

COMMUNION OF THE SICK

Invitation: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves for this celebration, let us call to mind our sins.

I confess to almighty God,
and to you, here present,
that I have sinned through my own
fault
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, here present,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has
taught us:

Lord's Prayer:

Communion:

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to His
supper.

*Lord, I am not worthy that You
should enter under my roof.,*

*but only say the word and my soul
shall be healed.*

The body of Christ.

Prayer after Communion:

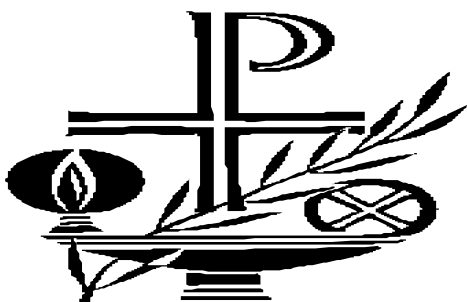
Let us pray.

Father,
may the food we receive in the
Eucharist
help our eternal redemption.
Keep within us the vigour of Your
Spirit
and protect the gifts You have
given to Your Church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus
the Lord

Amen

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy
Spirit. **Amen**



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**Communion to the Sick
& Housebound
Elizabeth Catholic
Parish**



***"An inclusive Eucharistic Community in the
Catholic Tradition united in Jesus reaching out to
all"***

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm.

***R. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.***

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **R.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered
'and the well is deep: how could you get
this living water? Are you a greater man
than our father Jacob who gave us this
well and drank from it himself with his sons
and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I
shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up
to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that
water, so that I may never get thirsty and
never have to come here again to draw
water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our
fathers worshipped on this mountain, while
you say that Jerusalem is the place where
one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know;
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come - in fact it is here
already -
when true worshippers will worship the
Father in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper
the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that

Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and
when he comes he will tell us everything.'
'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I
am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had

believed in him on the strength of the
woman's testimony when she said, 'He
told me all I have ever done', so, when the
Samaritans came up to him, they begged
him to stay with them. He stayed for two
days, and when he spoke to them many
more came to believe; and they said to the
woman, 'Now we no longer believe

because of what you told us; we have
heard him ourselves and we know that he
really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.