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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All: **Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me. Psalm 27:8-9

GREETING AND PENITENTIAL RITE

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING — Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM — Psalm 116: 10, 15, 16-19

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
you have loosed my bonds.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND READING — Romans 8:31-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard; This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

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

GOSPEL — Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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: **This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.**

Matthew 17:5

COMMUNION PROCESSION**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION****BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**