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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Psalm 91:15-16

GREETING AND PENITENTIAL ACT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING — Genesis 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING — 1 Peter 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

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

VERSE BEFORE GOSPEL

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

GOSPEL — Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from True God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven and (*BOW)

by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL — Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received this 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.

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 for us our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
**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 holy Church.**

PREFACE DIALOGUE

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.**

PREFACE It is truly right and just.....we sing the hymn of your glory as without end we acclaim:

**HOLY 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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

After the words of Institution of the Eucharist, the Priest sings or speaks:

“The mystery of faith.”

All: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer culminates and concludes when the Priest sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven.....but deliver us from evil.

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 all glory are yours now and forever.

SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All: The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

Psalm 91:4

COMMUNION PROCESSION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL