

Mass Responses & Prayers

For use during the YouTube Mass on December 25, 2020—The Nativity of the Lord

INTRODUCTORY RITES

SIGN OF THE CROSS

GREETINGS

PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: You came to call sinners.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings glad tidings,
announcing peace, bearing good news,
announcing salvation, and saying to Zion,
“Your God is King!”

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry,
together they shout for joy,
for they see directly, before their eyes,
the LORD restoring Zion.

Break out together in song,
O ruins of Jerusalem!

For the LORD comforts his people,
he redeems Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations;
all the ends of the earth will behold
the salvation of our God.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Lector: Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
his right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.

Response: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Lector: The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.

Response: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Lector: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.

Response: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Lector: Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

Response: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters: In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe,

who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being,

and who sustains all things by his mighty word.

When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

as far superior to the angels

as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say:

You are my son; this day I have begotten you?

Or again:

I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?

And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says:

Let all the angels of God worship him.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Include the bracketed text for the long form)

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.

What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race;
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

[A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.]

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world,
and the world came to be through him,
but the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own,
but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.

And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.

[John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.]

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Please see Monsignor's homily in today's bulletin.

NICENE CREED

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 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 INTERCESSION

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

PREFACE ACCLAMATION

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

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

Priest: The mystery of faith.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People:

Our Father,

who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Priest: 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.

People: For the kingdom,

the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever.

SIGN OF PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD

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

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have mercy upon us.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: 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.

People: Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word,

and my soul shall be healed.

A PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you promised to be with your church
always, until the end of time.

We long to experience your presence more deeply and
more intimately, even when we cannot gather in person as
church to celebrate Eucharist.

We believe that you are present when we gather to
worship.

We believe you are present in your ordained minister
and in your sacred word when the Scriptures are
proclaimed.

And we believe you are present when your sacred body
and blood become our food and drink.

Our relationship with you is truly grace.

When I am not able to be physically present at the
Eucharist with the community, help me to strengthen and
deepen my relationship with you as I seek to encounter
and serve you, not only in prayer but all I meet, especially
in the poor and needy of our world.

Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES (& BLESSINGS)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: And may Almighty God bless us in the name of the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Go in peace,
glorifying the Lord by your lives.

People: Thanks be to God.

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