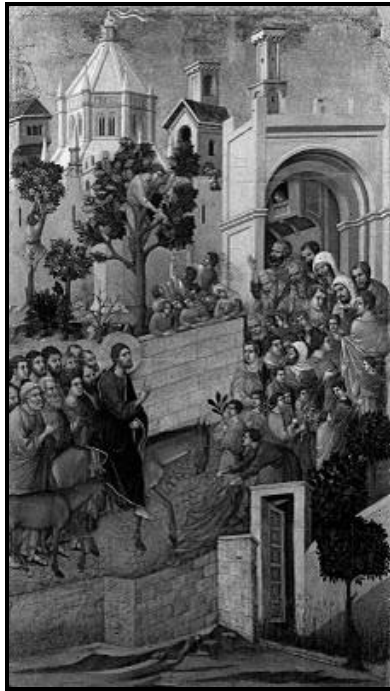

THE SOLEMN RITES OF PALM SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Passiontide



Entry to Jerusalem by *Duccio*, c. 1310.

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**THE SOLEMN BLESSING AND
PROCESSION OF PALMS
IN HONOUR OF CHRIST THE KING**

BLESSING OF PALMS

This blessing may best be made in another chapel or under the open sky, so that the procession may actually lead into the church. Facing the congregation, the celebrant in red cope, or in red stole and alb, blesses the branches of palm, olive or other trees placed on a table or held by the faithful. The following Antiphon is sung:

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. O King of Israël: Hosanna in the highest!

ANTIPHON *Matthew 21. 9*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Bless, ✠ we beseech Thee, O Lord, these branches of palm: and grant that what Thy people today bodily perform for Thy honor, they may perfect spiritually with the utmost devotion, by gaining the victory over the enemy, and ardently loving every work of mercy. Through our Lord. Amen.

The celebrant sprinkles the palms with holy water and incenses them. If the faithful have their palms already, the celebrant and ministers may go through the church sprinkling them, or the faithful may come to the altar rails for this to be done.

DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

The celebrant distributes the palms, first to the clergy, then to the faithful meanwhile the choir sings:

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Hebrew children bearing branches of olive, went forth to meet the Lord, crying out, and saying: Hosanna in the highest!

Psalm 23: 1-2; 7-10

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof: the world and they that dwell therein. For He hath founded it upon the seas: and hath prepared it upon the rivers.

Repeat Antiphon

Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates: and the King of Glory shall enter in! "Who is this King of Glory?" "The Lord who is strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle."

Repeat Antiphon

Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates: and the King of Glory shall enter in! "Who is this King of Glory?" "The Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory."

Repeat Antiphon

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Repeat Antiphon

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Hebrew children spread their garments in the way, and cried out, saying: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Psalm 46

O clap your hands, all ye nations: shout unto God with the voice of joy, for the Lord is high, terrible: a great king over all the earth.

Repeat Antiphon

He has subdued the peoples under us; and the nations under our feet. He has chosen for us His inheritance, the beauty of Jacob which He hath loved.

Repeat Antiphon

God has ascended with jubilation, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Sing praises to our God, sing ye: Sing praises to our king, sing ye.

Repeat Antiphon

For God is the king of all the earth: sing ye wisely. God shall reign over the nations: God sitteth on His holy throne.

Repeat Antiphon

The princes of the people are gathered together, with the God of Abraham: For to God belong the powerful of the earth, He is greatly exalted.

Repeat Antiphon

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Repeat Antiphon

These psalms are repeated as far as the Glory Be to the Father until the end of the distribution of palms.

After the distribution of the palms the following Gospel is sung by the deacon, with the same ceremonies as at Mass.

GOSPEL St Matthew 21: 1-9

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to
Saint Matthew.

R. Glory be to Thee O Lord.

At that time, when Jesus drew nigh to Jerusalem, and was come to Bethphage, unto Mount Olivet, then He sent two disciples, saying to them: Go ye into the village that is over against you, and immediately you shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her; loose them and bring them to Me; and if any man shall say anything to you, say ye that the Lord hath need of them; and forthwith he will let them go. Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: Tell ye the daughter of Sion: Behold thy King cometh to thee meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of her that is used to the yoke. And the disciples going did as Jesus commanded them. And they brought the ass and the colt, and laid their garments upon them, and made Him sit thereon. And a

very great multitude spread their garments in the way, and others cut boughs from the trees, and strewed them in the way, and the multitudes that went before and that followed cried, saying: Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

R. Praise be to Thee O Christ.

THE PROCESSION

The procession then takes place. If it is possible, the procession should make its way outside the church for some considerable distance before returning, since the procession is intended to be the main feature of today's liturgy and ceremonies. Two or four cantors remain in the church and close the doors and stand facing the procession outside. Incense is put into the thurible, all carry palms. The deacon then sings:

V. Let us go forth in peace.

R. In the Name of Christ. Amen.

The following antiphons are sung.

FIRST ANTIPHON

The multitude goes out to meet the Redeemer with flowers and palms, and payeth the homage due to a triumphant conqueror: the nations proclaim the Son of God; and their voices rend the skies in the praise of Christ: "Hosanna!"

SECOND ANTIPHON

Let the faithful join with the Angels and children, singing to the conqueror of death: "Hosanna in the highest!"

THIRD ANTIPHON

A great multitude that was met together at the festival cried out to the Lord: "Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the Highest!"

FOURTH ANTIPHON *St Luke 19: 37, 38*

All the multitude of those going up to the city, rejoicing began to praise God with a loud voice for all the wonders that they had seen, saying: "Blessed be the King who cometh in the name of the Lord! Peace on earth and glory in the highest!"

While the procession continues, the Cantors intone the following Hymn. The faithful repeat the first two verses, as below.

HYMN: ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

(Saint Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans, † 821)

Refrain

*All glory, laud and honor, To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.*

(add **AMEN** only after the final refrain)

Thou art the king of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and Blessèd One.

Refrain

The company of angels
Are praising Thee on High,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.

Refrain

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our prayer and praise and anthems
Before Thee we present.

Refrain

To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

Refrain

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

Refrain

As the procession approaches the doors of the church and the Hymn being completed, the Subdeacon or the Crucifer knocks on the closed door of the church, by striking it with the foot of the processional cross. The doors being opened by the cantors, the following antiphons, Psalm and Hymn continues at the door of the church.

FIFTH ANTIPHON

All praise Thy name and say: "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Psalm 147

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion.

Because He hath strengthened the bolts of thy gates: He hath blessed thy children within thee.

Who hath placed peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the fat of corn.

Who sendeth forth His speech to the earth: His word runneth swiftly.

Who giveth snow like wool: scattereth mists like ashes.

He sendeth His hailstones like crumbs: at His cold the waters freeze.

He shall send out His word, and shall melt them: His wind shall blow, and the waters shall run.

Who declareth His word to Jacob: His justices and His judgments to Israël.

He hath not done in like manner to any other nation: and His judgments He hath not made manifest to them.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Fifth Antiphon is repeated

All praise Thy name and say: "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

SIXTH ANTIPHON

With gleaming palms we pay homage to the Lord who comes: let us hasten forth to meet Him with hymns and psalms to His glory, saying: "Blessed is the Lord."

SEVENTH ANTIPHON

Hail, our King, Son of David, Redeemer of the world, whom the prophets have foresaid would come as the Savior of the house of Israel. For the Father sent Thee into the world as a victim for our salvation, and all the holy ones from the beginning of the world were awaiting Thee and now cry: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

RESPONSORY

As our Lord entered the holy city, the Hebrew children, heralding the resurrection of life, with palm branches, cried out: "Hosanna in the highest!" When the people heard that

Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went forth to meet Him: With palm branches.

The procession enters the church and the faithful may also sing the following hymn while the procession moves towards the sanctuary.

HYMN: RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die!
O Christ! Thy triumph now begin
Over captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father, on His sapphire throne,
Expects His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.
Amen.

When the celebrant comes with his ministers to the altar, he bows and, standing at the middle of the altar, facing the congregation, he says the following prayer.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, our King and our Redeemer, bearing these palms we have sung Your solemn praises; grant in Your mercy that wherever these palms are brought, there the grace of Your blessing may be poured out, every wickedness and deceit of the evil one may be set at naught and the protection of Your right hand rest on those whom You have redeemed. Who livest and reignest.

R. Amen.

The celebrant and his ministers put on violet vestments. At the Mass following the Procession of Palms the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar are not said. During the singing of the Passion the palms are not held.

THE PROPER OF THE MASS

INTROIT Psalm 21: 20, 22, 2

O LORD, keep not Thy help far from me: look to my defense: deliver me from the lion's mouth, and my lowness from the horns of the unicorns. *Ps.* O God, my God, look upon me; why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my sins. Lord, keep not...

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst will that our Savior should take upon Him our flesh and suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience and also be made partakers of His resurrection. Through the same our Lord.

EPISTLE Philippians 2: 5-11

Brethren, let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. For which cause God also hath exalted Him, and hath given Him a name which is above all names: (***Here all genuflect***) that in the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the

earth: and that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

GRADUAL Psalm 74: 24, 1-3

Thou hast held me by my right hand; and by Thy will Thou hast conducted me, and with Thy glory Thou hast received me. V. How good is God to Israël, to those of an upright heart! but my feet were almost moved, my steps had well-nigh slipped: because I was jealous of sinners, seeing the prosperity of sinners.

TRACT Psalm 21: 2-9, 18, 19, 22, 24, 32

O God, my God, look upon me; why hast Thou forsaken me? V. Far from my salvation are the words of my sins. V. O my God, I shall cry by day, and Thou wilt not hear; and by night, and it shall not be reputed as folly in me. V. But Thou dwellest in the holy place, the praise of Israël. V. In Thee have our fathers hoped: they have hoped, and Thou hast delivered them. V. They cried to Thee, and they were saved: they trusted in Thee, and were not confounded. V. But I am a worm, and no man: the reproach of men and the outcast of the people. V. All they that saw me have laughed me to scorn: they have spoken with the lips and wagged the head. V. He hoped in the Lord, let Him deliver Him: let Him save Him, seeing He delighteth in Him. V. But they have looked and stared upon me: they parted my garments amongst them, and upon my vesture they cast lots. V. Deliver me from the lion's mouth: and my lowness from the horns of the unicorns. V. Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him: all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify Him. V. There shall be declared to the Lord a generation to come; and the

heavens shall show forth His justice. V. To a people that shall be born, which the Lord hath made.

The Munda cor meum is said and the Passion begins immediately. It is sung by three deacons: the first, the chronicler (C), sings the narrative, the second, called the Synagogue (S), the words of any other person, and the third (✠) the words of Christ.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

St Matthew 26: 36-75; 27: 1-60

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

Gethsemene

At that time, Jesus came with His disciples into a country place which is called Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples: Sit you here, till I go yonder and pray. And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to grow sorrowful and to be sad. Then He saith to them: My soul is sorrowful even unto death; stay you here and watch with Me. And going a little further, He fell upon His face, praying and saying: My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from Me: Nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt. And He cometh to His disciples, and findeth them asleep. And He saith to Peter: What! Could you not watch one hour with Me? Watch ye, and pray that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh weak. Again the second time, He went and prayed, saying: My Father, if this chalice may not pass away, but I must drink it, Thy will be done. And He cometh again, and

findeth them sleeping: for their eyes were heavy. And leaving them, He went again: and He prayed the third time, saying the selfsame word. Then He cometh to His disciples, and saith to them: Sleep ye now and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go: behold, he is at hand that will betray Me.

The apprehension of Jesus

As He yet spoke, behold Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the ancients of the people. And he that betrayed Him gave them a sign, saying: Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is He: hold Him fast. And forthwith coming to Jesus, he said: Hail, Rabbi. And he kissed Him. And Jesus said to Him: Friend, whereto art thou come? Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus, and held Him. And behold one of them that were with Jesus, stretching forth his hand, drew out his sword, and striking the servant of the high priest, cut off his ear. Then Jesus saith to him: Put up again thy sword into its place; for all that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot ask My Father, and He will give Me presently more than twelve legions of angels? How then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that so it must be done? In that same hour Jesus said to the multitudes: You are come out, as it were to a robber, with swords and clubs to apprehend Me. I sat daily with you, teaching in the Temple, and you laid not hands on Me. Now all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then the disciples, all leaving Him, fled.

Jesus at the palace of the High Priest

But they holding Jesus led Him to Caiphias the high priest, where the scribes and the ancients were assembled. And Peter followed Him afar off, even to the court of the high priest. And going in, he sat with the servants, that he might see the end. And the chief priests and the whole council sought false witness against Jesus, that they might put Him to death. And they found not, whereas many false witnesses had come in. And last of all there came two false witnesses; and they said: This man said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and after three days to rebuild it. And the high priest, rising up, said to Him: Answerest Thou nothing to the things which these witness against Thee? But Jesus held His peace. And the high priest said to Him: I adjure Thee by the living God, that Thou tell us if Thou be the Christ the Son of God. Jesus saith to him: Thou hast said it. Nevertheless I say to you, hereafter you shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of the power of God, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his garments, saying: He hath blasphemed; what further need have we of witness? Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy. What think you? But they answering, said: He is guilty of death. Then did they spit in His face and buffeted Him; and others struck His face with the palms of their hands, saying: Prophecy unto us, O Christ, who is he that struck Thee?

The denial of Peter

But Peter sat without in the court, and there came to him a servant-maid, saying: Thou also wast with Jesus the Galilean. But he denied before them all, saying: I know not

what thou sayest. And as he went out of the gate, another maid saw him, and she said to them that were there: This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth. And again he denied with an oath: I know not the man. And after a little while, they came that stood by and said to Peter: Surely thou also art one of them; for even thy speech doth discover thee. Then he began to curse and to swear that he knew not the man; and immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus which He had said: Before the cock crow, thou wilt deny Me thrice. And going forth, he wept bitterly.

The despair of Judas

And when morning was come, all the chief priests and ancients of the people took counsel against Jesus, that they might put Him to death. And they brought Him bound, and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Then Judas, who betrayed Him, seeing that He was condemned, repenting himself, brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and ancients, saying: I have sinned in betraying innocent blood. But they said: What is that to us? Look thou to it. And casting down the pieces of silver in the Temple, he departed; and went and hanged himself with an halter. But the chief priests having taken the pieces of silver, said: It is not lawful to put them into the corbona, because it is the price of blood. And after they had consulted together, they bought with them the potter's field, to be a burying-place for strangers. For this cause that field was called Haceldama, that is, The Field of Blood, even to this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremias the prophet, saying: And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him that was prized,

whom they prized of the children of Israel; and they gave them unto the potter's field, as the Lord appointed to me.

Jesus before Pilate

And Jesus stood before the governor asked Him, saying: Art Thou the King of the Jews? Jesus saith to him: Thou sayest it. And when He was accused by the chief priests and ancients, He answered nothing. Then Pilate saith to Him: Dost not Thou hear how great testimonies they allege against Thee? And He answered to him never a word, so that the governor wondered exceedingly. Now upon the solemn day the governor was accustomed to release to the people one prisoner, whom they would. And he had then a notorious prisoner that was called Barabbas. They therefore being gathered together, Pilate said: Whom will you that I release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus that is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered Him. And as he was sitting in the place of judgment his wife sent to him, saying: Have thou nothing to do with that just man, for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him. But the chief priests and ancients persuaded the people that they should ask Barabbas, and make Jesus away. And the governor answering, said to them: Whether will you of the two to be released unto you? But they said: Barabbas. Pilate saith to them: What shall I do then with Jesus that is called Christ? They say all: Let Him be crucified. The governor said to them: Why, what evil hath He done? But they cried out the more, saying: Let Him be crucified. And Pilate seeing that he prevailed nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, taking water washed his hands before the people, saying: I am innocent of the blood of this just man; look you to it.

And the whole people answering, said: His blood be upon us and upon our children. Then he released to them Barabbas: and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him unto them to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor, taking Jesus into the hall, gathered together unto Him the whole band; and stripping Him they put a scarlet cloak about Him; and plating a crown of thorns they put it upon His head and a reed in His right hand. And bowing the knee before Him, they mocked Him, saying: Hail, king of the Jews. And spitting upon Him, they took the reed and struck His head. And after they had mocked Him, they took off the cloak from Him, and put on Him His own garments, and led Him away to crucify Him.

The Way of the Cross and the Crucifixion

And going out, they found a man of Cyrene, named Simon: him they forced to take up His cross. And they came to the place that is called Golgotha, which is the place of Calvary. And they gave Him wine to drink mingled with gall: and when He had tasted He would not drink. And after they had crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: They divided My garments among them, and upon My vesture they cast lots. And they sat and watched Him. And they put over His head His cause written: This is Jesus the King of the Jews. Then were crucified with Him two thieves: one on the right hand and one on the left. And they that passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads, and saying: Vah, Thou that destroyest the temple of God and in three days dost rebuild it, save Thy own self. If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. In like manner also the chief priests with the scribes and ancients, mocking, said:

He saved others, Himself He cannot save: if He be the king of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him; He trusted in God, let Him now deliver Him if He will have Him; for He said: I am the Son of God. And the self-same thing the thieves also that were crucified with Him reproached Him with.

The death of Christ

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over the whole earth, until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying: Eli, Eli, lamma sabacthani? That is, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? And some that stood there and heard, said: This man calleth Elias. And immediately one of them running took a sponge and filled it with vinegar and put it on a reed and gave Him to drink. And the others said: Let be; let us see whether Elias will come to deliver Him. And Jesus again crying with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

Here all kneel for a few moments.

And behold the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top even to the bottom; and the earth quaked and the rocks were rent; and the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints that had slept arose, and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection, came into the holy city, and appeared to many. Now the centurion and they that were with him watching Jesus, having seen the earthquake and the things that were done, were sore afraid, saying: Indeed this was the Son of God. And there were there many women afar off, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto Him: among whom was Mary

Magdalene, and Mary the Mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

The Burial of Jesus

And when it was evening, there came a certain rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded that the body should be delivered. And Joseph taking the body wrapt it up in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new monument, which he had hewed out in a rock. And he rolled a great stone to the door of the monument and went his way.

OFFERTORY Psalm 68: 21-22

My heart hath expected reproach and misery; and I looked for one that would grieve together with Me, but there was none: I sought for one that would comfort Me, and I found none; and they gave Me gall for My food, and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.

SECRET

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the offering made in the presence of Thy majesty may procure us the grace of devotion, and effectually obtain for us a blessed eternity. Through our Lord.

**PREFACE FOR THE PASSION
AND THE HOLY CROSS**

It is truly meet and just, right and availing unto salvation that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty and everlasting God. Who didst set the salvation of mankind upon the tree of the Cross, so that whence came death, thence also life might rise again, and that he who overcame by the tree might also be overcome on the tree: through Christ our Lord. Through whom the Angels praise Thy majesty, the Dominations worship it, and the powers stand in awe. The Heavens and the heavenly hosts, and the blessed Seraphim join together in celebrating their joy. With these we pray Thee join our voices also, while we say with lowly praise:

COMMUNION St Matthew 26: 42

Father, if this chalice may not pass away, but I must drink it, Thy will be done.

POSTCOMMUNION

By the operation of this mystery, O Lord, may Our vices be destroyed and our just desires fulfilled. Through our Lord.

There is no Last Gospel.