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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
Feast
DECEMBER 28, 2020
THE ORDER OF MASS
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

Once in Royal David’s City
IRBY

“Once in Royal David’s City”

KYRIE

adapt. Litany of the Saints

G l o r i a

G l o - r y to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

W e praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you,

we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly King,

O  God, al-might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,

O n - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;

you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
Beloved:
This is the message that we have heard from Jesus Christ
and proclaim to you:
God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.
If we say, “We have fellowship with him,”
while we continue to walk in darkness,
we lie and do not act in truth.
But if we walk in the light as he is in the light,
then we have fellowship with one another,
and the Blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin.
If we say, “We are without sin,”
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just
and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.
If we say, “We have not sinned,” we make him a liar,
and his word is not in us.

My children, I am writing this to you
so that you may not commit sin.
But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous one.
He is expiation for our sins,
and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8

R\textsuperscript{7} (7) Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler’s snare.

Had not the LORD been with us–
When men rose up against us,
then would they have swallowed us alive,
When their fury was inflamed against us. \textit{R\textsuperscript{7}}

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us;
The torrent would have swept over us;
over us then would have swept the raging waters. \textit{R\textsuperscript{7}}

Broken was the snare,
and we were freed.
Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth. \textit{R\textsuperscript{7}}

**Gospel Acclamation**

\textit{Christmastime Alleluia}

James Chepponis

\begin{music}
\begin{verbatim}
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
\end{verbatim}
\end{music}

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When the magi had departed, behold, 
the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 
“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, 
and stay there until I tell you. 
Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” 
Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night 
and departed for Egypt. 
He stayed there until the death of Herod, 
that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, 
*Out of Egypt I called my son.*

When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, 
he became furious. 
He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity 
two years old and under, 
in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi. 
Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet:

*A voice was heard in Ramah, 
sobbing and loud lamentation; 
Rachel weeping for her children, 
and she would not be consoled, 
since they were no more.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**
**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

**SANCTUS**

*Resonet in Laudibus Acclamations*

Jennifer Pascual

![Music notation for the Sanctus]

_Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts._ *Heav'n 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, hosanna, hosanna in the highest._

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**MYSTERY OF FAITH**

*Resonet in Laudibus Acclamations*

Jennifer Pascual

![Music notation for the Mystery of Faith]

_When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,_ 

_we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again._

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The reception of Holy Communion is the most sacred act for Catholics. We believe that we are then receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Catholics who are properly prepared should approach the ministers of Holy Communion.

We ask non-Catholics not to receive. They are encouraged, however, to come forward with arms crossed over their heart to receive a blessing.
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.

HYMN

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”
DIVINUM MYSETERIUM
THE CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let all the earth receive her King; Let every valley rise to meet him, Till we see him come, come, come.

2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let men prepare their songs of solemn praise, While fields and hills repeat the wondrous day.earth

3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove the glories of his love, And all kindreds say their songs of praise.earth

1. heart

2. floods,

3. of his love,

1. nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing, And nature sing.

2. sounding joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - sound - ing joy.

3. wonders of his love, won - ders of his love.

1. heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

2. peat, re peat the sound - ing joy.

3. won - ders, won - ders of his love.
GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS
As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Code of Canon Law, canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS
We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic Discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION
All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS
We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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