

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

Mystery of Faith

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The melody is simple and uses a limited range of notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines, and some measures contain repeat signs. The lyrics are: "We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your re - sur - rec - tion un - til you_ come a - gain. When we eat_ this bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your death, O Lord, un til you_ come a - gain. Save_ us, Sa - vior of_ the world, for by your_ Cross_ and Re - sur - rec - tion_ you_ have set_ us_ free."

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Origins

Pre Vatican II

- ◆ Consecratory words over the wine.....
- ◆ *Mysterium fidei*.....
- ◆ Moved to a different place in the eucharistic prayer
- ◆ So as to be an invitation to acclaim.....
- ◆ The priest previously invited this by saying Let us proclaim



An Acclamation of Faith

- ◆ The priest will now announce 'The Mystery of Faith'
- ◆ We have been used to an invitation let us proclaim
- ◆ This is an acclamation not a proclamation
- ◆ What's the difference
- ◆ Let us implies the priest will also be taking part....
- ◆ The acclamation is our part.....

The Focus of the Acclamation

- ◆ Faith filled statements that prompt a response....
- ◆ The priest pauses in the midst of a lengthy prayer
- ◆ So that we can take our part.....
- ◆ The priest is not supposed to join in anymore than he would make a response to 'The Body of Christ'
- ◆ He announces... you acclaim

1975 Missal

- ◆ There were four acclamations...
- ◆ Christ has died.....
- ◆ Dying you destroyed our death
- ◆ Were inspired by the Latin but not translations....
- ◆ Each of the acclamations point to our belief in the paschal mystery

Of the people

'The Memorial Acclamation of the people in the Eucharistic Prayer confesses the Church's belief in the central mystery of our faith, the Paschal Mystery of Christ's death, resurrection and presence among his people.'

Celebrating the Mass 195

Very close to the Latin

We proclaim your Death,
O Lord,
and profess your
Resurrection
until you come **again**.



Most Direct

- ◆ Most Directly refer to the Paschal Mystery.....
- ◆ Including a reference to the promised coming of the Lord

2 small changes

- ◆ *O Lord...translating the Latin Domine*
- ◆ *Replaces Lord Jesus*
- ◆ *The word 'again' replaces 'in glory'.*
- ◆ *The Latin ends.....donec venias (until you come)*

When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
We proclaim your Death,
O Lord,
Until you come **again**

Participation...

This makes clear that our participation in Mass and our reception of Holy Communion.....
is a profession of faith in the Mystery



Closer to the Latin

Save us, Saviour of the
world,

For by your cross and
resurrection,

You have set us free

Connects to Good Friday
prayers.....



Salvation

Here there
is a clear link
with the Paschal Mystery
as the source of our
salvation



Through him and with him,
and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
forever and ever.

AMEN.....

Orientation of Christian Prayer

Through

With

and in Jesus

We offer our prayer,
praise and honour to God,
His Father and our Father



GREAT AMEN

- ◆ Justin the Martyr 150 ' When the prayers and eucharist are finished, all the people give their assent with an Amen!'
- ◆ Hebrew – So be it



St. Paul considered this ratification
by the assembly
to be essential
to the thanksgiving prayer
1 Corinthians 14: 15 – 16

