

*Leader:* Together with the Virgin Mary, let us praise God.

*All:* My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy.

*Leader:* Lord Jesus Christ,  
you gave us the Eucharist  
as the memorial of the cross.

May our communion lead us to share with you forever  
the glory of the resurrection.

*All:* Amen.

*All* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the  
Holy Spirit. Amen.

Finish by offering each member of your family a sign of peace.



## HOLY WEEK AT HOME



# HOLY THURSDAY

*Bread and soup during the Great Depression of the 1930s.*

At the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper which the priest celebrates privately in the church, you are invited to go to the church to receive the bread he has consecrated, the Body of Christ, to bring home for this domestic communion service.

Place the hosts in the centre of the dining room table and, if possible, light a candle. When everyone is seated at the table, begin your prayer.

## FAMILY PRAYER

*All* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Leader:* Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry.' (Jn 6:35)

*All:* We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

*Reader:* A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said: 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

*All:* The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Spend a few minutes in silence to reflect on Jesus' words.

*Leader:* At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to pray:

*All:* 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.

The leader unfolds the purifier wrapping the hosts, takes one and says:

*Leader:* Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*All:* Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.

*Leader:* The Body of Christ.  
Each member of the family takes a host and receives holy communion.

Spend a time together in silent prayer.

Pray for those in need, especially those who are sick or who have died from the coronavirus. Remember those who are alone or frightened. Commend the members of your family to God's loving care.