

Mystical Cosmic Mass

Second annual Soul Mass for Rev Craig Spence

19 November, 2023

SOURCE OF ALL BEING

Source of all being, fire of love, Your glory flames through worlds above. Centre and light of every sphere, Yet to each loving heart how near.

Sun of our life, your quickening ray Sheds on our path the glow of day. Star of our hope, your softened light Cheers the long watches of the night.

Source of all life, below, above,
Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love;
Through us your glorious light is shown
We need no lustre of our own.

Grant us your truth to make us free And hearts that burn with constancy, Till all your living altars claim One holy light, one heavenly flame.

RESPONSES

Cel: (Let us) be still, and know.

All: We still ourselves and feel your power and your presence.

Cel: Be still, and know.

All: We still ourselves and hear the whispering of your voice.

Cel: Be still, and know.

All: We open ourselves to the eternal, to the manifold colours of the spirit.

Cel: We are still, and we know ...

THE GNOSIS

... that in the innermost spiritual sanctum
of each human being,
is the real self,
which is of the same essence
as that spiritual reality
we call God,
who is within, beyond,
and behind the universe;
we know

that the nature of this spiritual reality – which is unknowable to the intellect, but knowable to the heart – is love:

we know that perfect justice rules the world,
that the whole creation
will one day reach its divine fulfilment;
we know this

because the world is being reconciled to God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSES

Cel: Christ is in you.

All: Our hope and our glory.

Cel: Our bodies are the substance of your being.

All: Deepen in us your spirit, O Christ.

Cel: Our life-spirit is the work of your hands.

All: Deepen in us your spirit, O Christ.

Cel: Our emotions and feelings are your essence.

All: Deepen in us your spirit, O Christ.

Cel: Fill us with the glory we had when we dwelt with you.

All: And magnify your spirit in us, O Christ.

LOVE DIVINE

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

THE OFFERING

Cel: ... and offer them on the altar of our lives, praying that you will fill them with your glory and majesty.

All raise their bread with the Celebrant, and say ...

All: This bread is my life which I give to you in love and service.

Cel: Take our bread.

It is set apart for a sacred use that it may become the living bread from heaven.

All raise their wine with the Celebrant, and say ...

All: This wine is my spirit, dedicated to the divine will of God.

Cel: Take this wine ...

CALL TO PRAISE

Cel: Christ is in you.

All: Our hope and our glory.

Cel: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them in joy.

Cel: Let us give our thanks to the God Most High.

All: It is a good and joyful thing to do.

Cel: It is a very good and joyful thing and all the company of spiritual worlds, in saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, who was and is and is to come, heaven and earth are full of your glory; glory be to you, O God Most High.

THE CHALICE PRAYER

Father, we raise our whole being to you, a vessel emptied of self.

Accept, O Lord, this our emptiness, and so fill us with yourself, your life, your light, your love, that these your gracious gifts may radiate through us, and overflow the chalice of our heart into the hearts of all with whom we come in contact, revealing unto them the beauty of your joy and wholeness and the serenity of your peace, which nothing can destroy.

THE CONSECRATION

During the Consecration, all may bless their bread and wine together the Celebrant.

IT IS A MYSTERY

It is a mystery, a mystery of life:

A change of bread and wine
Into a flow divine,
A flow divine of love
Into our spirit move,
A consecration of our life and self in you.

It is a mystery, a mystery of life:

A change of heart and mind

Into a flow divine,

A flow divine of love

Into our spirit move,

A consecration of our life and self in you.

OFFERING OF SELF

O loving Christ,
present in these holy mysteries,
I give myself to you,
for joy and for sorrow,
for sickness and for health,
for success and failure,
in time and in eternity.
I offer to you my body, mind and spirit
to be a holy sacrifice.
Take me and make me
the instrument of your will.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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.

O LOVE

O love that knoweth of no fear, O love that sheds a joyous tear, O love that makes me whole and free, Such love shall keep and hallow me.

SURROUNDED BY HIS LOVE

Grace and love flow live a river, From the throne above. I, the taker; he the giver; Grace and wonder, life and love.

Surrounded by his love, Surrounded by his love; Resting in his strength I stand. The wonder of that love, The wonder of that love, Forgiveness for me my hope.

His love enfolds me now and ever; His grace is always there for me. I know his love will leave me never; He knows me as I am and will be.

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- Coming Up -

In Conversation with Reverends Antoinette & Robert "The Mystical Cosmic Mass" Saturday 25 / Sunday 26 November, 2023

Conversation #1 – a few places still available Conversation #2 – fully booked Conversation #3 – places available

Booking essential. Book today or tomorrow.

This is an opportunity to hear firsthand about the development of this new liturgy and the thinking and motivation behind it.

It is also an opportunity to share your impressions and responses, and ask your questions.

Three stand-alone sessions are being offered. Choose the one that suits you best.

Attendance is by donation.

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Advent Meditations

DAILY, MONDAY to SATURDAY commencing Friday 1 December, 2023 rosaveritas.org/advent2023

Mystical Cosmic Mass

ADVENT SUNDAY
Sunday 3 December, 2023
Celebrant: Rev Robert John, Langwarrin VIC
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Mystical Cosmic Mass

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday 10 December, 2023
Celebrant: Rev Louise Flynn, Melbourne VIC
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Carols by Candlelight

Third Sunday of Advent Sunday 17 December, 2023

Christmas Eve Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday 24 December, 2023
Celebrant: Rev Antoinette Schoenmaker, Coffs Harbour NSW

New Year Agapē & Dedication

Sunday 31 December, 2023
Celebrant: Rev Antoinette Schoenmaker, Coffs Harbour NSW

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