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**THE HOLY MASS**  
**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.*

In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**R. And with your spirit.**

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**PENITENCIAL RITE**

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*The priest invites the people to recall their sins and to repent of them.*

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, that we may prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*After the silence, all pray*

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

*They strike their breast:*

**through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; [then they continue:] therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my**

**brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*The priest says the absolution*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

*The people answer:*

**-Amen.**

*The priest invites all to repent of their sins. A pause for silent reflection follows:*

Lord, have mercy.     **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.    Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.     **Lord, have mercy.**

## **GLORIA**

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life . and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord.**

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## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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### **First reading: From the Book of Genesis 15:1–6; 21:1–3**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying: “Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?” Abram continued, “See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir.” Then the word of the Lord came to him: “No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir.” He took him outside and said: “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.” Abram put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. The Lord took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **R/. Responsorial Psalm**

**R The Lord remembers his covenant forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord, invoke his name;  
make known among the nations his deeds.

Sing to him, sing his praise,  
proclaim all his wondrous deeds!

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Glory in his holy name;  
rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord!  
Look to the Lord in his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

R.

You descendants of Abraham, his servants,  
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
he, the Lord, is our God;  
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

R.

He remembers forever his covenant  
which he made binding for a thousand generations,  
which he entered into with Abraham  
and by his oath to Isaac.R.

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**Second reading: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews 11:8, 11–12, 17–19**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age — and Sarah herself was sterile — for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good

as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.” He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### **ALLELUIA**

**May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; and the fullness of his message live within you.**

### **GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.           **And with your spirit..**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22–40**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had

seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted, and you yourself a sword will pierce, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.**R.**

**Glory to you, Lord.**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY  
THE APOSTLE'S CREED OR  
PROFESSION OF FAITH.**

**I believe in God, the Father  
almighty,**

**Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord, *[at the words that follow,  
up to and including the Virgin Mary,  
all bow]***

**who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from  
the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven, and is  
seated at the right hand of God the  
Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

***Priest's Introduction***

On this day (on this night, in this time)  
when the goodness and kindness of  
God our Savior have appeared, let us,  
dear brothers and sisters, humbly pour  
forth to him our prayers, trusting not  
in our own good works, but in his  
mercy.

Intentions

1. For the Church of God, that in  
integrity of faith she may await and

may welcome with joy him whom the immaculate Virgin conceived by a word and wondrously brought to birth, let us pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, have mercy**

2. For the progress and peace of the whole world, that what is given in time may become a reward in eternity, let us pray to the Lord.

3. For those oppressed by hunger, sickness or loneliness, that through the mystery of the Nativity of Christ they may find relief in both mind and body, let us pray to the Lord.

4. For the families of our congregation, that, receiving Christ, they may learn also to welcome him in the poor, let us pray to the Lord.

**Priest's Prayer**

We pray, O Lord our God, that Mary, who merited to bear God and man in her chaste womb, may commend the prayers of your faithful in your sight. Through Christ our Lord.

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## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

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### **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity

of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**ALL STAND**

Pray, brethren [brothers and sisters], that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*The people answer:*

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord.**

**PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father,

almighty and eternal God [through Christ our Lord].

For in the mystery of the Word made flesh a new light of your glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that as we recognize in him God made visible, we may be caught up through him in love of things invisible. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, as we sing the hymn of your glory without end we acclaim:

*The priest reads the preface of the day; when he finishes, everybody say:*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

**(ALL KNEEL)**

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and † Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

***TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.***

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

***TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.***

**The mystery of faith.**

**All say:**

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

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and [N.] our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who

have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, with the blessed Apostles and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

*The people answer:* Amen.  
(ALL STAND)

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## COMMUNION RITE

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At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Ama namin, sumasalangit  
Ka, Sambahin ang ngalan  
Mo. Mapasaamin ang kaharian Mo.  
Sundin ang Loob Mo Dito sa lupa,  
para lang sa langit. Bigyan Mo kami  
ngayon ng aming kakanin sa araw-  
araw. At patawarin Mo kami sa  
aming mga sala, Para ng  
pagpapatawad namin  
Sa mga nagkakasala sa amin. At  
huwag Mo kaming ipahintulot sa  
tukso, At iadya Mo kami sa lahat ng  
masama. Amen.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed

hope and the coming of our Savior,  
Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the  
glory are yours now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your  
Apostles, Peace I leave you, my peace  
I give you, look not on our sins, but on  
the faith of your Church, and  
graciously grant her peace and unity in  
accordance with your will.

**Who live and reign for ever and  
ever.**

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you  
always.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of  
peace.

**Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper  
of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you  
should enter under my roof, but  
only say the word and my soul shall  
be healed.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**Our God has appeared on the earth,  
and lived among us.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**Bring those you refresh with this heavenly sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord.**

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## **CONCLUDING RITE**

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The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life.,  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## **ENTRANCE: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

**Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plain  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strain**

**—Chorus—:  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**OFFERTORY:  
O Holy night, the stars are brightly  
shining  
It is the night of our dear Savior's  
birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error  
pining  
Til He appeared and the soul felt it's  
worth**

**A thrill of hope the weary world  
rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and  
glorious morn  
Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
O night divine!  
O night when Christ was born  
O night divine!  
O night, o night divine!**

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

### **HARK THE HERALD**

**Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn king"  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic host proclaim  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn king"**

### **JOY TO THE WORLD**

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come.  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart  
Prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and heaven and nature  
sing  
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy  
He rules the world with truth and  
grace,**

**And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love;  
And wonders of His love;**

**KISSING OF THE CHILD JESUS:  
ADESTE FIDELES**

**Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes  
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.  
Natum videte Regem angelorum.  
Venite adoremus, (2X)  
Venite adoremus, Dominum.**

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and  
triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of Angels:  
O come, let us adore Him, (3×)  
Christ the Lord.**

**RECESSIONAL O Sanctissima**

**O Sanctissima, O piissima Dulcis  
Virgo Maria  
Mater amata, intemerata,  
Ora, ora pro nobis!  
Translation: Oh Most Holy, Oh most  
loving, sweet Virgin Mary Beloved  
Mother, undefiled Pray, pray for us!**