

Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite Feast of the Most Precious Blood

Instituted by Pope Pius IX in thanksgiving for his return to Rome after his exile in 1848.

INTROIT *Apoc. 5:9-10.* You have redeemed us, O Lord, in your blood, out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, and have made us to our God a kingdom. -(Ps.) The mercies of the Lord I will sing forever: I will show forth your truth with my mouth to generation and generation. V. Glory be ... You have redeemed us...

COLLECT Almighty and eternal God, who did appoint your only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and was pleased to be reconciled to us by His Blood: grant, we beseech you, that in this solemn worship, we may so truly venerate the price of our redemption, and by its power be so effectually protected from the evils of this life, as to enjoy the fruit thereof forever in heaven. Through our Lord ...

EPISTLE *Hebrews 9: 11-15.* When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred which redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

GRADUAL *1 John 5,6 & 7-8.* This is he that came by water and blood, Jesus Christ: not by water only, but by water and blood. V. There are three that testify in heaven: The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one. And there are three that give testimony on earth: the spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three are one.

Alleluia, alleluia. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *John 19. 30-35.* At that time: When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth—that you also may believe.

OFFERTORY *1 Cor 10: 16.* The chalice of benediction which we bless, is it not the communion of the Blood of Christ? And the bread we break, is it not the partaking of the Body of the Lord?

SECRET We pray that through these divine mysteries we may draw near to Jesus, the Mediator of the New Testament: and renew upon your altar, O Lord of Hosts, the sprinkling of that blood, which speaks better than the blood of Able. Through the same our Lord ...

Preface of the Passion & Holy Cross

COMMUNION *Heb 9: 28* Christ was offered once to exhaust the sins of many: the second time he shall appear without sin to them that expect him unto salvation.

POSTCOMMUNION Admitted to your sacred table, O Lord, we have with joy drawn water from the fountains of the Savior: O may his blood, we beseech thee, become within us a fountain of water springing up to eternal life: Who with you lives and reigns ...