THE ORDER OF MASS
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”
IN DULCI JUBILO

1. Good Christian men, rejoice With heart and soul and
2. Good Christian men, rejoice With heart and soul and
3. Good Christian men, rejoice With heart and soul and

1. voice; Give ye heed to what we say:
2. voice; Now ye hear of endless bliss:
3. voice; Now ye need to fear the grave:

1. Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass be-
2. Jesus Christ was born for this! He has oped the-
3. Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and

1. fore him bow, And he is in the man-
2. heavenly door, And man is bless ed ev er-
3. calls you all To gain his ever last ing hall.

1. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
2. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
3. Christ was born to Save! Christ was born to save!

KYRIE

adapt. Litany of the Saints

2. All: Cantor: All: Cantor:
Beloved:
We have this confidence in him
  that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
And if we know that he hears us in regard to whatever we ask,
  we know that what we have asked him for is ours.
If anyone sees his brother sinning, if the sin is not deadly,
  he should pray to God and he will give him life.
This is only for those whose sin is not deadly.
There is such a thing as deadly sin,
  about which I do not say that you should pray.
All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not deadly.

We know that anyone begotten by God does not sin;
  but the one begotten by God he protects,
  and the Evil One cannot touch him.
We know that we belong to God,
  and the whole world is under the power of the Evil One.
We also know that the Son of God has come
  and has given us discernment to know the one who is true.
And we are in the one who is true,
  in his Son Jesus Christ.
He is the true God and eternal life.
Children, be on your guard against idols.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(see 4a) The Lord takes delight in his people.
    or: Alleluia.

Sing to the LORD a new song
    of praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in their maker,
    let the children of Zion rejoice in their king.

Let them praise his name in the festive dance,
    let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
For the LORD loves his people,
    and he adorns the lowly with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;
    let them sing for joy upon their couches;
Let the high praises of God be in their throats.
    This is the glory of all his faithful. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Christmastime Alleluia
James Chepponis

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Jesus and his disciples went into the region of Judea, where he spent some time with them baptizing. John was also baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was an abundance of water there, and people came to be baptized, for John had not yet been imprisoned. Now a dispute arose between the disciples of John and a Jew about ceremonial washings. So they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing and everyone is coming to him.” John answered and said, “No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said that I am not the Christ, but that I was sent before him. The one who has the bride is the bridegroom; the best man, who stands and listens for him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. So this joy of mine has been made complete. He must increase; I must decrease.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

My story of faith

Resonet in Laudibus Acclamations
Jennifer Pascual

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Great Amen

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Amen, Amen, Amen.
THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Resonet in Laudibus Acclamations

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COMMUNION

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.
1. It came upon the midnight clear,
   That glorious song of old,
   From angels bending near the earth
   To touch their harps of gold: 
   "Peace, goodwill to men!"
   The world in solemn stillness lay,
   To hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come,
   With peace and mercy's wings unfurled,
   From morn to midday, storms becalmed,
   With sweetest music floating o'er the land.
   "Peace, goodwill to men!"
   The world in solemn stillness lay,
   To hear the angels sing.

3. And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
   Whose prophetic songs are bent low,
   Whose toil along the climber's way
   With painful steps and slow,
   "Peace, goodwill to men!"
   The world in solemn stillness lay,
   To hear the angels sing.

4. For, lo, the days are hastening on,
   By prophet seen of old,
   When with the ever-circling years
   Comes round the age of gold;
   "Peace, goodwill to men!"
   The world in solemn stillness lay,
   To hear the angels sing.
**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

SALZBURG

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**Songs of thankfulness and praise,**

**Jesus, Lord, to**

Mani fest at Jordan's stream,

Prophet, Priest, and

Mani fest in making whole

Praised limbs and

Grant us grace to see thee,

Lord, Mirrored in thy

thee we raise;

Mani fest ed by the star

To the fainting soul;

Mani fest in valiant fight,

Quelling holy word;

May we imitate thee now,

And be savings from afar;

Branch of royal David's stem

God-head mani fest;

Mani fest in pow'r divine,

all the devil's might;

Mani fest in gracious will,

pure, as pure art thou;

That we like to thee may be

In thy birth at Bethlehem;

An-thems be to

Changing water into wine;

An-thems be to

Ever bringing good from ill;

An-thems be to

At thy great e-piph-a-ny;

And may praise thee,

thee addressed, God in man made mani fest.

thee addressed, God in man made mani fest.

thee addressed, God in man made mani fest.

ever blest, God in man made mani fest.
GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEIPTION 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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