

# 865 Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

## Exposition

After the people have assembled, the following, or another suitable song may be sung while the celebrant comes to the altar with the Eucharist.

*O salutáris Hóstia,  
Quae caeli pandis óstium,  
Bella premunt hostília,  
Da robur, fer auxiliúm.*

*Uni trinóque Dómino  
Sit sempitérna glória:  
Qui vitam sine término  
Nobis donet in pátria.  
Amen.*

O saving Victim, opening wide  
The gate of heav'n to man below!  
Our foes press on from ev'ry side:  
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

To thy great name be endless praise,  
Immortal Godhead, One in Three:  
Oh, grant us endless length of days  
When our true native land we see.  
Amen.

After Exposition, the celebrant incenses the Sacrament.  
If the adoration is to be lengthy, he may then withdraw.

## Adoration

During the exposition there may be prayers, songs, readings from Scripture, and a brief homily to direct the attention of the faithful to the worship of the Lord.

## Benediction

Toward the end of the exposition the priest goes to the altar, genuflects, and kneels. Then the following or another suitable eucharistic song is sung.

*Tantum ergo Sacraméntum  
Venerémur cernui:  
Et antíquum documéntum  
Novo cedat rítui:  
Praestet fides suppleméntum  
Sénsuum deféctui.*

*Genitóri, Genitóque  
Laus et jubilátio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedíctio:  
Procedénti ab utróque  
Compar sit laudátio.  
Amen.*

Down in adoration falling,  
Lo! The sacred Host we hail;  
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,  
Newer rites of grace prevail;  
Faith for all defects supplying  
Where the feeble senses fail.  
To the everlasting Father,  
And the Son who reigns on high,  
With the Spirit Blest proceeding  
Forth from each eternally,  
Be salvation, honor, blessing,  
Might and endless majesty.  
Amen.

V. *Panem de caelo praestitisti eis*  
(T.P. Alleluia).

R. *Omne delectamentum in se*  
*habentem* (T.P. Alleluia).

Sacerdos: *Orémus. Deus, qui nobis*  
*sub Sacraménto mirábili, passiónis*  
*tuae memóriam reliquisti: tríbe,*  
*quaesumus, ita nos Córporis et*  
*Sánguinis tui sacra mystéria*  
*venerári, ut redemptionis tuae*  
*fructum in nobis júgiter sentiámus.*  
*Qui vivis et regnas in saécula*  
*saeculorum.*

R. *Amen.*

Priest: You have given them Bread  
from heaven (P.T. Alleluia).

All: Having all sweetness within it  
(P.T. Alleluia).

Priest: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ,  
you gave us the Eucharist  
as the memorial of your suffering  
and death.

May our worship of this sacrament  
of your body and blood,  
help us to experience the salvation  
you won for us  
and the peace of the kingdom  
where you live with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The celebrant then blesses the people with the Eucharist.

After the blessing the priest replaces the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle and genuflects. The following acclamation may be said at this time.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

As the celebrant leaves, the following or another suitable hymn may be sung.

Holy God, we praise thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before thee!  
All on earth thy scepter claim,  
All in heaven above adore thee;  
Infinite thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! The loud celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and Seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising;  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"