

What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?

Psalm 116:12

“Mary Immaculate, Mother of Jesus, aid me in the
Priesthood of Thy Divine Son.”

Remembrance

of my
First Mass



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St. Nicholas Church
Hereford
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Matthew James Cashmore

Pray For Me

Welcome to St. Nicholas Church.

It is fair to say that this is one of the biggest days in any Priest's life. The moment when, for the first time, they offer the Sacrifice of Our Lord at the Altar. My journey here has been well documented!

You have all been part of that journey in some way, and so today - as I walk to the altar for the first time - you are taking that walk with me. As I pause and kiss the altar, so do you. Thank you so much for your encouragement, your words of wisdom, your guidance and above all - your prayers.

Please continue to pray for me as I take my first faltering steps as a Priest. Please continue to hold me as I fall, and be there when I need your guidance and words of wisdom. I will pray for you, offer the sacrament for you and will always be there when you need me.

Father Matthew

Facilities.

If you use a hearing aid please switch to the 'T' position and you will be tuned into the sound system.

Lavatories are available at the back of the church through the choir vestry.

If you find the print in this booklet too small to read comfortably, please ask for the large print version.

Giving and Gift Aid.

Part of our worship is the gift of money towards the ministry and mission of the church. A collection will be made during the Offertory Hymn (which will be announced) and presented with the Bread and Wine to be used in the Mass.

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Thank you for your generosity.

The Gathering

Please stand as the choir sing Ubi Caritas by Durufle. As the choir finish we all join together to sing our first hymn.

Hymn - Lord, For The Years

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

The Greeting

The president greets the people.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you

Prayer of Preparation

We say together:

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to
keep God's commandments and to live in love and
peace with all.

Please sit or kneel

We say together:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name
Amen**

The president says:

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal
through Jesus Christ our Lord

***All* Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis

Please stand

We say together:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen**

The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer
with the words 'let us pray'.*

The Collect is said and all respond.

***All* Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

2 Corinthians 8.7-end

⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— ¹¹ now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³ I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴ your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.

¹⁵ As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.’

¹⁶ But thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have. ¹⁷ For he not only accepted our appeal, but since he is more eager than ever, he is going to you of his own accord. ¹⁸ With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his proclaiming of the good news; ¹⁹ and not only that, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us while we are administering this generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our goodwill. ²⁰ We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering,

²¹ for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of others. ²² And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found eager in many matters, but who is now more eager than ever because of his great confidence in you. ²³ As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker in your service; as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. ²⁴ Therefore, openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

The Gradual Hymn - Shine Jesus Shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me
As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness

Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

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Gospel Reading

Turn to face the Book of the Gospels.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

***All* Glory to you, O Lord**

Mark 5. 21-end

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' ²⁴ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be

made well.’ ²⁹ Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ ³¹ And his disciples said to him, ‘You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, “Who touched me?” ’ ³² He looked all round to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, ‘Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?’ ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, ‘Do not fear, only believe.’ ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, ‘Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.’ ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha cum’, which means, ‘Little girl, get up!’ ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

After the sermon a short period of silence is observed.

The Creed

Please stand and say together:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel

The responses:

Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer

And at the end

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Introduction to the Peace

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you

Let us exchange a sign of Christ's peace and love.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented during the hymn

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

At the end of the hymn please remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Offertory Hymn - Ten Thousand Reasons

*Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name..*

*The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes*

*You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find
Bless the Lord...*

*And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore.*

*Bless the Lord oh my soul,
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name...*

[Repeat final chorus as directed]

The president takes the bread and wine.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

***All* His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts.

***All* We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All* It is right to give thanks and praise**

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

***All* Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary, Mother of God, St. Michael,
St. Nicholas and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread

As the bread is broken:

All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

**All We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen**

The president and people receive communion.

Communicant members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion, while others are warmly invited to come forward to receive a personal blessing.

During communion the choir will sing the motet, If Ye Love Me by Thomas Tallis.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may
be so peaceably ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen**

The Dismissal

During the hymn the Table is cleared

Hymn - Hail Queen of Heaven

Hail, Queen of Heav'n, the ocean Star,
Guide of the wand'rer here below!
Thrown on life's surge we claim thy care,
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea,
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee
Remind thy Son that He has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, Star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
O thee, blest Advocate, we cry,
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
And soothe with hope our misery.
Refuge in grief, Star of the sea,
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to Him who reigns above,
In Godhead One, in Persons Three,
The source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee;
Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the sea.
Pray for thy children, pray for me

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen

May the souls of the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace

All and rise in glory. Amen

Our service is over, now let our worship begin.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ, Amen

The ministers and choir depart as we sing our last hymn.

There will be an opportunity to receive a blessing from Father Matthew in the quiet chapel immediately following the final hymn.

Please join us next door at St. Nicholas House for food & drink after the service.

Hymn - Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me now and evermore
Feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will ever give to thee
I will ever give to thee

O am aros, O am aros
Yn Ei gariad ddyddiau foes
Yn Ei gariad ddyddiau foes

(Un I gar-ee-ad thuth-yai voice)

In memory of...

Margaret Elizabeth Jean Gwillim Jones.

My grandmother - Jean - was the single greatest source of inspiration and love in my life. She died last year and part of her legacy is my being stood at the altar today.

She was a teacher to the end and taught me to care for others, to love the world in all its fullness and to do whatever it is that God calls me to do with every ounce of who I am.

She was never one to walk quietly through life - but grabbed it with both hands - sometimes needing a little help - but always with a smile on her face. I miss her a great deal and today is dedicated, in part, to her and her memory.

Bill Morgan.

Bill was the verger at my sending church. He was a man full of faith and love. He was a huge part of my coming back to faith in Bledlow. It is rare to meet someone who so embodies a faithful life and when you do they become a source of faith that surrounds everyone and gently ebbs out into the world around them. Bill was one of these very rare people and I often find myself thinking 'what would Bill do'.

His final gift to me was a bottle of communion wine - which we have used today. He wanted so much to be here and take part in the service, but sadly passed away late last year - not long after Grandma.

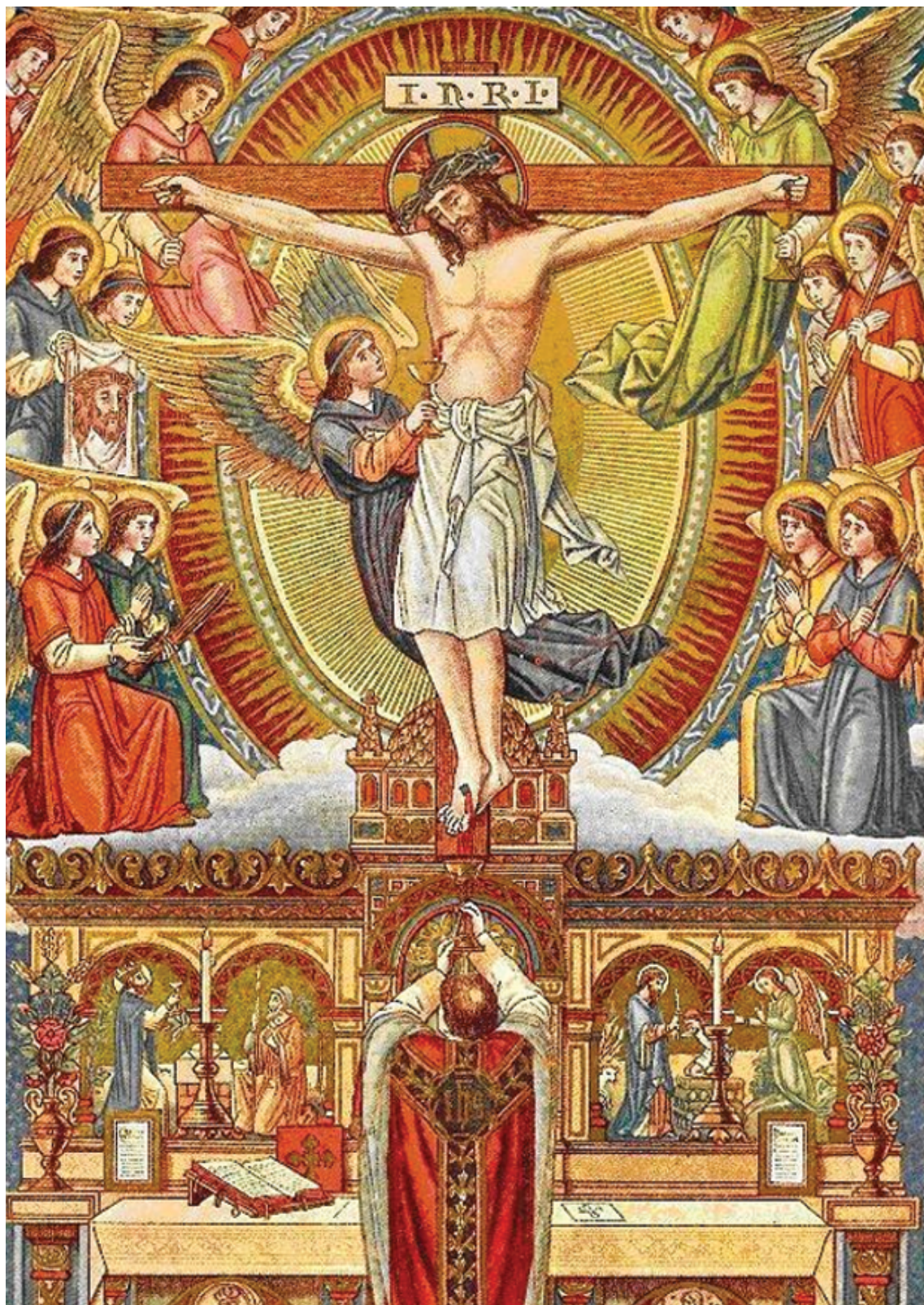
Today I remember him - tall, quiet, reassuring - and offer this Mass to his memory.



Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at the
hour of our death

Amen



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