



HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

HYMN: JESUS, YOU ARE THE SWEETEST NAME OF ALL

LEADER: Lord Jesus, tonight we remain with you in prayer at this sacred hour. Only a short time ago, you gathered with your disciples for the Last Supper. You washed their feet in humble love. You gave them the gift of your Body and Blood in the Eucharist. You entrusted to them the sacred ministry of priesthood. And now, as the night deepens, you walk toward the garden, toward betrayal, suffering, and the Cross. We come to accompany you in prayer, remembering your words: “Could you not watch with me one hour?” Let us adore you present among us in the Most Holy Eucharist. *(Brief silence)*.

GOSPEL READING

John 13:34-35

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Word of the Lord

REFLECTION *(read slowly)*

Lord Jesus, tonight I sit with You after the Last Supper. You have just washed the feet of Your disciples, showing that love must be humble and self-giving. You gave them a new commandment—to love one another as You have loved them. But Your love is not only gentle words. Your love will soon walk the road to Calvary.

You loved even those who misunderstood You. You loved those who would abandon You. You loved even the one who would betray You. As I am before You tonight, I realize how often my love is conditional. I love when it is easy. I love when it costs little.

Yet You invite me to love as You love—without limits, without calculation. Tonight, Lord, teach my heart the true meaning of Your commandment.

(Silence)

Short pause for personal reflection...

As we sit in adoration, let us thank the Lord for his many gifts.

Our response is: **WE THANK YOU O LORD**

- Jesus, we praise you for the Eucharist, living bread for our souls... we pray to the Lord.



- Lord Jesus, we thank you for priests who serve your Church faithfully... we pray to the Lord.
- Jesus, eternal High Priest, we praise you for sharing your priesthood... we pray to the Lord.
- Lord Jesus, we praise you for love poured out in sacrifice... we pray to the Lord.
- Jesus, Bread of Life, we praise you for feeding us always... we pray to the Lord.
- Lord Jesus, we praise you for mercy, forgiveness, and hope in you... we pray to the Lord.
- Jesus, we praise you for calling us friends and remaining with us... we pray to the Lord.
- Lord Jesus, we praise you for countless blessings flowing from your merciful Heart... we pray to the Lord.

HYMN: WE SEEK THEE, LORD JESUS, WE SEEK THY BLESSED FACE

GOSPEL READING

From Matthew 26:36-41

“Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane... He said to them, ‘My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.’”

The Word of the Lord

REFLECTION (*read slowly*)

Lord Jesus, I imagine the quiet of the garden tonight. The city sleeps, but Your heart is heavy. You know what is coming. You know betrayal is near. You know suffering awaits You. Yet before everything unfolds, You ask Your friends for one simple thing:

“Remain here and keep watch with me.”

Tonight, I realize that You ask the same of me. You do not ask for great achievements. You ask for presence. To stay with You. To pray with You. To love You.

But how often I fall asleep spiritually. How often I forget Your presence in the Eucharist. How often I leave You alone. Yet tonight I want to remain here with You. In this quiet hour, help me offer You what You asked for in the garden— my watchfulness, my prayer, and my love.

(Silence)

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(Silence)



- Lord Jesus, hear the prayers we offer as we remain with You tonight.
- Our response is: **O LORD HEAR US**

- For the Church, that we may live the commandment of love faithfully... we pray to the Lord.

- For our Holy Father, bishops, and priests, strengthened by Eucharist and service... we pray to the Lord.

- For priests everywhere, that they remain faithful to their sacred calling always... we pray to the Lord.

- For families, that homes become places where Christlike love grows daily... we pray to the Lord.

- For the suffering and lonely, that they feel Christ's presence beside them... we pray to the Lord.

- For those who struggle with faith, that the Eucharist renew their hope... we pray to the Lord.

- For the poor and forgotten, that compassionate hearts respond generously today... we pray to the Lord.

- For peace in our troubled world, that love triumph over hatred everywhere... we pray to the Lord.

- For those who feel betrayed or abandoned, that Christ console them gently... we pray to the Lord.
- For each of us here tonight, that we remain faithful disciples always... we pray to the Lord.

(Brief silence)

HYMN: LORD, MAKE ME LIKE YOU

Let us now stand and prayerfully address our salutations to Jesus.

Our response is: **STAY WITH US, LORD**

Lord Jesus, present in the Altar of Repose, we call upon you...stay with us, Lord

Jesus, Bread of Life, stay with us, Lord.

Jesus, humble servant who washed the disciples' feet, stay with us, Lord.

Jesus, faithful friend who never abandons us, stay with us, Lord.

Jesus, gentle shepherd who gathers the lost, stay with us, Lord.



Jesus, betrayed yet loving without limits, stay with us, Lord.

Jesus, obedient Son who accepted the Father's will, stay with us, Lord.

Jesus, silent presence in the Eucharist, stay with us, Lord.

Jesus, strength of priests and shepherd of Your Church, stay with us, Lord.

Jesus, consolation of the suffering and abandoned, stay with us, Lord.

Jesus, hope of the weary and light of the world, stay with us, Lord.

Jesus, Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, stay with us, Lord.

Jesus, our Savior who walks the path to Calvary, stay with us, Lord.

(Silence)

FINAL PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as this hour of prayer draws to a close, we thank you for allowing us to remain with You tonight. You gave us the Eucharist as the lasting sign of your love. You entrusted the priesthood to serve your people.

You commanded us to love one another as you love us. Soon the darkness of betrayal will unfold, and the Cross will appear on the horizon. Yet even in suffering, your love will shine brighter than the night.

Help us carry this hour of prayer into our daily lives. May we remain faithful disciples, watching and praying with you. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, in the Eucharist, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN: LORD, YOU ARE MY EVERYTHING

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