

*Mary, Mother  
of the  
Eucharist,  
Pray for us!*



MODERN LITANY TO OUR LADY  
"LADY, GIVER OF BREAD" – Caryll Houselander

Lady, giver of Bread, Christ-bestowing,  
--Give us the Bread of Life!

Fallow land for the sowing, darkness over the seed,  
secrecy for the growing:  
--Give us the Living Bread!

Empty cup for the wine, white linen, spread  
without fold for the feast:  
--Give us the Bread of Heaven,

Yeast and leaven, Christ-bestowing: give us to eat.  
--Give us the Bread in the wheat, Lady, giver of Bread.

Full grape in the vine, give us the strong Wine  
poured into the chalice and lifted up. Drained cup,  
Give us the crust of sorrow, hard as rye, Christ-bestowing.  
--Give us the broken Bread.

Give us the emptiness of the dark furrow,  
while the great wind of the Spirit is blowing and sowing seed.  
Lady, giver of Bread, field sown by the wind,  
snow white on the field, darkness under the snow:  
--Yield the Bread of Life!

Wheat, leaven and yeast and wine for the feast:  
give us the Bread of Life,  
--Lady, giver of Bread, Christ-bestowing.

**THEOTOKOS – ANNUNCIATION/INCARNATION  
MOTHERHOOD OF GOD (Eucharist – taking & blessing)**



*My soul proclaims the Greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.*

*He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.*

*He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.*

*He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.*

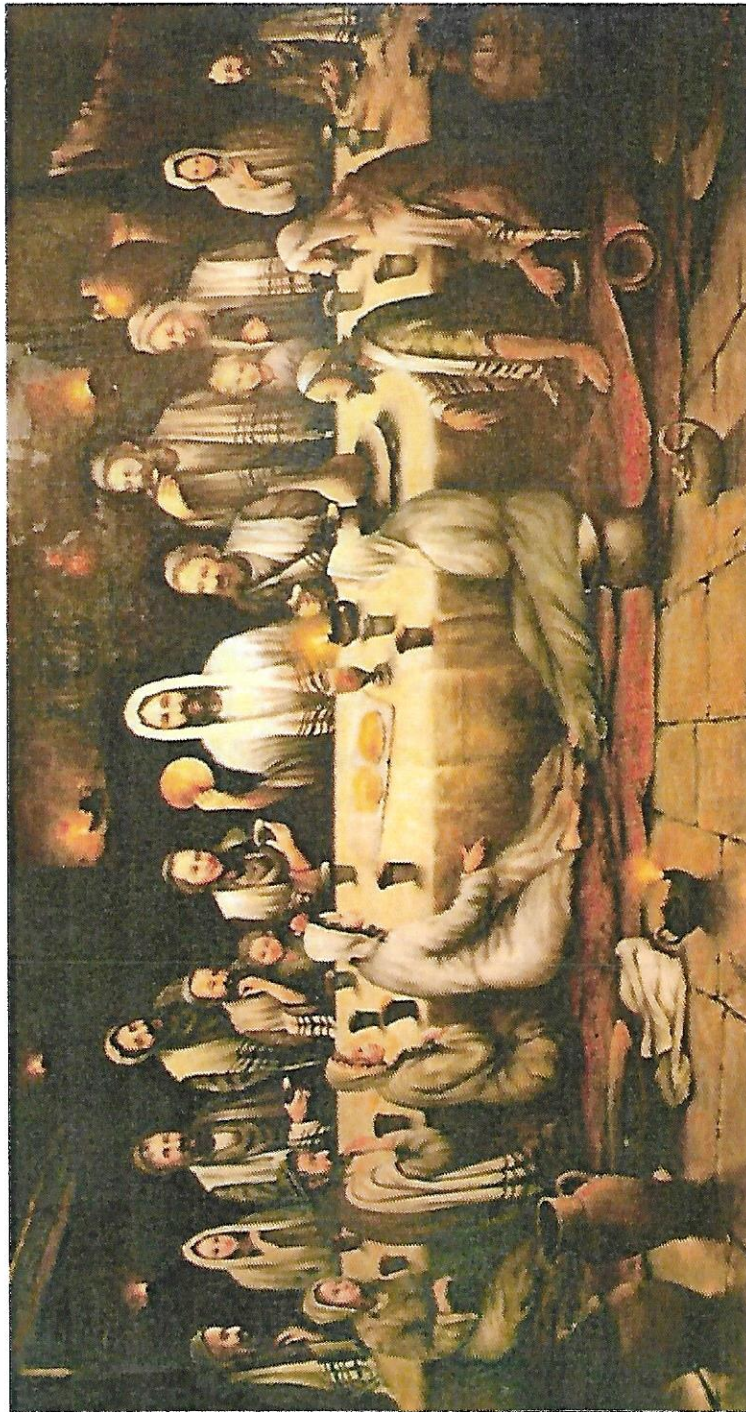


**CO-REDEMPTORIX – PRESENCE IN THE PASSION/DEATH**  
**(Eucharist – breaking)**



So, what does this mean for us and for our own efforts to understand better the meaning of **Holy Communion**? And how might this affect our sense of the Eucharistic Revival that we so desire to be part of and encourage in the Church? How might our Blessed Mother help ME to be more totally present in the Sacrifice of the Mass?

Again, I want to invite you to go apart and reflect on these questions. GAZE UPON THE PICTURES, CONSIDER YOUR PLACE IN THEM (onlooker? Participant?) CONTEMPLATE AND DESIRE TO IMITATE...







**MEDIATRIX –  
ASSUMPTION/CORONATION  
Portal and Intercessor of all  
Grace (Eucharist- sharing)**

The Virgin said to Juan Diego:  
“Listen and understand, my  
littlest son, let nothing  
frighten and afflict you or  
trouble your heart ... Am I not  
here, I, who am your mother?  
Are you not under my  
shadow? Am I not your  
health? Are you not happily

within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor  
be disturbed by anything.

*Once again, go apart and gaze upon the image of  
Mary, place yourself in her loving arms, ask her to feed you,  
strengthen you, clothe you with her wisdom. Ask her to  
help you to become more like the Child you are created to  
be and to grow in absolute Trust. Listen to what She wants  
to tell you. (Perhaps Juan Diego may also help you to  
become more trusting...)*

## **THE MIRROR OF CHRIST**

***Gazing** into the Mirror of Christ  
i see - without comprehending -  
a LOVE unfathomed;  
sending LOVE enfleshed  
into the mesh of human existence  
freeing brothers and sisters from the tomb  
and bringing us home  
to the Womb of LOVE*

***Considering** this Image of Christ  
i see - without comprehending -  
myself - mirrored in Him:  
bending low to lift me high  
even as i  
would bend low  
to lift a child...  
YES. LOVE is Meek and Mild*

***Contemplating** this Lover of my soul  
Whose only desire  
is to heal my heart and make me whole,  
i wonder:  
can i be less? give less? do less?  
than fully surrender  
to His complete caress?*

***YOU** alone, my Lord Jesus,  
are my heart's desire.  
YOU alone can fire my soul  
with all-consuming LOVE  
YOU alone can mold me  
into your own image  
and trace in me  
your Loving Face.*

*As One, then, we can hold the world  
enfolding all  
into OUR FATHER'S  
Welcoming Embrace.*

### Approximate Schedule for the day...

9:30 - 10:00	Registration/Refreshments ( <i>provided by St. Isaac Jogues musicians, Rapid City</i> )
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome
10:05 – 10:15	Opening Prayer ( <i>led by St. John the Baptist musicians</i> )
10:15 – 12:15	Reflections on Mary and the Eucharist
12:15 – 12:55	Lunch / Business Meeting
1:00 – 2:00	Continue Reflections on Mary and the Eucharist
2:00 -- 2:45	Taize' Prayer Service ( <i>led by Our Lady of the Black Hills musicians</i> )

#### Four elements of Eucharistic Celebration:

TAKE – INCARNATION, MARY'S YES, BE IT DONE...

THANK – BLESSING – MAGNIFICAT – "EUCARISTIA"

BREAK – WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE BROKEN AND FINALLY...

SHARE – GIVEN AWAY, IN THE BANQUET OF THE KINGDOM,  
MARY SHOWS US HOW TO FEED ONE ANOTHER...