

# Become Eucharist - Prayer Service

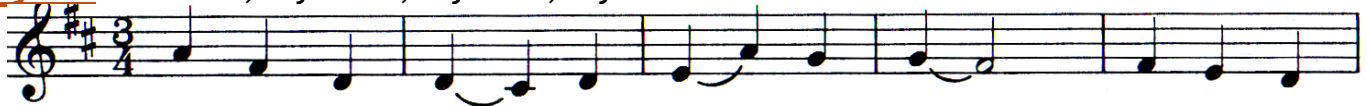
**Call to Prayer** Leader: During these days of the National Eucharistic Revival, in accord with the theme of the 2024 LCUSA Assembly, “*Committed to the Eucharist; Committed to those in Need*,” as we start again after our summer respite, let’s reflect on the incomprehensible gift that Jesus gave us at the Last Supper.

**ALL:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

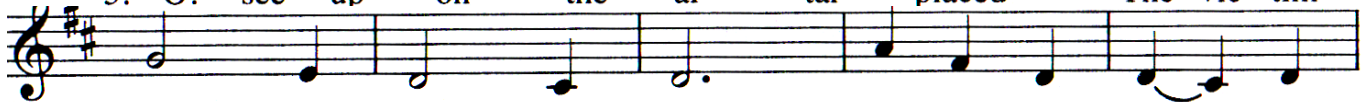
**Scripture** Mark 14, 22-24, “*While they were eating, Jesus took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, ‘Take it; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them.... ‘This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for many.’”*



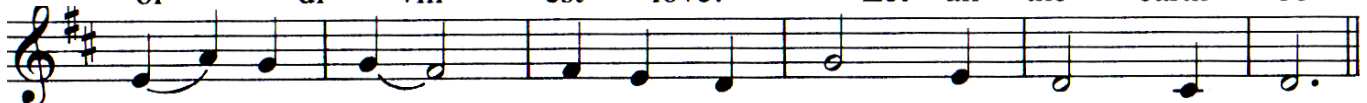
**Hymn** “Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All”



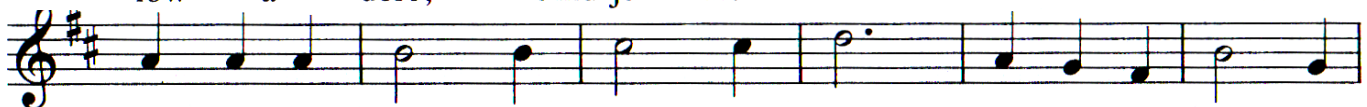
1. Je - sus, my Lord, my God, my All, How can I  
2. Had I but Mar - y's sin - less heart, To love thee  
3. O! see up - on the al - tar placed The vic - tim



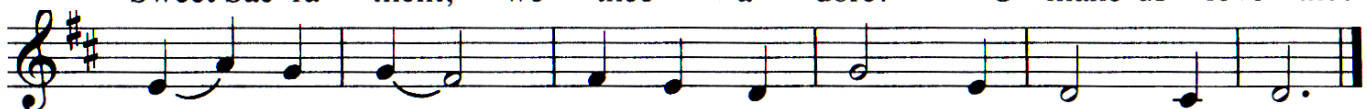
love thee as I ought? And how re - vere this  
with, my dear - est King; O! with what bursts of  
of di - vin - est love! Let all the earth be-



won - drous gift, So far sur - pass - ing hope or thought?  
fer - vent praise, Thy good-ness, Je - sus would I sing.  
low a - dore, And join the choirs of heav'n a - bove.



Sweet Sac-ra - ment, we thee a - dore! O make us love thee



more and more! O make us love thee more and more.

Text: St. 1-2, Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863; St. 3, *Mediator Dei Hymnal*, 1955, © 1955, GIA Publications, Inc.  
Tune: SWEET SACRAMENT, LM; with refrain; *Romischkatholisches Gesangbuchlein*, 1826

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**Reading 1** Imagine a large family in which the firstborn son admires and loves his father beyond measure. So, for his Dad’s birthday, the son wants to give his father a precious gift. Before presenting the gift, however, the son secretly gets all his brothers and sisters to put their signature on the card so the present arrives in the hands of their father as a sign of the love of **all his children**, without distinction, even though, in reality, only the eldest son paid the price for it.

**Reading 2** This is what happens in the Mass. Jesus admires and loves the Father endlessly. He wants to give him, every day, until the end of the world, the most precious gift that one can conceive, that of his own life. In the Mass, Jesus invites all his brothers and sisters/**US** to put our signatures on this gift, so it reaches God our Father as the indistinct gift of all his children, even though only one, the eldest son, Jesus, paid the price for it. **And what a price he paid!**

**Reading 3** At Mass, our signatures are the few drops of water that are mixed with the wine in the chalice during the offertory. They are nothing but water, but mixed in the cup with the wine, they become a single drink. Our verbal signature is the solemn **Amen** which the assembly pronounces or sings, at the end of the doxology: *“Through him, with him, in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever.”* Let us exclaim, **“AMEN!”**

**Reading 4** Leader: The incredible gift of Jesus, on the Cross and in the Eucharist, reminds us that those who sign a commitment, have the duty to honor their signature. This means when we leave Mass, we, too, like Jesus, must make our lives a gift of love to our Father, for the good of all our brothers and sisters. We are blessed to celebrate and receive Eucharist *and more importantly*, we are challenged to **become Eucharist**.

adapted from 3/18/22 homily, *“Take and Eat: This is My Body”* by Raniero Cantalamessa  
<https://www.cantalamessa.org/?p=4003&lang=en>

<https://thegodminute.buzzsprout.com/1784626/15157971-may-30-eucharist-with-jesus-corpus-christi>

**Pause for Reflection and Sharing**

How important is the Eucharist, reception of Communion in my life?

Do I realize my call to “become Eucharist,” especially with persons who are poor?

**Prayer ALL:** Dear Jesus, Son of the Father, in the Eucharist, You give Yourself. We receive Your gift of love beyond all measure. Give us the ardent desire to welcome You with all our hearts. May we become what we receive and strive to be a clear sign of love for all persons we encounter, especially those living in poverty. We ask this of You who live with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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**Leader:** May God nourish us always with the Bread of Life, gracing us to persevere in service of our neighbor.

**ALL:** Amen.

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**Prayer Texts**

**Luke 24: 28-31**

“... they recognized Him ...” in the breaking of the bread.

**1 Corinthians 11: 23-25**

“... took a loaf of bread ... took the cup ...”