

March 3

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL, Virgin

Feast

FIRST READING Proverbs 9:1-6

Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared.

Old Lectionary #120

New Lectionary for Sunday #119B

or

1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body
because we share this one loaf.

Old Lectionary #168

New Lectionary #167A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 145: 10-11, 15-16, 17-18

R. (16) The hand of the Lord feeds us;
 he answers all our needs.

ALLELUIA VERSE AND VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood
will live in me and I in them, says the Lord. (John 6:56)

GOSPEL

Luke 9:11-17

They all ate and were filled.

Old Lectionary #170

New Lectionary for Sunday #169C

[In the dioceses of the United States]

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KATHARINE DREXEL, virgin

The Opening Prayer is proper and the remaining texts may be taken from the *Common of Virgins* (page 806). A selection is provided.

**OPENING
PRAYER**

**Ever-loving God,
you called St. Katharine Drexel
to teach the message of the Gospel
and to bring the life of the Eucharist
to the African-American and Native American peoples.**

**By her prayers and example,
enable us to work for justice
among the poor and the oppressed,
and keep us undivided in love
in the eucharistic community of your Church.**

**Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

**PRAYER OVER
THE GIFTS**

**Lord,
we see the wonder of your love
in the life of the virgin Katharine Drexel,
and her witness to Christ.
Accept our gifts of praise
and make our offering pleasing to you.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION**

Let us pray.
Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.
**Lord God,
may this eucharist renew our courage and strength.
May we remain close to you, like St. Katharine Drexel,
by accepting in our lives
a share in the suffering of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.**

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

SUPPLEMENT

Insert

Saint Katharine Drexel

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SAIN'T KATHARINE DREXEL, VIRGIN

Memorial

[Feast in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia]

*[Approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops
September 11, 1990; effective October 1, 2000]*

Katharine Drexel was born in Philadelphia, on November 26, 1858, the daughter of Francis A. Drexel, a prominent banker, and Hannah Langstroth, who died shortly after Katharine's birth. Her father later married Emma Bouvier. It was from them that Katharine and her two sisters learned the lessons of love of God and neighbor, especially the poor. Katharine gave her fortune and her life to serve the poor and oppressed, particularly Black American and Native American people. She helped finance many missions among them. In 1891, she founded a missionary community, The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist was the center of and sustenance for her life; she saw it as the source of unity among races. Katharine died on 3 March 1955, in her 97th year. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on 20 November 1988, and canonized by him on 1 October 2000.

*[From the common of virgins, Vol. II, 2104, or Vol. III, 1777,
except for the following]:*

Office of Readings

Second Reading

From an instruction by Saint Katharine Drexel

(Archives of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Directives and Customs of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, 1961)

The complete consecration of self, body and soul, is the distinctive grace of our vocation and consists in giving of self to God by an act of love which embraces our entire being and our whole life, and in acting thenceforth in the spirit of our consecration. We should strive to be unreservedly submissive to the holy will of God in all that concerns us in the present and in the future; to be instruments conducted by our Lord alone, who will manifest his will by the directions of those in authority, the movements of his grace and the occurrences of each instant.

Let us profit of Holy Mass to address to God our ardent prayers to draw upon ourselves and upon the Indian and Black peoples the graces that will save them (us), uniting ourselves to the Adorable Victim in the Holy Sacrifice: "By Him, with Him and in Him," let us offer to the Blessed Trinity the homage of praise, reparation, thanksgiving and supplication due to the Infinite Majesty of God.

"Ask and you shall receive," is the exhortation of our Lord. We see the practical demonstration of this in his own life, for when he sat weary by the well of Jacob, hot and tired, he condescended to ask a Samaritan woman to give him to drink, but immediately leads her to ask of him the "living water." All-powerful as he was, and thirsting for her salvation, he, the divine

Word, would not give her the “living water” unless she asked it of him.... We know him and are enabled by faith to pierce the veil and ask of him the “living water”.... Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament yearns no less now to give this “living water” to souls like that Samaritan woman.

Therefore, we pray for ourselves, for the community, for all its works; for the graces that will enable you to carry the teachings of our Lord to the Indian and Black Peoples; graces that will cause your word to fructify; graces that will make of you apostles imbued with a lively faith to animate those with whom you come in contact, and with an ardent love of God to enable you not only to love him personally, but to bring others to participate in this love for him.

Responsory

Ask and you will receive.

–For the one who asks, receives; the one who seeks, finds; the one who knocks, enters.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him in truth.

–For the one who asks, receives; the one who seeks, finds; the one who knocks, enters.

Morning Prayer

Psalmody

Ant. 1 My beloved belongs to me and I to him.

Psalms and canticles from Sunday, Week I.

Ant. 2 Blessed are the poor in spirit and those who hunger
and thirst for justice.

Ant. 3 Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Reading

Malachi 1:11

From the rising of the sun even to its setting, my name is great among the nations. And everywhere they bring sacrifice to my name, and a pure offering. For great is my name among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

Responsory

You bring forth bread from the earth.
--You bring forth bread from the earth.

And wine to give warmth to our hearts,
--and bread from the earth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
--You bring forth bread from the earth.

Canticle of Zechariah

Ant. May our lives be filled with love for God and with
compassion for all.

Intercessions

[From the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ]:

Brethren, let us pray to Jesus Christ, the bread of life, as we joyfully say:

Happy are those who are called to your heavenly banquet.

Priest of the new and eternal covenant, you offered perfect sacrifice to the Father on the altar of the cross,

–teach us to offer ourselves to you.

King of justice and peace, you consecrated bread and wine as the sign of your offering,

–unite us as victims with you.

True worshiper of the Father, your perfect offering is celebrated by the Church from the rising to the setting of the sun,

–unite in your body those who partake of the one bread.

Manna from heaven, you nourish the Church with your body and blood,

–grant that we may walk strengthened by this food.

Unseen host of our banquet, you stand at the door and knock,

–come to us, stay and share the evening meal with us.

Our Father...

Prayer

Ever-loving God,
you called Saint Katharine Drexel
to teach the message of the Gospel
and to bring the life of the Eucharist
to the African American and Native American peoples.

By her prayers and example,
enable us to work for justice
among the poor and the oppressed.
Draw us all into the Eucharistic community of your Church,
that we may be one in you.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Evening Prayer

Hymn *[From the Common of Virgins]*

Psalmody

Ant. 1 God took them in and planted them
on the mountain of his inheritance.

Psalms and canticle from the Common of Virgins

Ant. 2 In Christ you are being built into a temple, to become a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

Ant. 3 People of every tribe and nation will come and worship you, O Lord.

Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

Responsory

God gave us bread from heaven.
– God gave us bread from heaven.

We have eaten the bread of angels,
–bread from heaven.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
--God gave us bread from heaven.

Canticle of Mary

Come, magnify the Lord with Mary and
rejoice in God our Savior

Intercessions [*From the Common of Virgins*]