



**FEAST OF THE
MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

Liturgy of the Hours

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus played a key role in the spirituality of St. Hannibal Mary, who included it “among the primary feasts” in his Institutions. It is based on the promise of Jesus, “Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.” (Jn 16: 23-24). The celebration expresses a profound link with the charism of the Rogate, centered on the unceasing prayer to the Master of the harvest.

Invitatory

Lord, open my lips.

Ant. Come, let us adore the Lord Jesus: his name is above every other name.

Office of the Readings

God, come to my assistance. Glory to the Father. As it was in the beginning.
Alleluia.

This verse and response are omitted when the hour begins with the invitatory.

HYMN

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest Name,
O Savior of mankind!

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize will be;
Jesus be Thou our glory now,
And through eternity. Amen.

Original text in Latin: Iesu dulcis memoria, attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)

Translation in English: Edward Caswall (1848)

Or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

Psalm 8

The majesty of the Lord and man's dignity

*The Father gave Christ lordship of creation and made him head of the Church
(Ephesians 1:22).*

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!

Your majesty is praised above the heavens;
on the lips of children and of babes
you have found praise to foil your enemy,
to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honor you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hands,
put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth! Glory...

Ant. How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

Ant. 2 In the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven, on earth and
under the earth.

Psalm 18

Praise the Lord, Creator of all

*The dawn from on high shall break on us... to guide our feet into the way of
peace (Luke 1:78,79).*

The heavens proclaim the glory of God,

and the firmament shows forth the work of his hands.
Day unto day takes up the story
and night unto night makes known the message.
No speech, no word, no voice is heard
yet their span extends through all the earth,
their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

There he has placed a tent for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent,
rejoices like a champion to run its course.

At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun;
to the furthest end of the sky is its course.
There is nothing concealed from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding forever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold,
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin.

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favor in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! Glory ...

Ant. In the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven, on earth and under the earth.

Ant. 3 Praise the Lord, invoke his name; proclaim that his name is exalted.

Psalm 24

The Lord's entry into his temple

Christ opened heaven for us in the manhood he assumed (Saint Irenaeus).

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things,
who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbor.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war.
O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. Glory ...

Ant. Praise the Lord, invoke his name; proclaim that his name is exalted.

I will always praise your name, O Lord.

- I will sing hymns to you with gratitude.

FIRST READING

Acts 3:1-10; 4: 8-12

There is no salvation through anyone else

Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer. And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple called "the Beautiful Gate" every day to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple.

When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk."

Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong. He leaped up, stood, and walked around, and went into the temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the one who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with amazement and astonishment at what had happened to him.

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, answered them, "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

RESPONSORY

John 16:24; 14, 13

Until now you have not asked anything in my name:

- Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

Whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

- Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

SECOND READING

From the “Homilies on the Name of Jesus” by St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, priest and founder.

(Writings, Vol. 13, 26-28)

The Name of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist

Do you know how sweet the adorable name of Jesus is? What do I say? To make you understand the sweetness of this Name, I should have first understood it myself; but how can I comprehend it? The angels and the blessed ones understand up to a certain point, but not even fully, how sweet and gentle is the Name of Jesus! Come, therefore, Angels of heaven! But the Angels do not come! O little children! What need do we have of the Angels? Ah, behold here on this altar is the King of the Angels, the Angel of the great council, as Isaiah calls him. Here, under the veils of bread, that adorable Jesus. Jesus himself! Jesus in person who speaks to us, who teaches us how sweet is his Name, how holy, how lovable, how divine, how glorious is his Most Holy Name!

Yes, all other teachers and preachers are quiet because Jesus in the sacrament is the Divine Master who teaches us all the mysteries of love and wisdom that are enclosed in this Most Holy Name: Jesus. Let us take a look at it briefly.

In the book of the prophet Isaiah, we read: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel” (Is 7:14). Immanuel, God with us: Eucharist and Name. Every name is not the thing or the person. In Jesus, the Name is the Person. In the Most Holy Eucharist, Jesus is there, and his Name is there, and they are one.

How does Jesus in the most holy Eucharist make us know the glories, the greatness and the sweetness of his Name? By staying in his presence. How desirable is the presence of Jesus in the Sacrament? That is why he wanted to stay among us. Could he have stayed in just one Church? Why did he want to remain in all the Churches? Because he wanted us to be in his presence, always; and when we are humble and gathered in his presence, then our souls and our thoughts are filled with the Name of Jesus. In those moments we say, “I am in the presence of Jesus; Jesus is on that altar; here I adore Jesus; here I love Jesus; here I see Jesus.” Yes, we see him in faith; and seeing him and calling his Name is the same thing! Imagine yourselves to be in the midst of the fog. There in front of you is a man whom you do not see, but you hear him speaking; you say, “It is him!” Then suddenly the fog vanishes, and you see him. And so you exclaim, “Here he is!” and you call him by name. So does the soul in the presence of Jesus. He sees him with faith and seeing him and calling his Name is one and the same thing.

How many loving souls, while being silent in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament, do not cease to exclaim in their hearts, “O Jesus, O Jesus, O sac-

ramental Jesus; O Jesus Host, O Jesus love, O overflowing of love, etc.”; and the name of Jesus becomes the pasture of their soul! The soul is filled with the Name of Jesus, and longs for the Name of Jesus. This soul, in pure faith, sees the angels and hears them singing. What do the angels sing around the most Blessed Sacrament? They sing the glories of the Name of Jesus! The soul hears them sing, “Long live Jesus!” The soul sees the Saints; and what are they singing? “Jesus!” It sees Mary, and hears her repeating, “This is my Jesus, love my Jesus.” And the soul who stays with love before the Eucharist is filled with the Name of Jesus!

But there is even more! Jesus himself repeats his most Holy Name to the fortunate soul who is in his presence! Yes! Let us remember the apparition of God to Moses in the burning bush. “Who are you?” Moses asks him. And God answers from the bush, “Ego sum qui sum” “I am who I am” (Ex 3:2.14). This is the bush! The soul knows who he is [...]; but if it asks him, in order to hear that adorable name, it says, “Lord, who are you?” Then, it will hear him say, “I am Jesus!” Oh yes! While the soul speaks with Jesus in the Sacrament, Jesus in the Sacrament speaks with the soul and tells it, “I am Jesus.

As at Jacob’s well (Jn 4:1-42), the Samaritan woman, just in listening to him, already loves him, she already manifests the desire to know the Messiah. And Jesus tells her, “I am the Messiah”, or better, “I am Jesus” (Jn 4:26).

How many mysteries of love in the presence of the Sacramental Jesus! And the bond between the soul and the Sacramental God is the Name of Jesus! In fact, if there had not been the Name of Jesus there, the soul could have been lost, because here there is God, the Word of God (Jn 1,14), the incomprehensible, the inaccessible, the inscrutable, etc. But there is also the Name of Jesus because the Word is present here in the Eucharist, that same Word that was incarnated and then became bread (Jn 1:14). Let us go up to Tabor. In the transfiguration, divinity is manifested. The Apostles fell and could no longer move. The cloud that covered them is the cloud of faith. The Evangelist tells us that they did not see anyone else but Jesus alone (Mk 9:8). The same mystery is relived in the Eucharist. The divinity is hidden under the cloud of the bread, and we see and hear only the Name: Jesus.

But the ineffable mysteries of the Most Holy Name of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist do not end here! I am speaking here with those souls who receive daily the most holy Communion with love, humility, and faith. Oh! These souls who often receive Jesus, uniting themselves often with Jesus, transforming themselves with Jesus, cannot but live with that continuous remembrance, with that unceasing impression of the Name of Jesus. It is no longer a matter of receiving spiritually in faith the sweet sound of the most holy Name of Jesus, as in a beautiful adoration of Jesus in the Sacrament, but of receiving the substance of the Name of Jesus.

RESPONSORY

Mark 9:7; Matthew 17:8

A cloud came, casting a shadow over them;

- looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone.

In the most Holy Eucharist there is Jesus and there is his name, and they are one.

- looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone.

TE DEUM

Prayer

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race
on the incarnation of your Word:

give to this family the mercy it implores,

so that all may know that in order to be saved,

there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of Jesus,

your Only Begotten Son, who lives and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Morning Prayer

HYMN

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a reason, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners, unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant, with his human light,
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true;
May your voice entreat him in temptations' hour;
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,

With his Father's glory o'er earth to reign;
He is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord;
Ever to be worshipped, always blessed and adored.

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Music: R. Vaughan Williams, d. 1958 65.65.D

Text: C. Noel, d. 1877, alt.

Or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 My soul thirsts for your holy Name, O Lord.

Psalms and canticle from Sunday, Week I.

Ant. 2 Young men and maidens, old men together with children,
praise the name of the Lord, for his Name alone is exalted.

Ant. 3 Glorious and adorable is your holy name, worthy of praise and honor
for ever.

READING

Acts 4:12

There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name
under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.

RESPONSORY

We give you thanks, O Lord, and we call upon your name.

-We give you thanks, O Lord, and we call upon your name.

We tell of your wonders,

-And we call upon your name.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

-We give you thanks, O Lord, and we call upon your name.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in
the midst of them, says the Lord.

INTERCESSIONS

The Father listens to the voice of the poor who trust in the intercession of his
Son. Comforted by this certainty, we say with faith:

In the name of Jesus, hear us, O Father.

We give you thanks, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

-for having poured out into our hearts the spirit of prayer in the name of Jesus.

To your Son who humbled himself unto death on the cross, you have given the name that is above every other name,
- grant us meekness and humility of heart, so that the prayer for laborers of the harvest may be acceptable to you.

Send your Spirit upon us,
- so that love and harmony may always reign in our communities.

You are the Master of the harvest,
- send laborers into your harvest so that the name of Jesus may be known and glorified among all nations.

You created man in your own image and likeness,
- grant that we may recognize the name of your Son imprinted in every man and woman.

Our Father...

Prayer

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race
on the incarnation of your Word:
give to this family the mercy it implores,
so that all may know that in order to be saved,
there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of Jesus,
your Only Begotten Son, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Daytime Prayer

Psalms from the current weekday.

Midmorning

Ant. We give you thanks and call upon your name.

READING

Acts 5:40-42

After recalling the apostles, [the leaders of the Sanhedrin] had them flogged, ordered them to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name. And all day long, both at the temple and in their homes, they did not stop teaching and proclaiming the Messiah, Jesus.

Redeem me, O Lord, have mercy on me:

- I will proclaim your name to my brethren.

Midday

Ant. Celebrate the Lord with me, together let us exalt his name.

READING

Colosians 3:14-17

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Praise the Lord in his sanctuary.

- Praise him in the firmament of his power.

Midafternoon

Ant. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; those who hope in his name will not be disappointed.

READING

Acts 3:1-7

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer. And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple called "the Beautiful Gate" every day to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, [rise and] walk." Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong.

Praise the Lord and call upon his name.

- Proclaim his deeds among his peoples.

Prayer, as in Morning Prayer.

Evening Prayer

HYMN

O Jesus, King most wonderful
Thou Conqueror renowned,
Thou sweetness most ineffable

In Whom all joys are found!

When once Thou visit the heart,
Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanities depart,
Then kindles love divine.

O Jesus, light of all below,
Thou fount of living fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
And all we can desire.

Jesus, may all confess Thy Name,
Thy wondrous love adore,
And, seeking Thee, themselves inflame
To seek Thee more and more.

Jesus, our love and joy to Thee,
The virgin's holy Son,
All might and praise and glory be,
While endless ages run. Amen.

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IESU, Rex admirabilis
et triumphator nobilis,
dulcedo ineffabilis,
totus desiderabilis.

Quando cor nostrum visitas,
tunc lucet ei veritas,
mundi vilescit vanitas,
et intus fervet caritas.

Iesu, dulcedo cordium,
fons vivus, lumen mentium,
excedens omne gaudium
et omne desiderium.

Iesum omnes agnoscite,
amorem eius poscite;
Iesum ardenter quaerite,
quaerendo inardescite.

Te nostra, Iesu, vox sonet,
nostri te mores expriment;
te corda nostra diligant
et nunc, et in perpetuum. Amen.

Text: Iesu Rex admirabilis, attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Our strength is in the name of the Lord.

Psalm 110:1-5, 7

The Messiah, king and priest Christ's reign will last until all his enemies are made subject to him (1 Corinthians 15:25).

The Lord's revelation to my Master: †
“Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet.”

The Lord will wield from Zion †
your scepter of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth †
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. †
“You are a priest forever,
a priest like Melchizedeck of old.”
The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head. Glory ...

Ant. Our strength is in the name of the Lord.

Ant. 2 Let us bless the Name of the Lord, now and forever.

Psalm 115
Praise of the true God

*You have renounced idol worship to serve the living and true God
(1 Thessalonians 1:9).*

Not to us, Lord, not to us,
but to your name give the glory
for the sake of your love and your truth,
lest the heathen say: "Where is their God?"

But our God is in the heavens;
he does whatever he wills.
Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.

They have mouths but they cannot speak;
they have eyes but they cannot see;
they have ears but they cannot hear;
they have nostrils but they cannot smell.

With their hands they cannot feel; †
with their feet they cannot walk.
No sound comes from their throats.
Their makers will come to be like them
and so will all who trust in them.

Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.
Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.

You who fear him, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.
He remembers us, and he will bless us; †
he will bless the sons of Israel.
He will bless the sons of Aaron.

The Lord will bless those who fear him,
the little no less than the great:
to you may the Lord grant increase,
to you and all your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
The heavens belong to the Lord

but the earth he has given to men.

The dead shall not praise the Lord,
nor those who go down into the silence.
But we who live bless the Lord
now and forever. Amen. Glory ...

Ant. Let us bless the Name of the Lord, now and forever.

Ant. 3 Heaven and earth bow down at the Name of Jesus.

Canticle

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ, God's holy servant

Though he was in the form of God,
Jesus did not deem equality with God
something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself
and took the form of a slave,
being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate,
and it was thus that he humbled himself,
obediently accepting even death,
death on a cross!

Because of this,
God highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
above every other name,

So that at Jesus' name
every knee must bend
in the heavens, on the earth,
and under the earth,

and every tongue proclaim
to the glory of God the Father:
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD. Glory ...

Ant. 3 Heaven and earth bow down at the Name of Jesus.

READING

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORY

From the rising of the sun to its setting, praise the name of the Lord.

- From the rising of the sun to its setting, praise the name of the Lord.

His glory is beyond the heavens:

- Praise the name of the Lord.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

- From the rising of the sun to its setting, praise the name of the Lord.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Whatever you ask the Father in my name, I will do, says the Lord.

INTERCESSIONS

At the hour when, in the paschal meal, Christ, the only Mediator revealed the secret of the prayer in his name, let us lift up our grateful praise to him:

We praise and adore you, O Lord.

We praise and adore you, O Christ, origin and model of our prayer, because you are our intercessor before the Father,

We praise and adore you, O Lord.

For giving us every day the opportunity to unite ourselves with the perfect praise that you render to the Father in the Sacrament of the Eucharist,

We praise and adore you, O Lord.

For enriching the Church and our Religious Family with vocations according to your heart,

We praise and adore you, O Lord.

For continuing to assist us with your providence and making us capable of living at the service of the poor,

We praise and adore you, O Lord.

For associating our brothers and sisters with your redeeming death,

We praise and adore you, O Lord.

Our Father...

Prayer

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race on the incarnation of your Word:
give to this family the mercy it implores,
so that all may know that in order to be saved,

there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of Jesus,
your Only Begotten Son, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

JESUS, YOU'RE THE SWEETEST NAME OF ALL

Jesus You're the sweetest name of all
Jesus You always hear me when I call
O Jesus You pick me up each time I fall
You're the sweetest the sweetest name of all

Jesus how I love to praise Your name
Jesus You're still the First the Last the same
O Jesus You died and took away my shame
You're the sweetest the sweetest name of all

Jesus You're the soon and coming King
Jesus we need the love that You can bring
O Jesus we lift our voices up and sing
You're the sweetest the sweetest name of all

THE NAME OF GOD

Refrain: I will take the cup of life, praising God's name all my days.

1. How can I make a return for the goodness of God?
This saving cup I will bless and sing, and call the name of God!
2. The dying of those who keep faith is precious to our God.
I am your servant called from your hands, you have set me free!
3. To you I will offer my thanks and call upon your name.
You are my promise for all to see, I love your name, O God!



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