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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**All: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**

GREETING AND PENITENTIAL RITE

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING — Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: “I, the LORD am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

“Remember to keep holy the sabbath day.

Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you.

You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.”

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold;
sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING — 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

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

GOSPEL — John 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for fortysix years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

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 for ever.

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 sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:
 by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
 Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

COMMUNION PROCESSION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL