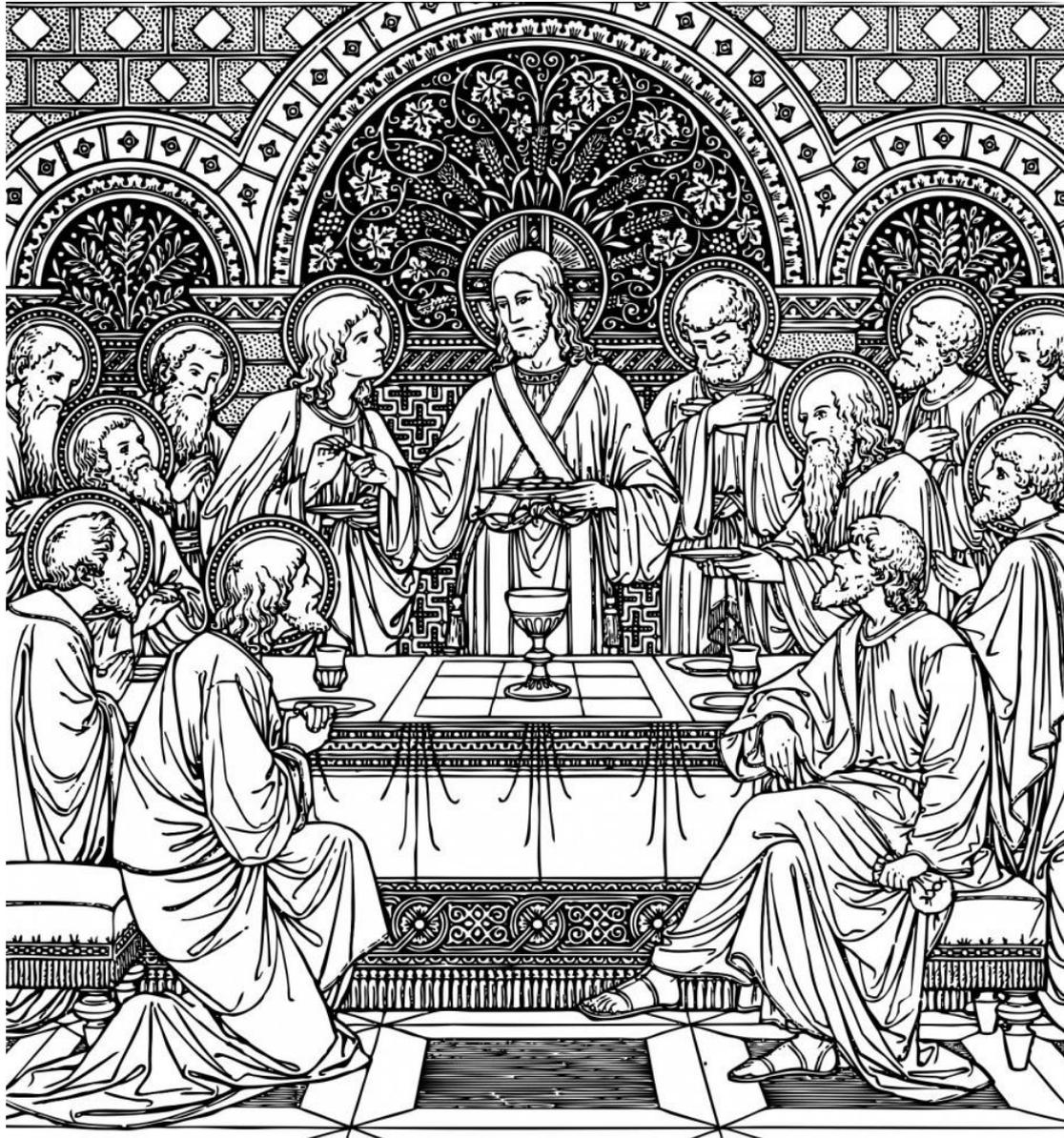


MASS WITH INSTITUTION
AS A COLYTE



PARISH OF ST CUTHBERT, BOLTON

10TH SEPTEMBER 2020

FEAST OF ST AMBROSE BARLOW

What is an Acolyte?

The ministries of lector and acolyte were created in 1972 to replace the sub-deaconate and the four traditional "minor orders" (porter, lector, exorcist, and acolyte). The reception of these two ministries plays a crucial part in the formation of priests as the student is commissioned to play a greater role in the ministerial life of the Church. The practice at the Venerable English College is to receive the ministries at the end of the second and third years of study, and so I received the ministry of Lector last summer at the college's summer villa, Palazzola. I should have received the ministry of acolyte there this July but due to the current situation this was not able to happen, and Bishop John has kindly agreed to come and institute me as an acolyte while I am here on placement.

An acolyte is someone specially commissioned to assist the bishop, priests, and deacons in their ministry at the altar. While many of the duties of an acolyte, such as helping to distribute communion at Mass and taking communion to the sick, are often performed by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the acolyte is specially set aside to perform them in conformity with a way of life of service at the altar of the Lord. Acolytes can also lead holy hours, purify the sacred vessels after Mass, kneel directly next to the priest during the consecration, and even turn the pages of the missal for the priest (!!). In the past, someone ordained to the minor order of acolyte was able to bless fruit and nuts, but this is no longer the case post 1972!

Thank you for joining with me on this special day and I am sorry that more of you were not able to join us in Church for this Mass but I really appreciate your prayers as I am instituted for this ministry of service to God's people.

Entrance Hymn – *Please do not sing*

1. By all your saints still striving, for all Your saints at rest,
Your holy Name, O Jesus for ever more be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious, that they might bear the crown
And ever shine in splendour, reflected from Your throne.

2. Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the noble throng
Who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song:
For them and those whose witness is only known to You –
By walking in their footsteps we give You praise anew.

3. Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son,
And sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,
'Til all the ransomed number who stand before the throne
Ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.

Mass Setting: Mass of Christ the Saviour by Dan Schutte

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

I will rain down bread for you from the heavens.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33: 2-11

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

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The Gospel

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

This is my body. This is my blood.

The Calling of the Candidate

Please sit

Fr John Metcalfe, pastoral director of the Venerable English College 2015-2020 will formally present Theo to the bishop.

Priest: Let Theodore Sharrock who is to be instituted in the ministry of acolyte please come forward.

Theo: Present

The homily then follows.

The Institution as Acolyte

Please stand

Bishop John: Brothers and sisters, let us pray to the Lord for this man chosen by him to serve in the ministry of acolyte. Let us ask him to fill him with his blessings and strengthen him for faithful service in his church.

All pray in silence for a brief period.

Bishop John: God of mercy, through your only Son you entrusted the bread of life to your Church. Bless our brother who has been chosen for the ministry of acolyte. Grant that he may be faithful in the service of your altar and in giving to others the bread of life; may he grow always in faith and love, and so build up your Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

The candidate kneels in front of the bishop, who gives him vessels with the bread and wine to be consecrated.

Bishop John: Take this vessel with bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist. Make your life worthy of your service at the table of the Lord and of his Church

Theo: Amen

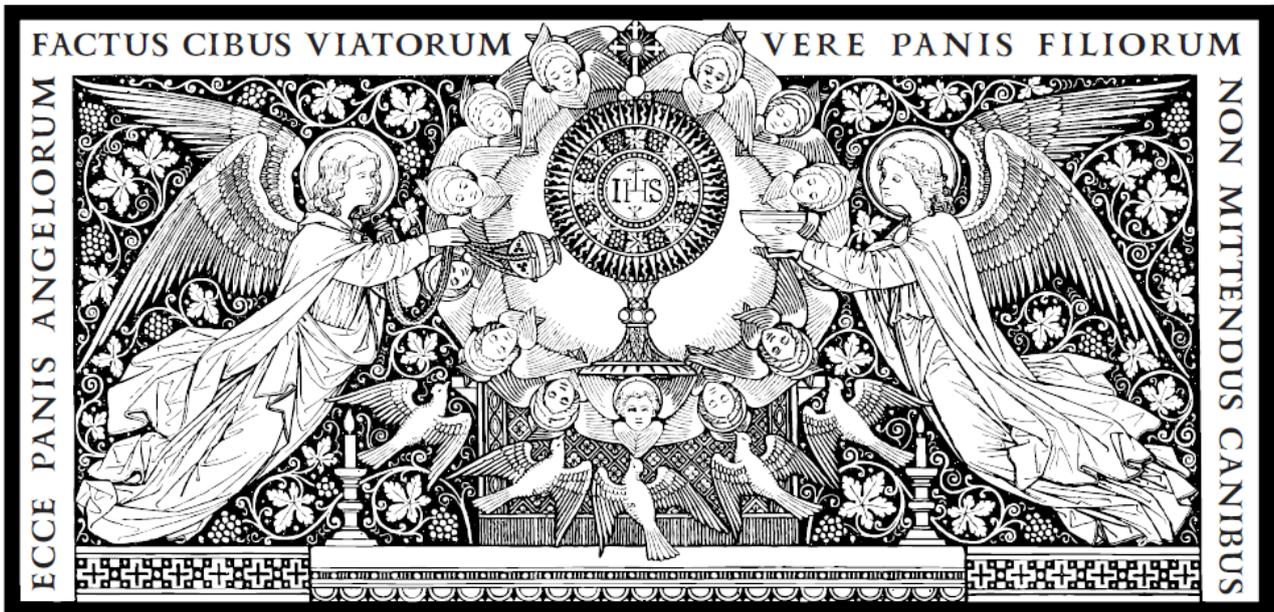
The Preparation of the Gifts

1. Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy sceptre own,
all in heav'n above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is thy reign.

2. 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."

3. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;
while in essence only One,
undivided God we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee,
while we sing this mystery.

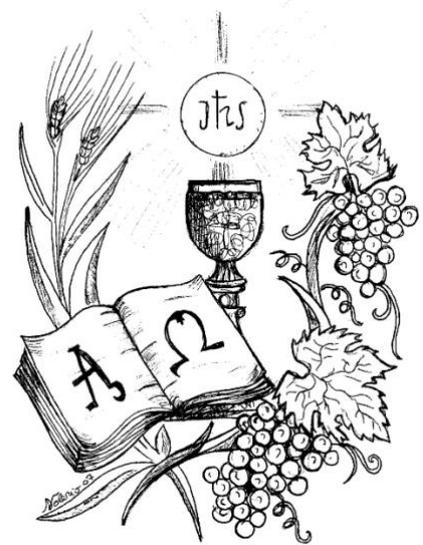
4. Spare thy people, Lord, we pray,
by a thousand snares surrounded;
keep us without sin today;
never let us be confounded.
Lo, I put my trust in thee,
Never, Lord, abandon me.



Communion Hymns

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1. This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.
2. This is my blood poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.
3. Back to my Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see.
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.
4. Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.
5. Love one another – I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.



1. Take my hands and make them as your own,
and use them for your kingdom here on earth.
Consecrate them to your care, anoint them for your service where
You may need your gospel to be sown.
2. Take my hands, they speak now for my heart,
and by their actions they will show their love.
Guard them on their daily course, be their strength and guiding force
to ever serve the Trinity above.
3. Take my hands, I give them to you, Lord.
Prepare them for the service of your name.
Open them to human need and by their love they'll sow your seed
so all may know the love and hope you gave.

Recessional Hymn

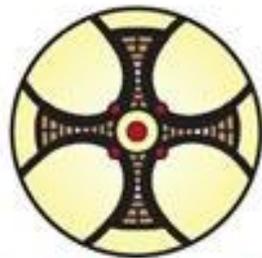
1. Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the Church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

2. Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptise and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

3. Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."
Let your priests, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

4. Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us, to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

5. Lord, you bless the words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.



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