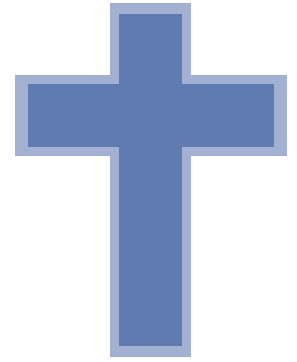


Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

PRAYERS FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

(The sacred ministers may enter in silence, accompanied by instrumental music, or a song or hymn may be used.)



SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On this evening, as we prepare for tomorrow's national elections, we are most grateful to God for the many gifts and blessings showered upon our nation. We are grateful for the success of the electoral process which has enabled our nation to grow and prosper, even in times of struggle, over these past 236 years. We pray this evening that God will guide the hearts of our electorate to ensure the Constitutional blessings of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

We gather in the presence of the Lord Jesus, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, to collect our hearts, raise our minds, and nourish us to be a people of justice, love and peace.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(As the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, an appropriate hymn or song may be used.)

OPENING PRAYER:

Bestow on us, we pray O Lord, the spirit of charity,
so that sustained by the Body and Blood of your Son,
we may be effective in nurturing among all people
the peace that He has left to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

ADORATION:

(During the period of adoration, there should be time for the reading of Sacred Scripture, Sacred Silence and the singing of Psalmody. The following format is suggested.)

Reading Isaiah 9: 1-6

Silence

Psalm Psalm 72 (Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever)

Silence

Reading James 3: 3-18

Silence

Psalm Psalm 122 (Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you)

Silence

Prayer to Conclude Adoration:

O God, creator of the world,
under whose governance the design for all
ages unfolds,
be attentive, we pray, to our petitions,
and grant in our times tranquility and peace,
that we may exult with unceasing joy
in praise of your great mercy.

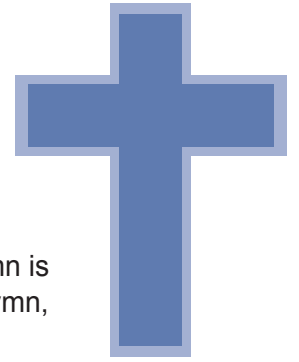
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

(The presiding minister then goes to the altar and kneels. An appropriate Eucharistic Hymn is sung. The minister then incenses the Blessed Sacrament, and at the conclusion of the hymn, rises and sings or says the following prayer:)

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. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

ACCLAMATION

(Such as the Divine Praises or the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament)

REPOSITION

CONCLUDING HYMN OR SONG

