

Texts for Liturgy of Exposition [and Benediction]

Opening Prayer

(See prayer on reverse of page)

Responsory *(The responsory may be used after each of the readings)*

Leader: We though many are one bread, one body; for we all share one bread and one cup.

Response: You have made us live in peace in your house, O Lord;
in your kindness you have prepared a banquet for the poor.
For we all...

Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

He fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known.

Psalm 120

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46

In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.

Prayer before Blessing

Lord,
give to our hearts
the light of faith and the fire of love,
that we may worship in spirit and in truth
our God and Lord, present in this sacrament,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Opening Prayer: *Roman Missal*, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, 29, For Refugees and Exiles.;

Responsory: *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside Mass* (HCW) (Appendix 3. Responsories);

Readings: *Lectionary* Vol III OT reading, Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist, 3; Psalm and Gospel Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, 22 For refugees and exiles: Psalm 3; Gospel 2. **Prayer before Blessing:** *HCW*, 68 alternative. English translation of *The Roman Missal, Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass* © 1973, 1974 International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved. Editorial arrangement © 2004, Bishops Conference of England and Wales

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2. Migrants and Refugees, Openness to the Word of God Resources for Liturgy of Eucharistic Exposition

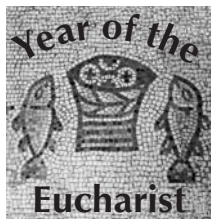
'Come together in a common faith and in Jesus Christ...', says St. Ignatius of Antioch, 'breaking one bread which is the medicine of immortality.' St. John Chrysostom says, 'this is the unity of faith: when we are one; when everyone acknowledges the bond which unites us.' Admittance into the unity of the Sacred Eucharist presupposes unity in the faith received at Baptism, because in the Sacrament we enter into communion with the one whom, according to our faith in him, we believe to be consubstantial with the Father. How would it be possible to receive Christ in communion with a person who has a different faith in him? We would be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord (cf. *1 Cor* 11:27). The Church, as a mother, has anguish and love for non-believers, catechumens and those far from the faith but she does not have the power to give communion to the non-baptized, nor to those teaching error nor to persons living an immoral life.

In receiving the *one* bread, we enter into *one* life and we become *one* Body of the Lord. The effect of the Eucharist is to join Christians who were once scattered into the unity of the one bread and the one cup. Consequently, communion can be received only in union with the whole Church, after overcoming any separation because of religion or morality.

Paragraph 27 from the *Preparatory Document* for the 2005 Synod on *The Eucharist: Source and Summit of the Life and Mission of the Church*

Christ taught us that our neighbour is universal, so loving our neighbour has global dimensions. It demands fair international trading policies, decent treatment of refugees and of the control of the arms trade. Solidarity with our neighbour is also about the promotion of equality of rights and equality of opportunities; hence we must oppose all forms of discrimination and racism.

Paragraph 14 from *The Common Good and Catholic Social Teaching*.
The Bishops of England and Wales, 1997



Resources for Year of the Eucharist

- Exposition of the Holy Eucharist — Guide
- Holy Hours

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Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

Lord,
no one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care.
In your kindness watch over refugees and exiles,
those separated from their loved ones,
young people who are lost,
and those who have left or run away from home.
Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be
and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to those in need.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Roman Missal

Meditation Prayer

God our Father in heaven,
you build us up through the bread that gives us strength.
Do we work hard enough at the task of building up the body of your Son, the Church?
you give us food and drink that we need to sustain us.
Do we give food and drink to others?
And do we show them how much more wonderful your food and drink is through the lives we lead?
Teach us to share,
teach us to make good use of all your gifts...
Bring us closer to you through your Son
through whom we make this prayer.
Amen

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