

The relics of the Holy Innocents are said to have been preserved in the splendid church of St. Paul's. The station of today, however, was determined by the delicate feeling of the ancient liturgy that the great solemnities of the year should always be celebrated by a station at the tombs of SS. Peter and Paul.

At a very early date, the feast of the Holy Innocents, massacred by Herod out of fear of Him who was born King of the Jews, was placed near the feast of Christmas; hence in Rome this day was observed as a day of mourning and penance. Purple vestments were used and the faithful abstained from flesh meat and foods cooked in fats. The fast, however, is no longer observed.

The Gospel describes the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt and the massacre of the Innocents.

[New User Guide](#)**AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR
(Kneel)**

P: †In nómine Patris, et Fílii, 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 hómine iníquo et dolóso érue me.

S: Quia tu es, Deus, fortitúdo mea: quare me repulísti, et quare tristis incédo, dum afflígit 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 Fílio, 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, beátæ Mariæ semper Vírgini, beáto Michaéli Archángelo, beáto Joánni Baptistæ, sanctis Apóstolis Petro et Paulo, ómnibus Sanctis, et vobis fratres: quia peccávi nimis cogitatíone, verbo, et ópere: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea máxima culpa. Ideo precor beátam Mariám 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, beátæ Mariæ semper Vírgini, beáto Michaéli Archángelo, beáto Joánni Baptistæ, sanctis Apóstolis Petro et Paulo, ómnibus Sanctis, et tibi pater: quia peccávi nimis cogitatíone, verbo, et ópere: (strike breast 3 times) mea culpa, mea culpa, mea máxima culpa. Ideo precor beátam Mariám 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, absolutíonem, et remissionem peccatórum nostrórum, tríbuat 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 oratíonem 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 sanctórum 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 ómnium Sanctórum: ut indulgére dignéris ómnia peccáta mea. Amen.

(Only at High Mass
when incense is used)

P: Ab illo benedicáris, in cujus 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.

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 8: 3**

Ex ore infántium, Deus, et lacténtium perfecísti laudem propter inimícos tuos. (Ps. 8: 2) Dómine Dóminus noster: quam admirábile est nomen tuum in univérsa terra! Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Ex ore infántium Deus, et lacténtium perfecísti laudem propter inimícos tuos.

Out of the mouth of infants and of sucklings, O God, Thou hast perfected praise because of Thine enemies. (Ps. 8: 2) O Lord our God, how admirable is Thy name in the whole earth! 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. Out of the mouth of infants and of sucklings, O God, Thou hast perfected praise because of Thine enemies.

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 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.

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, 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: Orémus.

COLLECT

Deus, cujus hodiérna die præcónium Innocentis Mártyres non loquúnda, sed moriéntes confyres sunt: ómnia in nobis vitiórum mala mortífica; ut fidem tuam, quam lingua nostra lóquitur, étiam móribus vita fateátur. 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.

COLLECT

Concéde, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut novitas líberetui nova per peccáti jugo 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 Apocalypse 14: 1-5

In diébus illis: Vidi supra montem Sion Agnum stantem, et cum eo centum quadragínta quátuor millia, habéntes nomen ejus, et nomen Patris ejus scriptum in fróntibus suis. Et audivi vocem de cælo, tamquam vocem aquárum multárum, et tamquam vocem tonitruí magni: et vocem, quam audívi, sicut cítharædórum cítharízantium in cítharis suis. Et cantábant quasi cánticum novum ante sedem, et ante quátuor póterat dicere sáníores; et nemo póterat dicere cánticum, nisi illa centum quadragínta quátuor millia, qui empti sunt de terra. Hi sunt, qui cum muliéribus non sunt coínquináti: vírgines sunt. Hi sequúntur Agnum, quocúmque ierit. Hi empti sunt ex homínibus primítie Deo, et Agno: et in ore eórum non est invéntum mendácium: sine mácula enim sunt ante thronum Dei.

S: Deo grátias.

GRADUAL Psalms 123: 7, 8

Ánima nostra, sicut passer erépta est de láqueo venántium. Láqueus contrítus est, et nos liberáti sumus: adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini, qui fecit cælum et terram. Allelúja, allelúja. (Ps. 112: 1) Laudáte, púeri, Dóminum, laudáte nomen Dómini. Allelúja.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Let us pray.

O God, Whose praise the martyred Innocents did this day proclaim, not by speaking, but by dying, destroy in us all the malice of sinfulness, that our lives may also proclaim Thy faith, which our tongues profess. 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 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 I saw a Lamb standing upon Mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. And I heard a noise from heaven, as the noise of many waters and as the voice of great thunder; and the voice which I heard was as the voice of harpers, harping on their harps. And they sung as it were a new canticle before the throne, and before the four living creatures, and the ancients: but no man could say the canticle, and those hundred forty-four thousand who were purchased from the earth. These are they who were not defiled with women, for they were virgins. These follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were purchased from among men, the first-fruits to God and to the Lamb: and in their mouth there was found no lie: for they are without spot before the throne of God.

S: Thanks be to God.

Our soul hath been delivered as a sparrow out of the snare of the fowlers. The snare is broken, and we are delivered: Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who hath made Heaven and earth. Alleluia, alleluia. (Ps. 112: 1) Praise the Lord, ye children, praise the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

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 Evángélium 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 Evángélium suum. Amen.

AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR (Stand)

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: **Et cum spírítu tuo.**

P: Seqúentia sancti Evángelii secúndum Mattháeum.

S: **Glória tibi, Dómine.**

GOSPEL Matthew 2: 13-18

In illo témpore: Ángelus Dómini appáruit in somnis Joseph, dicens: Surge, et accípe púerum, et matrem ejus, et fuge in Ægyptum, et esto ibi usque dum dicam tibi. Futúrum est enim, ut Heródes quærat púerum ad perdéndum eum. Qui consúrgens accépit púerum, et matrem ejus nocte, et secéssit in Ægyptum: et erat ibi usque ad óbitum Heródis: ut adimplerétur quod dictum est a Dómino per Prophétam dicéntem: Ex Ægypto vocávi Filium meum. Tunc Heródes videns quóniam illúsus esset a Magis, irátus est valde, et mittens occídit omnes púeros, qui erant in Béthlehem, et in ómnibus finibus ejus, a bimátu et infra, secúndum tempus quod exquisierat a Magis. Tunc adimplétum est quod dictum est per Jeremíam prophétam dicéntem: vox in Rama audíta est, plorátus, et ululátus multus: Rachel plorans filios suos, et nóluit consolári, quia non sunt.

S: Laus tibi, Christe.

P: Per evangélica dicta deleántur nostra delicta.

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 nostram salútem descéndit de cælis. **(Genuflect)** ET INCARNÁTUS EST DE SPÍRITU SANCTO EX MARÍA VÍRGINE: ET HOMO FACTUS EST. Crucífixus 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: cujus 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 resurrectionem mortuórum. †Et vitam ventúri sæculi. Amen.

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: **Et cum spírítu tuo.**

P: Orémus.

(Sit)

OFFERTORY Psalms 123: 7

Ánima nostra sicut passer erépta est de láqueo venántium: láqueus contrítus est, et nos liberáti sumus.

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

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Deus, qui humanæ substántiæ dignitátem mirabíliter condidisti, et mirabílius reformásti: da nobis, per hujus aquæ et vini mystérium, ejus divinitátis esse consórtes, qui humanitátis nostræ fíeri dignátus est párticeps, Jesus Christus Filius tuus Dóminus noster: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus 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 salúte cum odóre suavitatís 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 intercessiõem beáti Micháelis Archángeli, stantís a dextrís altáris incénsi, et ómnium electórum suórum, incénsium istud dignétur Dóminus benedicere, et in odórem suavitatís accípere. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.*

P: *Incénsus iste, a te benedíctum, ascéndat ad te, Dómine, et descéndat super nos misericórdia tua.*

P: *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 excúsandas excusatiões peccátis.*

P: *Accéndas in nobis Dóminus ignem sui amóris, et flamma ætérmæ caritatís. Amen.*

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Lavábo inter innocéntes manus meas: et circumdábo altáre tuum, Dómine: Ut áudiam vocem laudis, et enárrem unívrsa mirabília tua. Dómine, diléxi decórem domus tuæ, et locum habitatiónis glóriæ tuæ. Ne perdas cum ímpiis, Deus, ánimam meam, et cum viris sánguinum vitam meam: In quorum mánibus iniquitátes sunt: déxtera eórum repléta est munéribus. Ego autem in innocéntia mea ingressus sum: rédime me, et miserére meí. Pes meus stetit in dirécto: in ecllésiis benedícam te, Dómine. Et in conspéctu tuo, Dómine, et in conspéctu filii, et Spíritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper: et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Súscipe, sancta Trínitas, hanc oblatiõem, quam tibi offérimus ob memoriám passiónis, resurrectionis, et ascensiónis Jesu Christi Dómini nostri: et in honórem beátæ Mariæ semper Virginis, et beáti Joánnis Baptistæ, et sanctórum Apostolórum Petri et Pauli, et istórum, et ómnium Sanctórum: ut illis proficiat ad honórem, nobis autem ad salútem: et illi pro nobis intercedere dignéntur in cælis, quorum memoriám ágimus in terris. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

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

S: Súscipiat Dóminus sacrificíum de mánibus tuis ad laudem, et glóriam nóminis sui, ad utilitátem quoque nostram, totíusque Ecclésiæ suæ sanctæ.

P: Amen.

SECRET (silently)

Sanctórum tuórum, Dómine, nobis pia non desit orátio: quæ et múnera nostra conciliet, et tuam nobis indulgéntiam semper obtíneat. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

SECRET (silently)

Obláta, Dómine, múnera, nova Unigéniti tui nativitate sanctifica: nosque a peccatórum nostrórum máculis emúnda. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus 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: Sursum 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 mentis nostræ óculis lux tuæ claritátis infúlsit: ut dum visibíliter Deum cognóscimus, per hunc in invisibílium amórem rapiámur. Et ídeo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatióibus, cumque omni millíta 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 an Angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise, and take the Child and His mother, and fly into Egypt, and be there until I tell thee: for it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child to destroy Him. Who arose, and took the Child and His mother by night, and retired into Egypt; and He was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which the Lord spoke by the Prophet, saying: Out of Egypt have I called My Son. Then Herod, perceiving that he was deluded by the wise men, was exceeding angry, and sending, killed all the men children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremias the prophet, saying: A voice in Rama was heard, lamentation and great mourning: Rachel bewailing her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

S: Praise to Thee, O Christ.

P: May our offenses 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, father 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)

Our soul hath been delivered as a sparrow out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

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 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: 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, and in honor of 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.

Let not the gracious prayer of Thy saints fail us, O Lord, both to render our offerings acceptable to Thee and ever to obtain Thy pardon for us. 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 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

(silently)

P: Te igitur, clementissime Pater, per Jesum Christum Filium tuum, Dóminum nostrum, súpplices rogámus, ac pétimus uti accéptas hábeas, et benedícas, hæc dona, hæc múnera, hæc sancta sacrificia illibáta, in primis, quæ tibi offerimus pro Ecclésia 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 ónnum circumstántium, quorum tibi fides cógnota est, et nota devótio, pro quibus tibi offerimus: vel qui tibi offerunt hoc sacrificium laudis, pro se, suisque ómnibus: pro redemptióne animárum suárum, pro spe salutis et incolumitátis suæ: tibique reddunt vota sua aetérno Deo, vivo et vero.

COMMUNICANTES FOR CHRISTMAS

P: Communicántes, et diem sacratíssimum celebrántes, quo beátæ Mariæ intemeráta virginitas huic mundo édidit Salvatórem: sed et memóriam veneráris, in primis ejúsdem glorióse semper Vírginis Mariæ, Genetrícis ejúsdem Dei et Dómini nostri Jesu Christi: sed et beáti Joseph, ejúsdem Vírginis Sponsi, et beatórum Apostolórum ac Mártyrum tuórum, Petri et Pauli, Andréæ, Jacóbi, Joánnis, Thomæ, Jacóbi, Philíppi, Bartholomæi, Matthæi, Simónis et Thaddæi: Lini, Cleti, Cleméntis, Xysti, Cornélii, Cypriáni, Lauréntii, Chrysógoni, Joánnis et Pauli, Cosmæ et Damiáni, et ónnum Sanctórum tuórum; quorum méritis, precibúsq; concedás, ut in ómnibus protectiónis tuæ muniámur auxilió. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

P: ☩ Hanc igitur oblatiónem servitútis nostræ, sed et cunctæ familiæ tuæ, quæsumus, Dómine, ut placátus accípias: diésque nostros in tua pace dispónas, atque ab ætérna damnatióne nos éripi, et in electórum tuórum júbeas grege numerári. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

P: Quam oblatiónem tu, Deus, in ómnibus, quæsumus, benedíctam, adscríptam, ratam, rationábilem, acceptábilemque fácere dignéris: ut nobis Corpus, et Sanguis fiat dilectíssimi Filii tui Dómini nostri Jesu Christi.

P: Qui pridie quam paterétur, accépit panem in sanctas, ac venerábiles manus suas, et elevátis óculis in cælum ad te Deum Patrem suum omnipoténtem, tibi grátias agens, benedixit, fregit, dedítque discíplulis suis, dicens:

Accípite, et manducáte ex hoc omnes, HOC EST ENIM CORPUS MEUM.

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P: Símilli modo postquam cænátum est, accípiens et hunc præclárum Cálicem in sanctas ac venerábiles manus suas: ítem tibi grátias agens, benedixit, dedítque discíplulis suis, dicens:

Accípite, et bíbite ex eo omnes, HIC EST ENIM CALIX SÁNGUINIS MEI, NOVI ET AETÉRNII

TESTAMÉNTI: MYSTERIUM FÍDEI: QUI PRO VOBIS ET PRO MULTIS EFFUNDÉTUR IN REMISSIÓNEM PECCATÓRUM.

Hæc quotiescúmque fecerítis, in mei memóriam faciétis.

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P: Unde et mémores, Dómine, nos servi tui, sed et plebs tua sancta, ejúsdem Christi Filii tui Dómini nostri tam beátæ passiónis, nec non et ab íferis resurrectiónis, sed et in cælus glorióse ascensiónis: offerimus præcláram majestáti tuæ de tuis donis, ac datis, hóstiam puram, hóstiam sanctam, hóstiam immaculátam, Panem sanctum vitæ ætérnæ, et Cálicem salutis perpétuæ.

P: Supra quæ propítio ac seréno vultu respícere dignéris; et accépta habére, sicuti accépta habére dignátus es múnera púeri tui justí Abel, et sacrificium Patriárchæ nostri Ábrahæ: et quod tibi obédit summi sacerdos tuus Melchisedech, sanctum sacrificium, immaculátam hóstiam.

P: Súpplices te rogámus, omnípotens Deus: jube hæc perférrí per manus sancti Ángeli tui in sublime altáre tuum, in conspéctu divínæ majestátis tuæ: ut quotquot, ex hac altáris participatióne sacrosantum Fílii tui, Corpus, et Sanguinem súppserimus, omni benedictióne cælésti et grátia repleámur. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

P: Meménto étiam, Dómine, famulórum, famularúmque tuarum **N.** et **N.**, qui nos præcesserunt cum signo fidei, et dóminantur in somno pacis. Ipsis, Dómine, et ómnibus in Christo quiescéntibus, locum refrigerii, lucis et pacis, ut indulgeas, deprecámur. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

P: Nobis quoque peccatóribus fámulis tuis, de multitudíne miseratiónum tuárum sperántibus, partem áliquam, et societátem donáre dignéris, cum tuis sanctis Apóstolis et Mátyribus: cum Joánné, Stéphanó, Matthía, Bárnaba, Ignátio, Alexándro, Marcellíno, Petro, Felicitate, Alexandro, Ágátia, Lúcia, Agnéte, Cæcília, Anastásia, et ómnibus Sanctis tuis: intra quorum nos consórtium, non æstimátor mériti, sed véniæ, quæsumus, largítor admítte. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

P: Per quem hæc ómnia, Dómine, semper bona creas, sanctíficas, vivíficas, benedícis, et præstas nobis. Per ipsum, et cum ipso, et in ipso, est tibi Deo Patri omnipoténti, in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, omnis honor, et glória.

(aloud, to conclude the Canon)

P: Per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Stand at High Mass)

S: Amen.

P: Orémus. Præcéptis salutáribus móniti, et divína institutióne formáti, audémus dicere:

Pater noster, qui es in cælis: Sanctificétur nomen Advéniat regnum tuum: Fiat volúntas tua, sicut in cælo, et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidiánum da nobis hódie: Et dimítte nobis débíta nostra, sicut et nos dimíttimus debítibus nostris. Et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem:

S: Sed libera nos a malo.

P: Amen

P: Líbera nos, quæsumus, Dómine, ab ómnibus malis, prætérítis, præsentibus, et futúris: et intercedénte beáta et gloriósa semper Vírgine Dei Genetríce María, cum beátis Apóstolis tuis Petro et Paulo, atque Andréa, et ómnibus Sanctis, da propítius pacem in diébus nostris: ut ope misericórdiæ tuæ adjúti, et a peccáto simus semper líberi et ab omni perturbatióne securi. Per eúndem Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

S: Amen.

P: Pax Dómini sit semper vobíscum.

S: Et cum spíritu tuo.

(Kneel at High Mass)

P: Hæc commixtio, et consecrátió Córporis et Sanguinis Dómini nostri Jesu Christi fiat accipiéntibus nobis in vitam ætérnam. Amen.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: **(strike breast)** miserére nobis.

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Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: **(strike breast)** dona nobis pacem.

P: Dómine Jesu Christe, qui dixísti Apóstolis tuis: Pacem relínquo vobis, pacem meam do vobis: ne respicias peccáta mea, sed fidem Ecclésiæ tuæ: eámque secúndum volúntátem tuam pacificáre et coadunáre dignéris: Qui vivis et regnas Deus per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

P: Dómine Jesu Christe, Fili Dei vivi, qui ex volúntate Patris, cooperánte Spíritu Sancto, per mortem tuam mundum vivificásti: libera me per hoc sacrosantum Corpus et Sanguinem, et univérsis malis: et fac me tuis semper inhærére mandátis, et a te numquam separári permittas: Qui cum eódem Deo Patre et Spíritu Sancto vivis et regnas Deus in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

P: Percéptio Córporis tui, Dómine Jesu Christe, quod ego indignus súmere præsumo, non mihi provéniat in iudiciúm et condemnatiónem: sed pro tua pietáte prosit mihi ad tutaméntum mentis et cörperis, et ad medélam percipiéndam: Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

P: Panem cæléstem accípiam, et nomen Dómini invocábo.

Dómine, non sum dignus ☩, ut intres sub tectum meum: sed tantum dic verbo, et sanábitur ánima mea.

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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.

Communicating, and keeping this most holy day, 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; Linus, Cletus, 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.

(Stand at High Mass)

S: Amen.

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.

(Kneel at High Mass)

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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Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, **(strike breast)** grant us peace.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who said to Thine Apostles: Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; regard not my sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and deign to grant her peace and to unify her according to Thy will: Who lives and reigns God, forever and ever. Amen.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who, by the will of the Father, with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit, hast by Thy death given life to the world; deliver me by this Thy most sacred Body and Blood, from all my sins and from all evils. Make me always cleave to Thy commandments, and never permit me to be separated from Thee, Who with the same God the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, God, forever and ever. Amen.

P: Let not the partaking of Thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but through Thy kindness, may it benefit me, a safeguard both of mind and body, and a certain remedy. Who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns God, forever and ever. Amen.

P: I will take the Bread of heaven, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou should enter under my roof; but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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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 inimícis 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 Matthew 2: 18

Vox in Rama audita est, plorátus, et ululátus: Rachel plorans filios suos, et nóluit consolári, quia non sunt.

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

Votíva, Dómine, dona percépimus: quæ Sanctórum nobis précibus et præsentís, quæsumus, vitæ páriter et ætérnæ tríbue conférre subsidium. 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, obséquium 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

A voice in Rama was heard, lamentation and mourning: Rachel bewailing her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

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 votive gifts, O Lord, of which we have partaken, through the intercession of the Saints gain for us, we beseech Thee, help both for this life and life eternal. 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.