

Memorial Acclamation

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The Memorial Acclamation follows the Institution narrative—the words Jesus used at the Last Supper over bread and wine. This acclamation, therefore, is our response to God’s coming to dwell among us, particularly in the transformation of bread and wine into Christ’s Body and Blood. All of the Memorial Acclamations mention death and Resurrection. This is *mysterium fidei*: “The mystery of faith.” We call this, technically, the Paschal Mystery. In the face of death, God raised Christ Jesus from the dead to new life. The three acclamations above go one step further than simply stating the mystery of faith or the Paschal Mystery; they acknowledge that we too are called to life made new. In death, in sin, in pain and suffering, God will bring about life. For example, the third acclamation ends with “you have set us free.” As disciples, we are given the nourishment of Christ’s own Body and Blood that brings new life and transformation. This transformation is God’s liberating self given to us through and in Eucharist.

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