

(Station at St. Stephen's on the Caelian Hill)

The feast of St. Stephen is one of the oldest in the Liturgy. The Church of St. Stephen on the Caelian Hill was finished only under John I (523-26).

In the Collect we pray to God that we may imitate the example of Stephen, not only by forgiving our enemies, but by even loving them and asking for them the grace of conversion.

The Lesson in the Mass contains the trial of Stephen as preserved in the Acts of the Apostles, along with the account of his martyrdom.

Stephen is not only a martyr; he is one of the most striking personages of the apostolic age; so much so that the Greeks give him the title of Apostle, and the Roman Liturgy places him in the category of the prophets, doctors and masters, whose cruel fate is described to us in the Gospel for today.

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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 lætificat juventútem meam.

(Psalm 42)

P: Júdica me, Deus, et discérne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab hómine iníquo et dolóso érue me.

S: Quia tu es, Deus, fortitúdo mea: quare me repulísti, 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 lætificat juventútem meam.

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

S: Spera in Deo, quóniam adhuc confitébor 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 lætificat juventútem meam.

P: †Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.

S: Qui fecit cælum et terram.

P: Confíteor Deo omnipoténti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beáto Michaéli Archángelo, beáto Joánni Baptistæ, sanctis Apóstolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus Sanctis, et vobis fratres: quia peccávi nimis cogitatióne, verbo, et ópere: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea máxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, 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 omnipotens Deus, et, dimissis peccátis tuis, perdúcat te ad vitam ætérnam.

P: Amen.

S: Confíteor Deo omnipoténti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beáto Michaéli Archángelo, beáto Joánni Baptistæ, sanctis Apóstolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus Sanctis, et tibi pater: quia peccávi nimis cogitatióne, verbo, et ópere: **(strike breast 3 times)** mea culpa, mea culpa, mea máxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, 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 omnipotens Deus, et, dimissis peccátis vestris, perdúcat vos ad vitam ætérnam.

S: Amen.

P: †Indulgéntiam, absolutiónem, et remissionem peccatórum nostrórum, tribuat nobis omnipotens 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 oratióne meam.

S: Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: Et cum spíritu 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 Sanctórum tuórum, quorum reliquæ hic sunt et ónium Sanctorum: ut indulgére dignéris ómnia peccáta mea. Amen.

(Only at High Mass when incense is used)

P: Ab illo benedicáris, in cuius honóre cremáberis.

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.

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 118: 23, 86

Sedérunt príncipes, et advésum me loquebántur: et iníqui persecúti sunt me: ádjuva me, Dómine, Deus meus, quia servus tuus exercebátur in tuis justificatióneibus. (Ps 118: 1) Beati immaculáti in via, qui ambulat in lege Dómini. Glória Patri et Filio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Sedérunt loquebántur: et iníqui persecúti sunt me: ádjuva me, Dómine, Deus meus, quia servus tuus exercebátur in tuis justificatióneibus.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Kýrie, eléison.

S: Kýrie, eléison.

P: Kýrie, eléison.

S: Christe, eléison.

P: Christe, eléison.

S: Christe, eléison.

P: Kýrie, eléison.

S: Kýrie, eléison.

P: Kýrie, eléison.

(Stand at High Mass)

P: Glória 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, Rex cæléstis, Deus omnipotens. 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 Spíritu, in glória Dei Patris. Amen.

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: Et cum spíritu tuo.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Orémus.

COLLECT

Da nobis, quæsumus, Dómine, imitari quod cólimus: ut discámus et inimicos dilígere; quia ejus natalítia celebrámus, qui novitatem pro persecutóribus exoráre Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

S: Amen.

P: Orémus.

COLLECT

Concéde, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut nos Unigéniti tui nova per carnem Natívitate liberet; quos sub peccáti iugo vetústa sérvitus tenet. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum: qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

S: Amen.

(Sit)

LESSON Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59

In diébus illis: Stéphanus plenus grátia et fortitúdine, faciébat prodígia et signa magna in pópulo. Surrexérunt autem quidam de synagoga, quæ appellátur Libertinórum, et Cyrenénsium, et Alexandrinórum, et eórum, qui erant a Cilícia, et Asia, disputántes cum Stéphanó: et non póterant resístere sapiéntiæ et Spíritui, qui loquebátur. Audiéntes autem hæc, dissecabántur córdibus suis, et stridébant déntibus in eum. Cum autem esset Stéphanus plenus Spíritu Sancto, inténdens in cælum, vidit glóriam Dei, et Jesum stantem a dextris Dei. Et ait: Ecce, vídeo cælos apértos, et Fílium hóminis stantem a dextris Dei. Exclamántes autem voce magna continuérunt aures suas, et ímpetum fecérunt unánimiter in eum. Et ejiéientes eum extra civitátem, lapidábant: et testes deposuérunt vestimentá sua secus pedes adulescéntis, qui vocabátur Saulus. Et lapidábant Stéphanum invocántem et dicéntem: Dómine Jesu, súscipe spíritum meum. Pósitus autem génibus, clamávit voce magna, dicens: Dómine, ne státuas illis hoc peccátum. Et cum hoc dixisset, obdormívit in Dómino.

S: Deo grátias.

GRADUAL Psalms 118: 23, 86

Sedérunt príncipes, et advésum me loquebántur: et iníqui persecúti sunt me. (Ps. 6: 5) Ádjuva me, Dómine, Deus meus: salvum me fac propter misericórdiam tuam. Allelúja, allelúja, (Acts 7: 56) Video cælos apértos, et Jesum stantem a dextris virtútis Dei. Allelúja.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

Princes sat, and spoke against me; and the wicked persecuted me: help me, O Lord, my God, for Thy servant was employed in Thy justifications. (Ps. 118: 1) Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the 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. Sedérunt loquebántur: et iníqui persecúti sunt me: help me, O Lord, my God, for Thy servant was employed in Thy justifications.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Lord, have mercy.

S: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

S: Christ, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

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, 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.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to imitate what we venerate, that we may learn to love even our enemies; for we celebrate the birth to life everlasting of him who knew how to pray even for his persecutors to our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

S: Amen.

P: Let us pray.

(Commemoration of Christmas)

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the new birth in the flesh of Thine only-begotten Son may set us free, whom the old bondage doth hold under the yoke of sin. 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.

(Sit)

In those days: Stephen, full of grace and fortitude, did great wonders and signs among the people. Now there arose some of that which is called of the Cyrenians and of the Alexandrians and of them that were of Cilicia and Asia, disputing with Stephen: and they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit that spoke. Now, hearing these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed with their teeth at him. But Stephen being full of the Holy Spirit, looking up steadfastly to heaven, saw the glory of God and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. And he said: Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. And they, crying out with a loud voice, stopped their ears and with one accord ran violently upon him. And casting him forth without the city, they stoned him and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, invoking and saying: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And falling on his knees, he cried with a loud voice, saying: Lord, lay not his sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep in the Lord.

S: Thanks be to God.

Princes sat, and spoke against me: and the wicked persecuted me. (Ps. 6: 5) Help me, O Lord my God: save me for Thy mercy's sake. Alleluia, alleluia. (Acts 7: 56) I see the Heavens opened, and Jesus standing on the right hand of the power of God. Alleluia.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR*(Only at High Mass when incense is used)***P:** *Ab illo benedicáris, in cuius 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, benedicere. Dóminus sit in corde meo, et in lábiis meis: ut digne et competéter 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 Matthæum.**S:** **Glória tibi, Dómine.****GOSPEL Matthew 23: 34-39**

In illo témpore: Dicébat Jesus scribis et pharisæis: Ecce, ego mitto ad vos prophétas, et sapiéntes, et scribas, et ex illis occidétis et crucifigétis, et ex eis flagellábitis in synagógis vestris, et persequémini de civitate in civitatibus: ut véniat super vos omnis sanguis iustus, qui effúsus est super terram, a ságuine Abel justí usque ad ságuinem Zachariæ, filii Barachíæ, quem occidístis inter templum, et altáre. Amen dico vobis, véniat hæc ómnia super generatióne istam. Jerúsalem, Jerúsalem, quæ occidís prophétas, et lápidas eos, qui ad te veniunt, quóties volui congregáre filios tuos, quemádmódu gallína cóngregat pullos suos sub alas, et nolúisti? Ecce, relinquétur vobis domus vestra desérta. Dico enim vobis, non me vidébitis ámodo, donec dicátis: **Benedíctus, qui venit in nómine Dómini.**

S: Laus tibi, Christe.**P:** Per evangélica dicta deleántur nostra delícta.**AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR**

P: Credo in unum Deum. Patrem omnípoténtem, factórem cæli et terræ, visibílium ómnium et invisibílium. Et in unum Dóminum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigénitum. Et ex Patre natum ante ómnia sæcula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lúmine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Génitum, non factum, consubstantiálem Patri: per quem ómnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos hómines, et propter salutem salútem descéndit de cælis. **(Genuflect)** ET INCARNÁTUS EST DE SPÍRITU SANCTO EX MARIA VÍRGINE: ET HOMO FACTUS EST. Crucifíxus étiam pro nobis: sub Póntio Piláto passus, et sepúltus est. Et resurréxit tértia die, secúndum Scriptúras. Et ascéndit in cælum: sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et íterum ventúrus est cum glória judicáre vivos, et mortúos: cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spírítum Sanctum, Dóminum et vivificántem: qui ex Patre, Filióque procedit. 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 resurrecciónem mortuórum. †Et vitam ventúri sæculi. Amen.

P: Dóminus vobíscum.**S:** **Et cum spírítu tuo.****P:** Orémus.**(Sit)****OFFERTORY Acts 6: 5; 7: 59**

Elegerunt Apóstoli Stéphanum Levítam, plenum fide et Spírítu Sancto: quem lapidáverunt Judæi orántem, et dicéntem: Dómine Jesu, áccipe spírítum meum, allelúja.

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

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

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

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Offérimus tibi, Dómine, cálicem salutáris tuam deprecánte cleméntiam: ut in conspéctu divínæ majestátis tuæ, pro nostra, et totíus mundi saluté cum odóre suavitátis ascéndat. Amen. In spírítu humilitátis, et in ánimo contríto suscipiámur a te, Dómine, et sic fiat sacrificium nostrum in conspéctu tuo hódie, ut pláceat tibi, Dómine Deus. Veni, sanctificátor omnípotens ætérne Deus: et benedic hoc sacrificium, 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 benedíctum, ascéndat ad te, Dómine, et descéndat dirigátur, Dómine, orátio mea, sicut incénsium, in conspéctu tuo: elevátio mánuum meárum sacrificium vespertinum. Pone, Dómine, custódiám ori meo, et óstium circumstántiæ lábiis meis: ut non declínet cor meum in verba malitiæ, ad excusándas excusatiónes 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 áudiam vocem laudis, et enárrem univérsa mirábilia tua. Dómine, diléxi decórem domus tuæ, et locum habitátiónis glóriæ tuæ. Ne perdas cum ímpíis, Deus, ánimam meam, et cum viris ságuinum vitam meam: In quorum máribus iniquitátes sunt: dextera eórum repléta est munéribus. Ego autem in innocéntia mea ingrèssus 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 oblatióne, sancti tibi offérimus ob memóriam passiónis, resurrecciónis, et ascensiónis Jesu Christi Dómini nostri: et in honórem beátæ Mariæ semper Vírginis, et beáti Joánnis Baptistæ, et sanctorum Apóstolorum Petri et Pauli, et istórum, et ómnium Sanctorum: ut illis proficiat ad honórem, nobis autem ad salutem: et illi pro nobis intercédere dignéntur in cælis, quibus memóriam ágimus in terris. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

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

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

P: Amen.**SECRET (silently)**

Súscipe, Dómine, múnera pro tuórum commemoratióne Sanctorum: ut, sicut illos pássio gloriósis effécit: ita nos devótió reddat innocuos.. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spírítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

SECRET (silently)

Obláta, Dómine, múnera nova Unigéniti tui nativité nostrórum: nosque a peccatórum nostrórum máculis emúnda. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spírítus Sancti, Deus,

(aloud, to conclude the Secret Prayer)

P: ...per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Stand at High Mass)**S:** **Amen.****P:** Dóminus vobíscum.**S:** **Et cum spírítu tuo.****P:** **Et surda corda.****S:** **Habémus ad Dóminum.****P:** Grátias agámus Dómino Deo nostro.**S:** **Dignum et justum est.****PREFACE OF THE NATIVITY**

Vere 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 carnatis nostræ óstis lux tuæ claritátis infúlsit: ut dum visibíliter Deum cognóscimus, per hunc in invisibílium amórem rapiámur. Et ideo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dóminatióibus, cumque omni milítia 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.

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

At that time JESUS said to the scribes and pharisees: Behold I send to you prophets and wise men and scribes, and some of them you will put to death and crucify, and some you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city: that upon you may come all the just blood that hath been shed upon the earth, from the blood of Abel the just even unto the blood of Zacharias the son of Barachias, whom you killed between the temple and the altar. Amen I say to you, all these things shall come upon this generation. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered together thy children, as the hen doth gather her chickens under her wings, and thou wouldst not? Behold your house shall be left to you desolate. For I say to you, you shall not see me henceforth, till you say: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

S: Praise to Thee, O Christ.**P:** May our offences be erased by the words of the Gospel.**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)**

The Apostles chose Stephen to be a Levite, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit: whom the Jews stoned, invoking and saying: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit, alleluia.

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 fragrance, and to receive it as a sweet incense, 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: redden 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.

Receive, O Lord, our gifts, in commemoration of Thy Saints: that as suffering made them glorious, so our devotion may render us innocent. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

(Commemoration of Christmas)

Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts offered to Thee, by the new birth of Thine Only-begotten Son: and cleanse us from the stains of our sins. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, 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 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 Throne 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!

P: Corpus Dómini nostri Jesu Christi custódiat ánimam meam in vitam ætérnam. Amen.

P: Quid retribuam Dómino pro ómnibus quæ retribuit mihi? Cálicem salutáris accípiam, et nomen Dómini invocábo. Laudans invocábo Dóminum, et ab inimicis meis salvus ero.

P: Sanguis Dómini nostri Jesu Christi custódiat ánimam meam in vitam ætérnam. Amen.

P: Ecce Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccáta mundi.

S: Dómine, non sum **(strike breast)** dignus, ut intres sub tectum meum: sed tantum dic verbo, et sanábitur ánima mea.

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AT THE COMMUNION RAIL

P: Corpus Dómini nostri Jesu Christi custódiat ánimam tuam in vitam ætérnam. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Quod ore sumpsimus, Dómine, pura mente capiámus: et de múnere temporáli fiat nobis remédium sempitérnum.

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 refecerunt sacraménta: Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum, Amen.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

COMMUNION Acts 7: 55, 58, 59

Vídeo cælos apértos, et Jesum stantem a dextris virtútis Dei: Dómine Jesu, áccipe spíritum meum, et ne státuas illis hoc peccátum.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

(Stand at High Mass)

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: **Et cum spíritu tuo.**

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Orémus.

POSTCOMMUNION

Auxiliéntur nobis, Dómine, sumpta mystéria: et, intercedénte beáto Stéphano Máryre tuo, sempitérna protectióne confírent. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

S: Amen.

P: Orémus.

POSTCOMMUNION

Præsta, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut natus hódie Salvátor mundi, sicut divínæ nobis generatiónis est auctor; ita et immortalitátis sit ipse largítor. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

S: Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: **Et cum spíritu tuo.**

P: Ite, Missa est.

S: **Deo grátias.**

(Kneel at High Mass)

P: Pláceat tibi, sancta Trínitas, obséqium servitútis meæ: et præsta; ut sacrificium, quod óculis tuæ majestátis indígnus obtuli, tibi sit acceptábile, mihique et ómnibus pro quibus illud obtuli, sit, te miseránte, propitiábile. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

P: Benedícat vos omnipotens Deus, †Pater, et Fílius, et Spíritus Sanctus.

S: Amen.

AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

(Stand)

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: **Et cum spíritu tuo.**

P: Inítium sancti Evangélii secúndum Joánnem.

S: **Glória tibi, Dómine.**

P: In principio erat Verbum, et Verbum erat apud Deum, et Deus erat Verbum. Hoc erat in principio apud Deum. Ómnia per ipsum facta sunt: et sine ipso factum est nihil, quod factum est: in ipso vita erat, et vita erat lux hóminum: et lux in ténebris lucet, et ténebræ eam non comprehendérunt. Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Joánnes. Hic venit in testimónium, ut testimónium perhiberet de lúmine, ut omnes créderent per illum. Non erat ille lux, sed ut testimónium perhiberet de lúmine. Erat lux vera, quæ illúminat omnem hóminem veniéntem in hunc mundum. In mundo erat, et mundus per ipsum factus est, 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.

[Leonine Prayers](#)

(optional after Low Mass)

P: May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

P: What return shall I render unto the Lord for all He has given me? I will take the Chalice of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Praising I will call upon the Lord, and I shall be saved from my enemies.

P: May the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.

S: Lord, I am **(strike breast)** not worthy that Thou should enter under my roof; but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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AT THE COMMUNION RAIL

P: May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

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

I see the Heavens opened, and Jesus standing on the right hand of the power of God: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit, and lay not this sin to their charge.

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.

May the mysteries we have received, O Lord, help us, and through the intercession of blessed Stephen, Thy Martyr, establish us by Thine everlasting protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

S: Amen.

P: Let us pray.

(Commemoration of Christmas)

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that as the Savior of the world, born on this day, is the Author of our heavenly birth, so He may also be to us the Giver of immortality. 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: 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: 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.