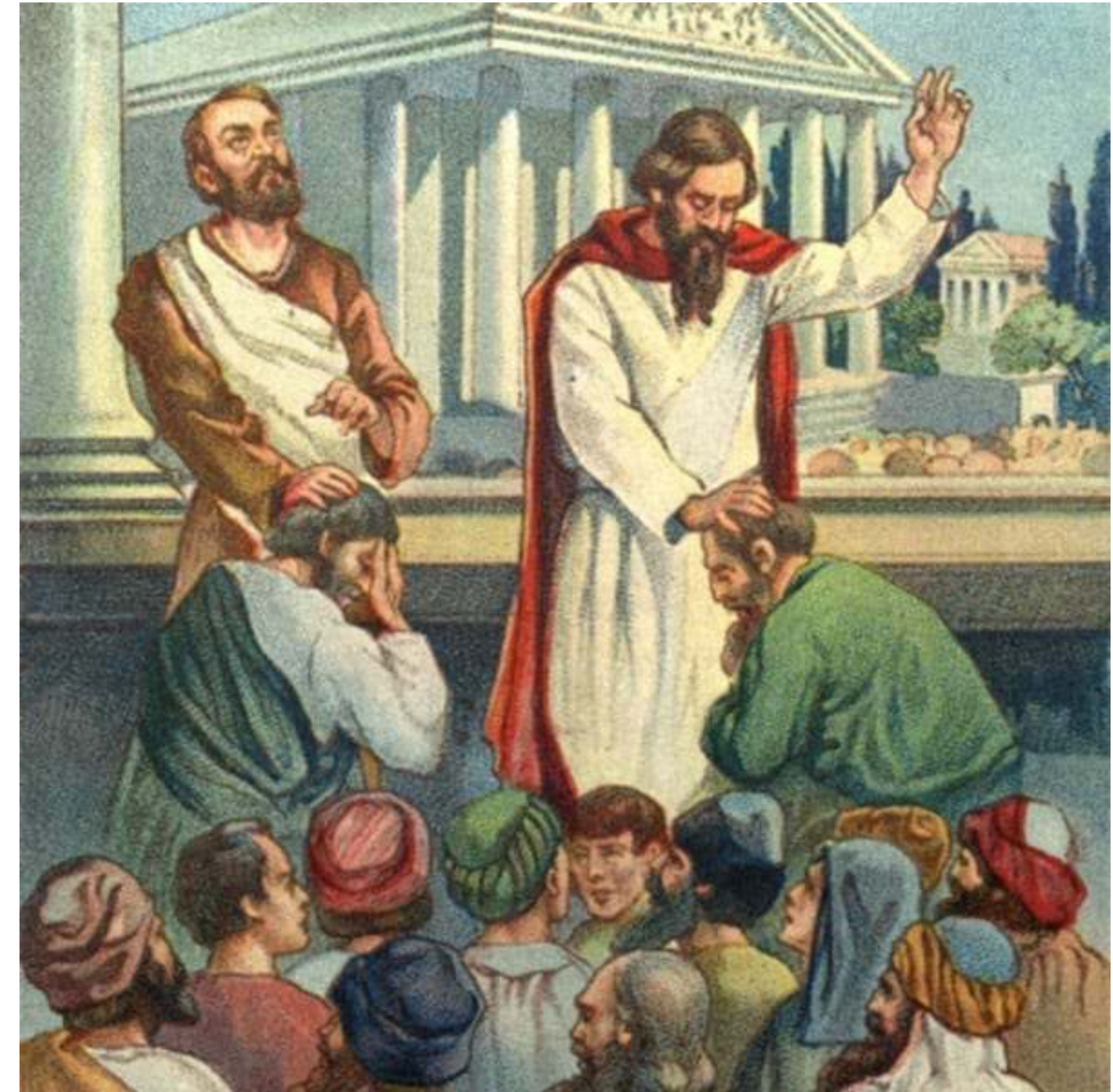
Readings for 7th Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place. He said, “My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry. For it is written in the Book of Psalms: May another take his office.

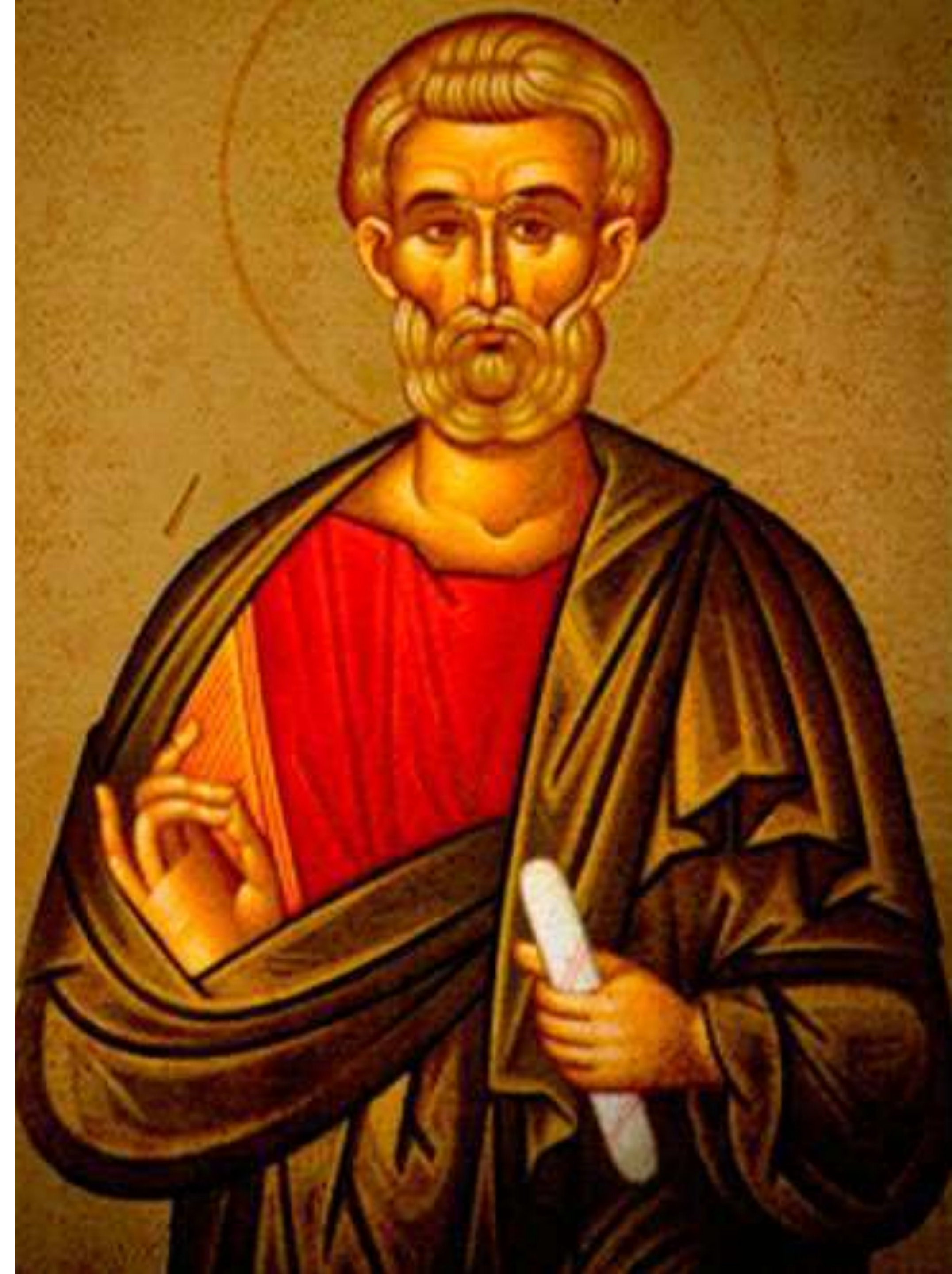
“Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.”



First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.



First Reading

Acts 1:20:

For it is written in the Book of Psalms: '**Let his encampment become desolate, and may no one dwell in it.**' And: '**May another take his office.**'

Psalm 69:26

Make their camp desolate, with none to dwell in their tents.

- ▶ Psalm of David, in great distress, psalmist prays for enemies to be punished
- ▶ Prefiguration of Jesus in distress from Judas' betrayal

Psalm 109:8

May his days be few; **may another take his office.**

- ▶ Earlier verse refers to Satan standing by high priest to bring accusations
- ▶ Lucifer was one of the seraphim until he heard of the Lord's plan for Jesus to become man
- ▶ Michael the Archangel highest angel

St. Matthias

- * Name means "gift of God"
- * One of 72 disciples sent to preach the Gospel
- * With Jesus since His Baptism
- * Witness to Jesus' Resurrection
- * Remained with Jesus until His Ascension
- * Preached in Cappadocia, Jerusalem, the shores of the Caspian Sea, and Ethiopia
- * Either died by crucifixion in Colchis or by stoning in Jerusalem
- * Patron saint for assistance against alcoholism, for support by recovered alcoholics



Psalm

103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20

R. (19a) The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.
Bless the LORD, all you his angels,
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

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Begins by praising God

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**Eternal God aware of our
human fragility, extends
mercy anyway**

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**Invites heavenly beings to
join in praise**

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Second Reading

1 John 4:11-16

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in Him and He in us, that He has given us of His Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent the Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.



God is love

Second Reading

- * One without love is without God
- * Those who love are a child of God
- * Imagine freely giving your own child,
knowing it requires death
- * The love we share must be that sort of
love: authentic, merciful

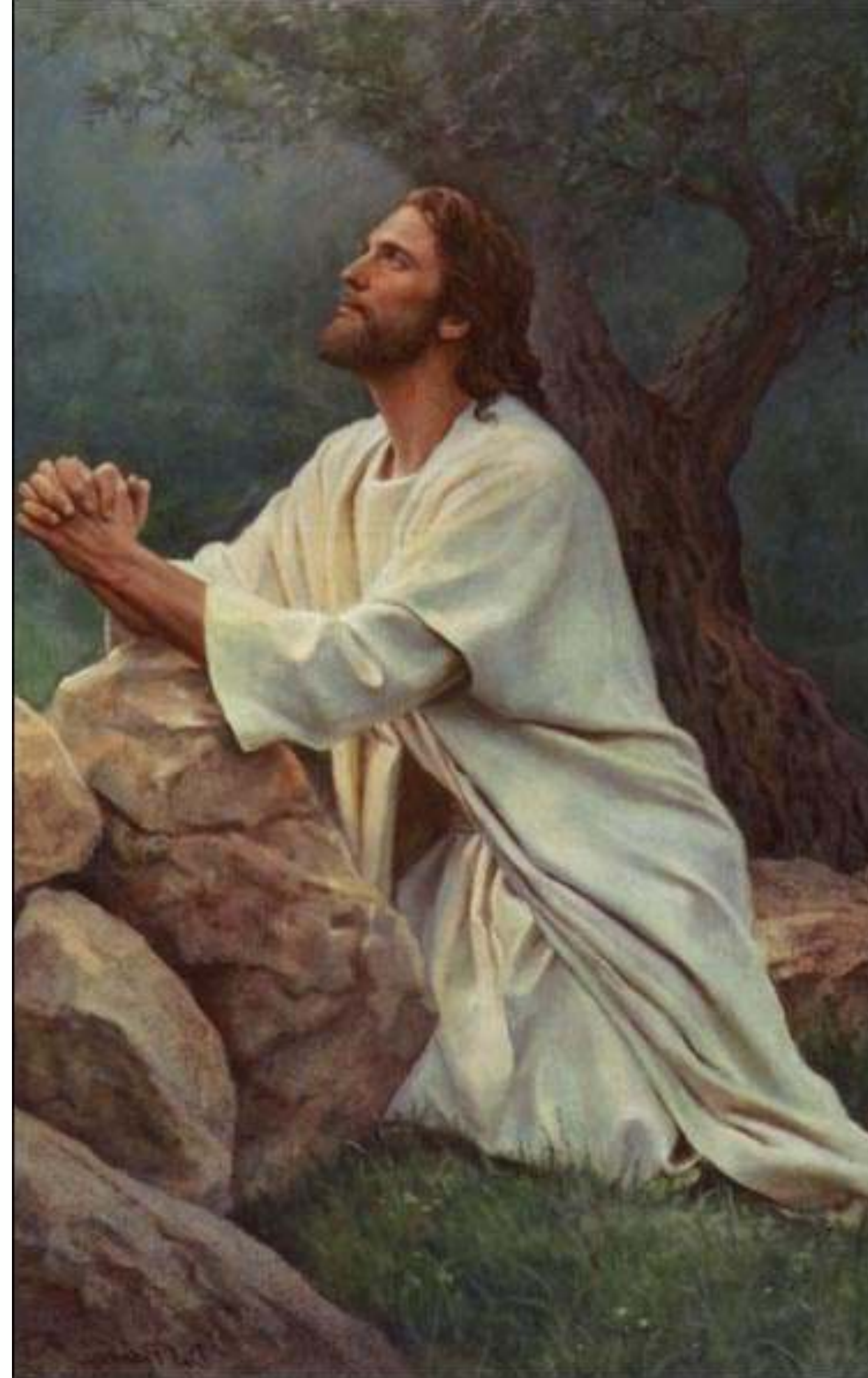


God is love

Gospel

Jn 17:11b-19

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, **so that they may be one just as we are one**. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so **that they may share my joy completely**. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you **keep them from the evil one**. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, **so I sent them into the world**. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."



Gospel



***...so that they may be one just as WE are one...**

* Jesus knew there would be disunity

* Paul spoke to the Christian churches on this topic

* **1 Cor 12:27** - Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

* **Romans 12:5** - So we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another.

Gospel



***...keep them from the evil one...**

* Recalling the Lord's Prayer - lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

***...that they may share my joy completely...**

* Jesus prays we will make it home to Heaven

* Eternal life - John addresses 19 times in his Gospel, the synoptics only 2-3 time each

***...so I sent them into the world...**

* Apostles sent to spread the Good News

Our Father



Pater noster qui es in coelis,
sanctificetur nomen tuum;
adveniat regnum tuum,
fiat voluntas tua,
sicut in coelo et in terra.

Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie,
et dimitte nobis debita nostra,
sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris.
et ne nos inducas in tentationem
sed libera nos a malo.
Amen.

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.
Amen.

Questions and Discussion

