

Mass Responses & Prayers

For use during the YouTube Mass on January 3, 2021—Epiphany 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

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;

but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.

Nations shall walk by your light,
and kings by your shining radiance.

Raise your eyes and look about;
they all gather and come to you:

your sons come from afar,
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.

Caravans of camels shall fill you,
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;

all from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Lector: O God, with your judgement endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgement.

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Lector: Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Lector: The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute,
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Lector: For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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 Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

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

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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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