



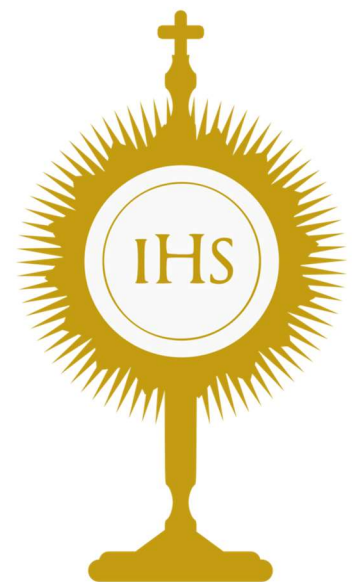
# *Ave Maria Parish*

*Year of the Eucharist Prayer Service*



## **Welcome:**

Welcome and thank you for participating in this online prayer for the Year of the Eucharist. Before you begin, find a quiet comfortable spot where you can sit, relax and focus on what you will see and hear. Print out the PDF that is linked below to follow along with the reflections and music.





**“I Am the Bread of Life”** (Angrisano / Booth)

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*(Voice 1)*

**I am the Bread of Life,  
I am the hope in night,  
I am the door wide open,  
I am the shepherd’s might,  
I am the truth and light,  
I am the way and life,  
I Am Who Am and I am for you:  
Come and follow me.**

*(Voice 2)*

**I am bread for the world,  
Hope for the hopeless.  
Come to me, and know that I’ll always be there  
With my arms open wide.  
I Am Who Am and I am for you:  
Come and follow me.**

*(Sing Voices 1 & 2 together)*

*Verse:*

**I give my heart to those in sorrow,  
I come to those who are in need;  
Hope for today and for tomorrow,  
Light for all who want to see.**

*(Sing Voices 1 & 2 together)*

## **“Bread of Heaven”**

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**Bread of Heaven, Savior broken,  
Cup of life outpoured;  
We, your people thirst and hunger.  
Come renew us, Lord;  
Come renew us, Lord.**

From the mountain, blessing spoken  
Where we came to pray;  
With the simple truth before us:  
Love them in My name;  
Love them in My name. (*chorus*)

From the garden dark with sorrow,  
From the tears You wept,  
Bloomed the flower of salvation;  
New life born of death;  
New life born of death. (*chorus*)

(Bridge):  
From the hill where love was lifted  
On the heavy wood,  
Flow the blood and streams of mercy  
Where your mother stood; Where your mother stood,  
(Interlude)

From the tomb that could not hold you  
In the dark of night,  
Broke the morning of redemption:  
Raising us to life; Raising us to life. (*chorus*)



## **“The Body of Christ”**

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This is the Body of Christ  
Beautiful, broken, and blessed;  
Miracle of the greatest of loves:  
Presence of God in our midst.

This is the Cup that He shares,  
Endlessly emptied and poured;  
Sacrifice made so that we might be saved  
Now and forevermore.

**Amen, Amen.**

**We are healed by the Bread of Life.**

**Amen, Amen.**

**We are One in the Body of Christ.**

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This is the Body of Christ  
Word become flesh by His Grace  
Miracle of a mystery no one  
Ever could fully explain.

This is the blood of the lamb,  
Gift of a heart open wide;  
Poured from the Cross to the altar where love  
Comforts and fills and provides. (*refrain*)

*(Interlude)* This is the Body of Christ  
Gathered in hope and in faith;  
Bound by this love, this Body and Blood  
He offers again and again;

All of the hunger we have,  
Satisfied only by this;  
So we receive, remember, believe;  
And share so that others may live. (*refrain*)

## **"I Love You, Lord"**

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I love you, Lord,  
And I lift my voice  
To Worship You, O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King,  
In what you hear;  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound  
In Your ear.

I pray You , Lord,  
To come to me  
In form of bread and wine, today.  
With Eucharist  
You will fill me now  
With the presence of our Lord,  
Jesus Christ.

I love you, Lord,  
And I lift my voice  
To Worship You, O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King,  
In what you hear;  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound  
In Your ear.



## **A Feast for Everyone:**

The banqueting table is ready – with the food and drink prepared. As we approach the table (the Altar of the Lord), are we ready to receive what is truly present in the consecrated bread and consecrated wine? Are we ready to receive Jesus, who is truly present in the Eucharist? Are our hearts open to those who walk before, behind and beside us? And are we ready to answer the invitation – the call to be the body of Christ.

### **Luke 14: 15-24**

One of his fellow guests on hearing this said to him, “Blessed is the one who will dine in the kingdom of God.” He replied to him, “A man gave a great dinner to which he invited many. When the time for the dinner came, he dispatched his servant to say to those invited, ‘Come, everything is now ready.’ But one by one, they all began to excuse themselves. The first said to him, ‘I have purchased a field and must go to examine it; I ask you, consider me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have purchased five yoke of oxen and am on my way to evaluate them; I ask you, consider me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have just married a woman, and therefore I cannot come.’ The servant went and reported this to his master. Then the master of the house in a rage commanded his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in here the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.’ The servant reported, ‘Sir, your orders have been carried out and still there is room.’ The master then ordered the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedgerows and make people come in that my home may be filled. For, I tell you, none of those men who were invited will taste my dinner.’”

### **Reflection:**

As you listen to our choir sing *A Feast Meant for Everyone*, reflect on what it means to be invited to and welcomed around the altar. What does the Eucharist mean for you?

## **“The Feast Meant for Everyone”**

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Bread for the immigrant, Bread for the poor,  
Bread for the hungry who beg at our door.  
Food for the outcast, waiting to belong;  
**Come to the feast meant for everyone.**

Bread for the sheltered, bread for the rich,  
Those who need nothing but all Jesus is.  
Food for all people, empty we all come;  
**Come to the feast meant for everyone.**

**Oh, how great is the Love of God,  
In this body broken, this saving blood.  
Oh, how great is the Love of God,  
Here in the feast meant for everyone;  
Here in the feast meant for everyone.**

Drink for the brother thirsting for more,  
Drink for the sister who's run out of hope.  
This cup is healing, more than just enough;  
**Come to the feast meant for everyone.**

Gather the sinners; gather the saints;  
All those in heaven and here in this place.  
This is the table where we are made one  
**Here in the feast meant for everyone.**

**Oh, how great is the Love of God,  
In this body broken, this saving blood.  
Oh, how great is the Love of God,  
Here in the feast meant for everyone;  
Here in the feast meant for everyone.**

## Closing Prayer:

God, the Father of love and source of all life and unity, You are always present to us just as we are. Throughout this year of the Eucharist, we pray that you strengthen the faith of all your beloved people. Grant us a renewed sense of Your Son's presence in the consecrated bread and wine at Mass, and through our Holy Communion with Christ, may we become what we receive. May we be Jesus' hands and feet and body through which you bless the world. Amen.





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