CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS MEMORIAL

JANUARY 4, 2021
The Order of Mass
The Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Regent Square

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
3. Sages, leave your contemplations,

1. Wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye who sang creation's story,
2. Watching o'er your flocks by night; Ye who now residing;
3. Brighter visions beam afar; Seek the sire of Nations, Ye have seen his natality,

Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Now wonder shines the Infant Light:
Ye have seen his natal star:

Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Kyrie

adapt. Litany of the Saints

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Beloved:
We receive from him whatever we ask,
  because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.
And his commandment is this:
  we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
  and love one another just as he commanded us.
Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them,
  and the way we know that he remains in us
  is from the Spirit whom he gave us.

Beloved, do not trust every spirit
  but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God,
  because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
This is how you can know the Spirit of God:
  every spirit that acknowledges Jesus Christ come in the flesh
    belongs to God,
  and every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus
    does not belong to God.
This is the spirit of the antichrist
  who, as you heard, is to come,
  but in fact is already in the world.
You belong to God, children, and you have conquered them,
  for the one who is in you
    is greater than the one who is in the world.
They belong to the world;
  accordingly, their teaching belongs to the world,
  and the world listens to them.
We belong to God, and anyone who knows God listens to us,
  while anyone who does not belong to God refuses to hear us.
This is how we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of deceit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R** (8ab) *I will give you all the nations for an inheritance.*

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; this day I have begotten you. Ask of me and I will give you the nations for an inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.” **R**

And now, O kings, give heed; take warning, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice before him; with trembling rejoice. **R**

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Christmastime Alleluia*

James Chepponis

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When Jesus heard that John had been arrested,  
he withdrew to Galilee.  
He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea,  
in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,  
that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet  
might be fulfilled:  

_Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles,  
the people who sit in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death  
light has arisen._

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say,  
“Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

He went around all of Galilee,  
teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom,  
and curing every disease and illness among the people.  
His fame spread to all of Syria,  
and they brought to him all who were sick with various diseases  
and racked with pain,  
those who were possessed, lunatics, and paralytics,  
and he cured them.  
And great crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea,  
and from beyond the Jordan followed him.  

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

\[\text{Music notation}\]

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

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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

“Away in a Manger”
MUELLER

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.

2. But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.

3. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

1. The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
2. But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
3. The little Lord Jesus a sleep on the hay.

2. I love you, Lord Jesus! Looked down from the sky,
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3. And take us to heaven, to live with thee there.
THE CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

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1. As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding

2. As with joy they hailed its light,

3. So may we with holy joy,

4. And, when earthly things are past,

1. Leading onward, beams of light;
So, most gracious

2. Him whom heav’n and earth adore;
So may we with

3. Pure and free from sin’s alloy,
All our costliest

4. Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no

1. Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

2. Willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

3. Treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav’nly King.

4. Star to guide, Where no clouds thy glory hide.
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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