

## CHRISTMAS DAY (1<sup>st</sup> / Midnight)

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(Station at St. Mary Major - at the Crib)

The feast of Christmas was from the first a feast of the Apostolic See. The fixation of the date resulted from the separation by the Roman Church of the celebration of Our Savior's birth from that of His other great manifestation now placed on the Epiphany. The characteristic feature of the feast of Christmas in the Roman rite is the custom of the three Masses, one at the first cock-crowing, the next at dawn, the third in broad daylight. St. Gregory bears witness to the custom, but it is certainly older than his time, for the biographer of Pope Telesphorus, in the *Liber Pontificalis*, claims that it was this latter Pontiff who first introduced the singing of the *Gloria* into the midnight Mass at Christmas.

The Mass at midnight recalls the circumstance that Christ was born in Bethlehem at midnight. The midnight Mass commemorates the eternal birth of the Word of God amid the magnificence of His Father's glory; the Mass at dawn celebrates His appearance in time in the humility of the flesh, and lastly, the third Mass, at St. Peter's, symbolizes His final coming on the day of judgment, to judge both the living and the dead.

In order to reproduce in liturgical form at Rome, as at Jerusalem, the scene of the Savior's birth, Pope Sixtus III (432-40) had erected in St. Mary Major a sumptuous oratory at the crib, and one which was considered by the Romans to be a copy of the original at Bethlehem. At the foot of the crib we say to the Christ Child in the words of St. Alphonsus -

"Ah, how much it has cost Thee to love us!"

### New User Guide

#### AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR (Kneel)

**P:** † In nómine Patris, et Filii, et Spíritus Sancti. Amen.  
**P:** Introíbo ad altáre Dei.  
**S:** Ad Deum qui lætíficat juventútem meam.

(Psalm 42)

**P:** Júdica me, Deus, et discérne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab hómíne iníquo et dolóso érué me.

**S:** Quia tu es, Deus, fortitúdo mea: quare me repulisti, et quare tristis incédo, dum affligit me inimícus?

**P:** Emítte lucem tuam, et veritátem tuam: ipsa me deduxérunt, et adduxérunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernácula tua.

**S:** Et introíbo ad altáre Dei: ad Deum qui lætíficat juventútem meam.

**P:** Confítebor tibi in cíthara, Deus, Deus meus: quare tristis es, ánima mea, et quare contúrbas me?

**S:** Spera in Deo, quóniam adhuc confítebor illi: salutáre vultus mei, et Deus meus.

**P:** Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spíritui Sancto.  
**S:** Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper: et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

**P:** Introíbo ad altáre Dei.  
**S:** Ad Deum qui lætíficat juventútem meam.

**P:** † Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.  
**S:** Qui fecit cælum et terram.

**P:** Confíteor Deo omnipoténti, beatæ Mariæ semper Vírgini, beáto Michaéli Archángelo, beáto Joánni Baptistæ, sanctis Apóstolis Petro et Paulo, ómnibus Sanctis, et vobis fratres: quia peccávi nimis cogitátione, verbo, et ópere: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea máxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Vírginem, beátum Michaélem Archángelum, beátum Joánnem Baptistam, sanctos Apóstolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et vos fratres, oráre pro me ad Dóminum Deum nostrum.

**S:** Misereátur tui omnípotens Deus, et dimíssis peccátis tuis, perdúcat te ad vitam ætérnam.  
**P:** Amen.

**S:** Confíteor Deo omnipoténti, beatæ Mariæ semper Vírgini, beáto Michaéli Archángelo, beáto Joánni Baptistæ, sanctis Apóstolis Petro et Paulo, ómnibus Sanctis, et tibi pater: quia peccávi nimis cogitátione, verbo, et ópere: **(strike breast 3 times)** mea culpa, mea culpa, mea máxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Vírginem, beátum Michaélem Archángelum, beátum Joánnem Baptistam, sanctos Apóstolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et te Pater, oráre pro me ad Dóminum Deum nostrum.

**P:** Misereátur vestri omnípotens Deus, et, dimíssis peccátis vestris, perdúcat vos ad vitam ætérnam.  
**S:** Amen.

**P:** † Indulgéntiam, absolutiónem, et remissionem peccatórum nostrórum, tribuat nobis omnípotens et miséricors Dóminus.  
**S:** Amen.

**P:** Deus, tu convérsus vivificábis nos.

**S:** Et plebs tua lætábitur in te.

**P:** Osténde nobis, Dómine, misericórdiam tuam.

**S:** Et salutáre tuum da nobis.

**P:** Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

**S:** Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

**P:** Dóminus vobíscum.

**S:** Et cum spírítu tuo.

**P:** Orémus.

**P:** Aufer a nobis, quæsumus, Dómine, iniquitátes nostras: ut ad Sancta sanctorum puris mereámur méntibus introíre. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

#### AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

**P:** Orámus te, Dómine, per mérita Sanctorum tuórum, quorum relíquiæ hic sunt et ómnium Sanctorum: ut indulgéne dignéris ómnia peccáta mea. Amen.

(Only at High Mass  
when incense is used)

**P:** *Ab illo benedicáris, in cujus honóre cremáberis.*

#### AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

##### INTROIT Psalms 2: 7

Dóminus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hódie génuí te. (Ps. 2: 1) Quare fremuérunt gentes: et pópli meditatí sunt in inánia? Glória Patri et Filio et Spírítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Dóminus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hódie génuí te.

#### AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

**P:** Kýrie, eléison.

**S:** **Kýrie, eléison.**

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**S:** **Christe, eléison.**

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**S:** **Christe, eléison.**

**P:** Kýrie, eléison.

**S:** **Kýrie, eléison.**

**P:** Kýrie, eléison.

(Stand at High Mass)

**P:** Dóminus in excélsis Deo. Et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis. Laudámus te. Benedícimus te. Adorámus te. Glorificámus te. Grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam. Dómine Deus, cæléstis, Deus Pater omnípotens. Dómine Fili unigénite, Jesu Christe. Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris. Qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis. Qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserére nobis. Quóniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dóminus. Tu solus Altíssimus, Jesu Christe. † Cum Sancto Spírítu, in glória Dei Patris. Amen.

**P:** Dóminus vobíscum.

**S:** **Et cum spírítu tuo.**

#### AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

**P:** Orémus.

##### COLLECT

Deus, qui hanc sacratíssimam noctem veri lúminis fecisti illustratione claréscere: da, quæsumus, illustrationem lucis mystéria in terra cognóvimus, ejus quoque gáudiis in cælo perfruámur: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

**S:** **Amen.**

(Sit)

##### EPISTLE Titus 2: 11-15

Caríssime: Appáruit grátia Dei Salvatóris nostri ómnibus homínibus, erudiens nos, ut abnegátes impietátem et sæcularia desidéria, sóbria, et juste, et pie vivámus in hoc sæculo, exspectántes beatam spem et advéntum glóriæ magni Dei et Salvatóris nostri Jesu Christi: qui dedit semetipsum pro nobis: ut nos redímet ab omni iniquitáte, et mundáret sibi pópulum acceptábilem, sectatórem bonórum óperum. Hæc loquere, et exhortáre: in Christo Jesu, Dómino nostro.

**S:** Deo grátias.

##### GRADUAL Psalms 109: 3, 1

Tecum princípium in die virtútis tuæ: in splendóribus sanctorum, ex útero ante lucíferum génuí te. Dixit Dóminus Dómino meo: Sede a dextris meis: donec ponam inimícos tuos, scabéllum pedum tuórum.

##### LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 2: 7

Allelúja, allelúja. Dóminus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hódie génuí te. Allelúja.

#### AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR (Only at High Mass when incense is used)

**P:** *Ab illo benedicáris, in cujus honóre cremáberis.*

**P:** Munda cor meum ac lábia mea, omnípotens Deus, qui lábia Isaíæ Prophétæ cálculo mundásti igníto: ita me tua grata miseratióne dignáre mundáre, ut sanctum Evangélium tuum digne váleam nuntiáre. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

**P:** Jube, Dómine, benedícere.

Dóminus sit in corde meo, et in lábiis meis: ut digne et competénter annúntiem Evangélium suum. Amen.

#### AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR (Stand)

**P:** Dóminus vobíscum.

**S:** **Et cum spírítu tuo.**

**P:** Seqúentia sancti Evangélii secúndum Lucam.

**S:** **Glória tibi, Dómine.**

#### AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR (Kneel)

**P:** † In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**P:** I will go unto the altar of God.

**S:** To God, Who gives joy to my youth.

(Psalm 42)

**P:** Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the unholy nation, deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man.

**S:** For Thou, O God, art my strength, why hast Thou cast me off? And why do I go about in sadness, while the enemy afflicts me?

**P:** Send forth Thy light and Thy truth: they have conducted me and brought me unto Thy holy mount, and into Thy tabernacles.

**S:** And I will go unto the altar of God: to God, Who gives joy to my youth.

**P:** I shall praise Thee upon the harp, O God, my God. Why are you sad, O my soul, and why do you disquiet me?

**S:** Hope in God, for I will still praise Him, the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

**P:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**S:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**P:** I will go unto the altar of God.

**S:** To God, Who gives joy to my youth.

**P:** † Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**S:** Who made heaven and earth.

**P:** I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed: through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I pray blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**S:** May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.

**P:** Amen.

**S:** I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you father: that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed: **(strike breast 3 times)** through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I pray blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, Father, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**P:** May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.

**S:** Amen.

**P:** † May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins.

**S:** Amen.

**P:** Thou wilt turn again, O God, and quicken us.

**S:** And Thy people will rejoice in Thee.

**P:** Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.

**S:** And grant us Thy salvation.

**P:** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**S:** And let my cry come unto Thee.

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**S:** And with your spirit.

**P:** Let us pray.

**P:** Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech Thee, O Lord; that with pure minds we may be made worthy to enter into the Holy of Holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

**P:** We pray Thee, O Lord, by the merits of Thy Saints whose relics are here, and of all the Saints: that Thou would deign to pardon me all my sins. Amen.

(Only at High Mass  
when incense is used)

**P:** *Be blessed by Him in Whose honor you will be burnt.*

#### AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

##### INTROIT Psalms 138: 1-2

The Lord hath said to me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee. (Ps. 138: 1) Why have the Gentiles raged, and the people devised vain things? Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. The Lord hath said to me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee.

#### AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

**P:** Lord, have mercy.

**S:** Lord, have mercy.

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**S:** Christ, have mercy.

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**S:** Christ, have mercy.

**P:** Lord, have mercy.

**S:** Lord, have mercy.

**P:** Lord, have mercy.

(Stand at High Mass)

**P:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee; we bless Thee; we adore Thee; we glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty, O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou Who takest away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. Thou Who takest away the sins of the world; receive our prayer. Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father; have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy; Thou alone art the Lord; Thou alone art most high, Jesus Christ, † with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**S:** And with your Spirit.

#### AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

**P:** Let us pray.

##### COLLECT

O God, who hast made this most holy night to shine forth with the brightness of the true Light: grant, we beseech Thee, that we, who have known the mystery of His light on earth, may attain the enjoyment of His happiness in heaven. Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

**S:** Amen.

(Sit)

Dearly beloved: The grace of God our Savior hath appeared to all men, instructing us, that, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly and justly and godly in this world, looking for the blessed hope and coming of the glory of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ: Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and might cleanse to Himself a people acceptable, a pursuer of good works. These things speak and exhort: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**S:** Thanks be to God.

With Thee is the principality in the day of Thy strength: in the brightness of the Saints, from the womb before the day star I begot Thee. The Lord said to my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thy enemies Thy footstool.

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath said to Me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee. Alleluia.

#### AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR (Only at High Mass when incense is used)

**P:** *Be blessed by Him in Whose honor you will be burnt.*

**P:** Cleanse my heart and my lips, O almighty God, Who cleansed the lips of the Prophet Isaiah with a burning coal. In Thy gracious mercy, deign so to purify me, that I may worthily proclaim Thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P:** Pray, Lord, a blessing. The Lord be in my heart and on my lips that I may worthily and fittingly proclaim His Gospel. Amen.

#### AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR (Stand)

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**S:** And with your spirit.

**P:** The continuation of the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**S:** Glory to Thee, O Lord.

**GOSPEL Luke 2: 1-14**

In illo tempore: Éxiit edictum a Cæsare Augústo: ut describerétur univérsus orbis. Haec descriptio prima facta est a præside Sýriæ Cyríno: et ibant omnes ut profiteréntur singuli in suam civitatē. Ascéndit autem et Joseph a Galilæa de civitate Názareth, in Judæam in civitatē David, quæ vocátur Béthlehem: eo quod esset de domo et familia David, ut profiteretur cum Mariá desponsata sibi uxore prægnante. Factum est autem, cum essent ibi, impléti sunt dies ut páreret. Et péperit filium suum primogénitum, et pannis eum involvit, et reclinávit eum in præsépio: quia non erat eis locus in diversório. Et pastóres erant in regióne eádem vigilántes, et custodiéntes vigílias noctis super gregem suum. Et ecce Ángelus Dómini stetit juxta illos, et cláritas Dei circumfúlsit illos, et timuérunť timóre magno. Et dixit illis Ángelus: Nolíte timére: ecce enim, evangelízó vobis gáudium magnum, quod erit omni pópulo: quia natus est vobis hódie Salvátor, qui est Christus Dóminus, in civitate David. Et hoc vobis signum: Inveniétis infántem pannis involútum, et pósitum in præsépio. Et súbito facta est cum Ángelo multítudo militiæ cæléstis, laudántium Deum, et dicéntium: Glória in altíssimis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntátis.

At that time there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that the whole world should be enrolled. This enrolling was first made by Cyrinus, the governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an Angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them, and they feared with a great fear. And the Angel said to them: Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people: for this day is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you: you shall find the Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.

**S:** Laus tibi, Christe.

**P:** Per evangelíca dicta deleántur nostra delicta.

**AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR**

**P:** Credo in unum Deum. Patrem omnipoténtem, factórem cæli et terræ, visibílium ómnium et invisibílium. Et in unum Dóminum Jesum Christum, Fílium Dei unigénitum. Et ex Patre natum ante ómnia sæcula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumíne, Deum verum de Deo vero. Génitum, non factum, consubstantiálem Patri: per quem ómnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos hómines, et propter nostram salutē descéndit de cælis. **(Genuflect)** ET INCARNÁTUS EST DE SPÍRITU SANCTO EX MARIA VÍRGINE: ET HOMO FACTUS EST. Crucifixus étiam pro nobis: sub Póntio Pilátó passus, et sepúltus est. Et resurréxit tertia die, secundum Scriptúras. Et ascéndit in cælum: sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum ventúrus est cum glória judicáre vivos, et mortúos: cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spírítu Sanctum, Dóminum et vivificántem: qui ex Patre, Filióque procedít. Qui cum Patre, et Filio simul adorátur et conglorificátur: qui locútus est per Prophétas. Et unam, sanctam, cathólicam et apostólicam Ecclésiám. Confíteor unum baptísma in remissiónem peccatórum. Et expécto resurrectiónem mortuórum. † Et vitam ventúri sæculi. Amen.

**P:** Dóminus vobíscum.

**S:** Et cum spírítu tuo.

**P:** Orémus.

**(Sit)**

**OFFERTORY Psalms 95: 11, 13**

Læténtur cæli et exsúltet terra ante faciētem Dómini: quóniam venit.

**P:** Súscipe, sancte Pater, omnípotens ætérne Deus, hanc immaculátam hóstiám, quam ego indignus fámulus tuus offero tibi, Deo meo vivo et vero, pro innumerábilibus peccátis, et offensióibus, et negligétiis meis, et pro ómnibus circumstántibus, sed et pro ómnibus fidélibus christiánis vivis atque defúntis: ut mihi, et illis proficiat ad salutē in vitam ætérnam. Amen.

**AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR**

**P:** Deus, qui humanæ substántiæ dignitatem mirábiliter condidísti, et mirábilium reformásti: da nobis per hujus aquæ et vini mystérium, ejus divinitátis esse consórtes, qui humanitátis nostræ fieri dignátus est párticeps, Jesus Christus Fílius tuus Dóminus noster: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spírítus Sancti Deus: per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

**AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR**

**P:** Offérimus tibi, Dómine, cálicem salutáris tuam deprecántes cleméntiam: ut in conspéctu divínæ majestátis tuæ, pro nostra, et totíus mundi salutē cum odóre suavitátis ascéndat. Amen. In spírítu humilitátis, et in ánimo contríto suscipiámur a te, Dómine, et sic fiat sacrificíum nostrum in conspéctu tuo hódie, ut pláceat tibi, Dómine Deus. Veni, sanctificátor omnípotens ætérne Deus: et benedic hoc sacrificíum, tuo sancto nómini præparátum.

**(Only at High Mass when incense is used)**

**P:** Per intercessiónem beáti Michælis Archángeli, stantis a dextris altáris incénsi, et ómnium electórum suórum, incénsium istud dignétur Dóminus benedicere, et in odórem suavitátis accipere. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

**P:** Incénsium istud a te benedictum, ascéndat ad te, Dómine, et descéndat super nos misericórdia tua.

**P:** Dirígatur, Dómine, orátio mea, sicut incénsium, in conspéctu tuo: elevátio mánuum, meárum sacrificíum vespertinum. Pone, Dómine, custódiám ori meo, et óstium circumstántiæ lábiis meis: ut non declínet cor meum in verba malitiæ, ad excusándam excusatióem in peccátis.

**P:** Accéndat in nobis Dóminus ignem sui amóris, et flamma ætérnæ caritátis. Amen.

**AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR**

**P:** Lavábo inter innocéntes manus meas: et circumdábó altáre tuum, Dómine: Ut áudiám vocem laudis, et enárrem númera mirabilia tua. Dómine, diléxi decórem domus tuæ, et locum habitatiónis glóriæ tuæ. Ne perdas cum ímpiis, Deus, ánimam meam, et cum viris sánguinem vitam meam: In quorum máribus iniquitátes sunt: dextera eórum repléta est munéribus. Ego autem in innocéntia mea ingræssus sum: rédime me, et miserére mei. Pes meus stetit in dirécto: in ecclésiis benedícam te, Dómine. Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spírítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper: et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

**AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR**

**P:** Súscipe, sancta Trínitas, hanc oblatiōem, quam tibi offérimus ob memóriam Passiōnis, resurrectiōnis et ascensiónis Jesu Christi Dómini nostri: et in honórem beátæ Mariæ semper Vírginis, et beáti Joánnis Baptistæ, et sanctorum Apostolórum Petri et Pauli, et istórum, et ómnium Sanctorum: ut illis proficiat ad honórem, nobis autem ad salutē: et illi pro nobis intercédere dignéntur in cælis, quorum memóriam ágimus in terris. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

**P:** Oráte fratres: ut meum ac vestrum sacrificium acceptábile fiat apud Deum Patrem omnípotentem.

**S:** Suscipiat Dóminus sacrificium de máribus tuis ad laudem, et glóriam nóminis sui, ad utilitatem quoque nostram, totíusque Ecclésiæ suæ sanctæ.

**P:** Amen.

**SECRET (silently)**

Accépta tibi sit, Dómine, quæsumus, hodiernæ festivitátis oblatiō: ut, tua grátia largiēte, per hæc sacrosáncta commércia, in illius inveniámbur forma, in quo tecum est nóstr substántia: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spírítus Sancti, Deus,

**(aloud, to conclude the Secret Prayer)**

**P:** ...forever and ever.

**(Stand at High Mass)**

**S:** Amen.

**P:** Dóminus vobíscum.

**S:** Et cum spírítu tuo.

**P:** Sursum corda.

**S:** Habémus ad Dóminum.

**P:** Grátias agámus Dómino Deo nostro.

**S:** Dignum et justum est.

**PREFACE OF THE NATIVITY**

Verè dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper, et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus. Quia per incarnáti Verbi mystérium, nova mentis nostræ visibílium tuæ claritátis infúlsit: ut dum óculis litter Deum cognóscimus, per hunc in invisibílium amórem rapiámur. Et ideo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatióibus, cumque omni militiá cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicéntes:

**(Kneel)**

**P:** Sanctus ☩, Sanctus ☩, Sanctus ☩, Dóminus Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis. † Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

**THE ROMAN CANON**

**(silently)**

**P:** Te ígitur, clementíssime Pater, per Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, Dóminum nostrum, súpplícēs rogámus, ac pétimus uti accépta hábeas, et benedícas, hæc dona, hæc múnera, hæc sancta sacrificia illibáta, in primis, quæ tibi offerimus pro Ecclésiá tua sancta cathólica: quam pacificáre, custodíre, adunáre, et régere dignéris toto orbe terrárum: una cum fámulo tuo Papa nostro **N.**, et Antístite nostro **N.**, et ómnibus orthodoxis, atque cathólicæ et apostólicæ fidei cultóribus.

**P:** Meménto, Dómine, famulórum, famularúmque tuárum **N.**, et **N.**, et ómnium circumstántium, quorum tibi fides cógnota est, et nota devotio, pro quibus tibi offerimus: vel qui tibi offerunt hoc sacrificium laudis, pro se, suisque ómnibus: pro redemptiōne animárum suárum, pro spe salutis et incolumitátis suæ: tibique reddunt vota sua ætérno Deo, vivo et vero.

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**S:** And with your spirit.

**P:** Let us pray.

**(Sit)**

**AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR**

**P:** I believe in one God, The Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages. God of God, light of light, true God of true God. Begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father, by Whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven.

**(Genuflect)** AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, OF THE VIRGIN MARY: AND WAS MADE MAN. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures. And he ascended into heaven; He sits at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. Of Whose kingdom there shall be no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, Who spoke through the Prophets. And in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I expect the resurrection of the dead † and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**S:** And with your spirit.

**P:** Let us pray.

**(Sit)**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the face of the Lord: because He cometh.

**P:** Receive, O Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, this spotless host, which I, Thine unworthy servant, offer unto Thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offenses, and negligences, and for all here present; and also for all faithful Christians both living and dead, that it may profit me and them for salvation unto life everlasting. Amen.

**AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR**  
**P:** O God, Who wonderfully formed the dignity of human nature, and more wonderfully restored it, grant us through the mystery of this water and wine, to be made participants of His divinity, Who condescended to become a partaker of our humanity, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who with Thee, lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

**AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR**  
**P:** We offer Thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, pleading Thy clemency, that it may ascend in the sight of Thy divine majesty, with a sweet fragrance, for our salvation and for that of the whole world. Amen. In a humble spirit and a contrite heart may we be received by Thee, O Lord, and let our sacrifice be so made in Thy sight this day that it may please Thee, O Lord God. Come, O sanctifier, almighty and eternal God, and bless this sacrifice prepared for Thy holy name.

**(Only at High Mass when incense is used)**  
**P:** By the intercession of blessed Michael the Archangel, who stands at the right hand of the altar of incense, and of all His elect, may the Lord deign to bless this incense, and to receive it as a sweet fragrance, through Christ our Lord.  
**P:** May this incense, blessed by Thee, ascend to Thee, O Lord, and may Thy mercy descend upon us.  
**P:** Let my prayer be directed, O Lord, as incense in Thy sight, the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: and a door round about my lips: that my heart may not incline to evil words: to make excuses in sins.  
**P:** May the Lord enkindle in us the fire of His love and the flame of everlasting charity. Amen.

**AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR**  
**P:** I will wash my hands among the innocent, and I will compass Thine altar, O Lord, that I may hear the voice of praise: and tell of all Thy wondrous deeds. I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of Thy house and the place where Thy glory dwelleth. Destroy not my soul, O God, with the wicked, nor my life with men of blood. In whose hands are iniquities, their right hand is full with gifts. But I have walked in my innocence: redeem me, and have mercy on me. My foot has stood on the right path; in the churches I will bless Thee, O Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR**  
**P:** Receive, O holy Trinity, this oblation which we offer to Thee in remembrance of the passion, resurrection, and ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honor of blessed Mary, ever Virgin, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of these and of all the Saints; that it may avail unto their honor and our salvation, and may they deign to intercede in heaven for us who honor their memory here on earth. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P:** Pray brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father almighty.  
**S:** May the Lord receive the sacrifice from your hands, to the praise and glory of His name, to our benefit, and that of all His holy Church.  
**P:** Amen.

May the oblation of this day's festival be pleasing to Thee, we beseech Thee, O Lord: that of Thy bountiful grace, we may, through this sacred intercession, be found conformed to Him, in Whom our substance is united to Thee. Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,

**P:** ...forever and ever.  
**(Stand at High Mass)**

**S:** Amen.

**P:** The Lord be with you.  
**S:** And with your spirit.  
**P:** Lift up your hearts.  
**S:** We have lifted them up to the Lord.  
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**S:** It is fitting and just.

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God: for through the Mystery of the Word made flesh, the new light of Thy glory hath shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that while we acknowledge God in visible form, we may through Him be drawn to the love of things invisible. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

**(Kneel)**

**P:** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts! Heaven and earth are filled with Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest!  
† Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

**THE ROMAN CANON**  
**P:** Therefore, most merciful Father, we humbly pray and entreat Thee, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord, that Thou would accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and spotless sacrifices, which, in the first place, we offer Thee for Thy holy catholic Church: deign to pacify, to guard, to unite, and to govern her throughout the world, together with Thy servant **N.**, our Pope, and **N.**, our Bishop; and all orthodox believers of the catholic and apostolic faith.  
**P:** Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids **N.** and **N.**, and of all here present, whose faith and devotion are known unto Thee, for whom we offer, or who offer to Thee, this sacrifice of praise for themselves, and for all their own, for the redemption of their souls, for their hope of salvation and safety; and who pay their vows to Thee, the everlasting, living, and true God.

## COMMUNICANTES

### FOR CHRISTMAS

**P:** Communicantes, et noctem sacratissimam celebrantes, quo beatae Mariae interemerat virginitas huic mundo edidit Salvatore: sed et memoriam venerantes, in primis ejusdem gloriosae semper Virginis Mariae, Genetricis ejusdem Dei et Domini nostri Jesu Christi: sed et beati Joseph, ejusdem Virginis Sponsi, et beatorum Apostolorum ac Martyrum tuorum, Petri et Pauli, Andreae, Jacobi, Joannis, Thomae, Jacobi, Philippi, Bartholomaei, Matthaei, Simonis et Thaddaei: Lini, Clethi, Clemetis, Xysti, Corneli, Cypriani, Laurentii, Chrysogoni, Joannis et Pauli, Cosmae et Damiani: et omnium Sanctorum tuorum; quorum meritis, precibusque concedas, ut in omnibus protectionis tuae muniamur auxilio. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

**P:** 🙏 Hanc igitur oblationem servitutis nostrae, sed et cunctae familiae tuae, quaesumus, Domine, ut placatus accipias: diessesque nostros in tua pace disponas, atque ab aeterna damnatione nos eripi, et in electorum tuorum iubeas grege numerari. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

**P:** Quam oblationem tu, Deus, in omnibus, quaesumus, benedictam, adscriptam, ratam, rationabilem, acceptabilemque facere digneris: ut nobis Corpus, et Sanguis fiat dilectissimi Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi.

**P:** Qui pridie quam pateretur, accepit panem in sanctas, ac venerabiles manus suas, et elevatis oculis in caelum ad te Deum Patrem suum omnipotentem, tibi gratias agens, benedixit, fregit, dedique discipulis suis, dicens:

Accipite, et manducate ex hoc omnes, HOC EST ENIM CORPUS MEUM.

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**P:** Simili modo postquam caenatum est, accipiens et hunc praeclearum Calicem in sanctas ac venerabiles manus suas: item tibi gratias agens, benedixit, dedique discipulis suis, dicens:

Accipite, et bibite ex eo omnes, HIC EST ENIM CALIX SANGUINIS MEI, NOVI ET AETERNI TESTAMENTI: MYSTERIUM FIDEI: QUI PRO VOBIS ET PRO MULTIS EFFUNDATUR IN REMISSIONEM PECCATORUM.

Haec quotiescumque feceritis, in mei memoriam facietis.

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**P:** Unde et memores, Domine, nos servi tui, sed et plebs tua sancta, ejusdem Christi Filii tui Domini nostri tam beatae passionis, nec non et ab inferis resurrectionis, sed et in caelos gloriosae ascensionis: offerimus praeclearam majestati tuae de tuis donis, ac datis, hostiam puram, hostiam sanctam, hostiam immaculatam, Panem sanctum vitae aeternae, et Calicem salutis perpetuae.

**P:** Supra quae propitio ac sereno vultu respicere digneris; et accepta habere, sicuti accepta habere dignatus es munera pueri tui justii Abel, et sacrificium Patriarchae nostri Abraham: et quod tibi obtulit summus sacerdos tuus Melchisedech, sanctum sacrificium, immaculatam hostiam.

**P:** Supplices te rogamus, omnipotens Deus: jube haec perferri per manus sancti Angeli tui in sublimi altare tuum, in conspectu divinae majestatis tuae: ut quotquot, ex hac altaris participatione sacrosanctum Filii tui, Corpus, et Sanguinem sumpsimus, omni benedictione caelesti et gratia repleamur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

**P:** Memento etiam, Domine, famulorum, famularumque tuarum **N.** et **N.** qui nos praecesserunt cum signo fidei, et dormiunt in somno pacis. Ipsi, Domine, et omnibus in Christo quiescentibus, locum refrigerii, lucis et pacis, ut indulgeas, deprecamur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

**P:** Nobis quoque peccatoribus famulis tuis, de multitudine miseracionum tuarum sperantibus, partem aliquam, et societatem donare digneris, cum Joanne, Apostolis, et Martyribus: cum Joanne, Stephano, Matthia, Barnaba, Ignatio, Alexandro, Marcellino, Petro, Felicitate, Perpeta, Agatha, Lucia, Agnete, Caecilia, Anastasia, et omnibus Sanctis tuis: intra quorum nec consortium, non aestimator meriti, sed veniae, quaesumus, largitor admitte. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

**P:** Per ipsum haec omnia, Domine, semper bona creas, sanctificas, vivificas, benedixis, et praestas nobis. Per ipsum, et cum ipso, et in ipso, est tibi Deo Patri omnipotenti, in unitate Spiritus Sancti, omnis honor, et gloria.

*(aloud, to conclude the Canon)*

**P:** Per omnia saecula saeculorum.

**(Stand at High Mass)**

**S:** Amen.

**P:** Oramus. Praeceptis salutariibus moniti, et divina institutione formati, audemus dicere:

Pater noster, qui es in caelis: Sanctificetur nomen tuum: Adveniat regnum tuum: Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo, et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie: Et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem:

**S:** Sed libera nos a malo.

**P:** Amen

**P:** Libera nos, quaesumus, Domine, ab omnibus malis, praeteritis, praesentibus, et futuris: et intercede beata et gloriosa mater Virgine Dei Genitrice Maria, cum beatis Apostolis tuis Petro et Paulo, atque Andrea, et omnibus Sanctis, da propitius pacem in diebus nostris: ut ope misericordiae tuae adjuti, et a peccato miseramur liberi et ab omni perturbacione securi. Per eundem Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

**S:** Amen.

**P:** Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.

**S:** Et cum spiritu tuo.

**(Kneel at High Mass)**

**P:** Haec commixtio, et consecratio Corporis et Sanguinis Domini nostri Jesu Christi fiat accipientibus nobis in vitam aeternam. Amen.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:

**(strike breast)** miserere nobis.

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Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:

**(strike breast)** dona nobis pacem.

**P:** Domine Jesu Christe, qui dixisti Apostolis tuis: Pacem relinquo vobis, pacem meam do vobis: ne respicias peccata mea, sed fidem Ecclesiae tuae: eamque secundum voluntatem tuam pacificare et coadunare digneris: Qui vivis et regnas Deus per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

**P:** Domine Jesu Christe, Fili Dei vivi, qui ex voluntate Patris, cooperante Spiritu Sancto, per mortem tuam mundum vivificasti: libera me per hoc sacrosanctum Corpus et Sanguinem tuum ab omnibus iniquitatibus meis, et universis malis: et fac me tuis semper inhærere mandatis, et a te numquam separari permittas: Qui tecum eodem Deo Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivis et regnas Deus in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

**P:** Percipio Corporis tui, Domine Jesu Christe, quod ego indignus sumere praesumo, non mihi provenerat in judicium et condemnationem: sed pro tua pietate prosit mihi ad tutamentum mentis et corporis, et ad medelam percipiendam: Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

**P:** Panem caelestem accipiam, et nomen Domini invocabo.

Domine, non sum dignus 🙏, ut intres sub tectum meum: sed tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea.

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**P:** Communicating, and keeping this most holy night, in which the spotless virginity of blessed Mary brought forth a Savior to this world; and also reverencing the memory of the same glorious Mary, ever Virgin Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ: as also of blessed Joseph, her Spouse, and of Thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus; Lini, Cleth, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all Thy Saints, through whose merits and prayers grant that we may in all things be defended by the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P:** We therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, to graciously accept this oblation of our service, as also of Thy entire family; dispose our days in Thy peace, save us from eternal damnation, and command that we be numbered in the flock of Thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P:** Which oblation, do Thou, O God, deign in all respects to make blessed, approved, ratified, reasonable and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of Thy most beloved Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**P:** Who, the day before He suffered, took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and with His eyes raised to heaven, unto Thee, God, His almighty Father, giving thanks to Thee, He blessed it, broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying:

Take, all of you, and eat of this:

FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

**P:** In like manner, after He had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into His holy and venerable hands, and giving thanks to Thee, He blessed it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take, all of you, and drink of this:

FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT: THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: WHICH SHALL BE Poured

OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY UNTO THE REMISSION OF SINS.

As often as you shall do these things, you do them in memory of Me.

**P:** Wherefore, Lord, we, Thy servants, but also Thy holy people, mindful of the same Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, of His blessed passion, and of His resurrection from the grave, and of His glorious ascension into heaven, offer unto Thy most excellent majesty of Thine own gifts, bestowed upon us, a pure victim, a holy victim, an unspotted victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

**P:** Deign to regard them with a gracious and serene countenance, and to accept them, as Thou didst deign to accept the gifts of Thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of Abraham our Patriarch, and that which Thy chief priest Melchisedech offered to Thee, a holy sacrifice, an unspotted victim.

**P:** Humbly we pray Thee, almighty God, command these offerings to be borne by the hands of Thy holy Angel to Thine altar on high, in the sight of Thy divine majesty, so that as many of us as shall, by partaking from this altar, consume the most holy Body and Blood of Thy Son, may be filled with every heavenly grace and blessing. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P:** Be mindful also, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids **N.** and **N.** who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. To these, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, we plead that you grant a place of comfort, light, and peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P:** To us sinners also, Thy servants, trusting in the multitude of Thy mercies, deign to grant some part and fellowship with Thy holy Apostles and Martyrs, with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and with all Thy Saints, into whose company, we beseech Thee, not as appraiser of merit but as bestower of pardon, to admit us. Through Christ our Lord.

**P:** Through Whom, O Lord, Thou always create, sanctify, quicken, bless and bestow upon us all good things. Through Him and with Him and in Him is to Thee, God the Father almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory,

**P:** Forever and ever.

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**P:** Let us pray: Admonished by Thy saving precepts, and following Thy divine institution, we dare to say: 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.

**S:** But deliver us from evil.

**P:** Amen.

**P:** Deliver us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and by the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, together with Thy blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul, and Andrew, and all the Saints, mercifully grant peace in our days, that sustained by the help of Thy mercy, we may be always free from sin and secure from all disturbance. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

**S:** Amen.

**P:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**S:** And with your spirit.

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**P:** May this mingling and consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be to us who receive it effectual unto eternal life. Amen.

Lamb of God, (Who takes away the sins of the world, (strike breast) have mercy on us.

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**AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR**

**P:** Quod ore súmpsimus, Dómine, pura mente capiámus: et de múnere temporáli fiat nobis remédium sempitérnium.

**P:** Corpus tuum, Dómine, quod sumpsi, et Sanguis, quem potávi, adhæreat viscéribus meis: et præsta; ut in me non remáneat scélerum mácula, quem pura et sancta refecérunt sacraménta: Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum, Amen.

**AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR**

**COMMUNION Psalms 109: 3**

In spléndóribus sanctórum, ex útero ante lucíferum génuí te.

**AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR**

**P:** Grant, O Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth, we may receive with a pure mind; and from a temporal gift may it become to us an eternal remedy.

**P:** May Thy Body, O Lord, which I have consumed, and Thy Blood which I have drunk, cling to my vitals; and grant that no wicked stain may remain in me, whom these pure and holy mysteries have refreshed. Who lives and reigns, forever and ever. Amen.

**AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR**

In the brightness of the Saints, from the womb before the day star I begot Thee.

**AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR**

**(Stand at High Mass)**

**P:** Dóminus vobíscum.

**S:** **Et cum spírítu tuo.**

**AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR**

**P:** Orémus.

**POSTCOMMUNION**

Da nobis, quæsumus, Dómine Deus noster: ut, qui Nativitátem Dómini nostri Jesu Christi mystériis nos frequentáre gaudémus; dignis conversatióibus ad ejus mereámur pervenire consórtium: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

**S:** **Amen.**

**AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR**

**(Stand at High Mass)**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**S:** And with your spirit.

**AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR**

**P:** Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that we, who rejoice in celebrating these mysteries of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, may by a fitting association be made worthy to attain to fellowship with Him. Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

**S:** Amen.

**AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR**

**P:** Dóminus vobíscum.

**S:** **Et cum spírítu tuo.**

**P:** Ite, Missa est.

**S:** **Deo grátias.**

**(Kneel at High Mass)**

**P:** Pláceat tibi, sancta Trínitas, obséquam servitútis meæ: et præsta; ut sacrificium, quod óculis tuæ majestátis indignus obtúli, tibi sit acceptábile, mihi que et ómnibus pro quibus illud obtúli, sit, te miseránte, propitiábile. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

**P:** Benedícat vos omnípotens Deus,

**†** Pater, et Fílius, et Spíritus Sanctus.

**S:** **Amen.**

**AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**S:** And with your spirit.

**P:** Go, the Mass is ended.

**S:** Thanks be to God.

**(Kneel at High Mass)**

**P:** May the performance of my homage be pleasing to Thee, O holy Trinity: and grant that the sacrifice which I, though unworthy, have offered up in the sight of Thy majesty, may be acceptable unto Thee, and may, through Thy mercy, be a propitiation for myself and all those for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P:** May almighty God bless you, **†** the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**S:** Amen.

**AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR**

**(Stand)**

**P:** Dóminus vobíscum.

**S:** **Et cum spírítu tuo.**

**P:** Inítium sancti Evangélii secúndum Joánnem.

**S:** **Glória tibi, Dómine.**

**P:** In princípío erat Verbum, et Verbum erat apud Deum, et Deus erat Verbum. Hoc erat in princípío apud Deum. Ómnia per ipsum facta sunt: et sine ipso factum est nihil, quod factum est: in ipso víta erat, et víta erat lux hóminum: et lux in ténebris lucet, et ténebræ eam non comprehendérunt. Fuit hómo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Joánnes. Hic venit in testimónium, ut testimónium perhiberet de lúmíne, ut omnes créderent per illum. Non erat ille lux, sed ut testimónium perhiberet de lúmíne. Erat lux vera, quæ illúminat omnem hóminem veniéntem in hunc mundum. In mundo erat, et mundus eum non cognóvit. In própria venit, et sui eum non recepérunt. Quotquot autem recepérunt eum, dedit eis potestátem filios Dei fieri, his qui credunt in nómine ejus: qui non ex sanguínibus, neque ex voluntáte carnis, neque ex voluntáte viri, sed ex Deo nati sunt.

**(Genuflect)** ET VERBUM CARO

FACTUM EST

et habitávit in nobis: et vídimus glóriam ejus, glóriam quasi Unigéniti a Patre, plenum grátiae et veritátis.

**S:** Deo grátias.

**AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR**

**(Stand)**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**S:** And with your spirit.

**P:** The beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

**S:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

**P:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was made nothing that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not that light, but was to give testimony of the light. That was the true light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, he gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in his name. Who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**(Genuflect)** AND THE WORD WAS

MADE FLESH,

and dwelt among us, (and we saw His glory, the glory as it were of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**S:** Thanks be to God.