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THE
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OF THE
MALABAR CHURCH

(The Priest and the Deacon enter the Sanctuary in proper order, go to the middle and bow. The Priest tells the congregation what mass he is going to celebrate and explains to them the particular intentions with a short exhortation to participate devoutly in the Holy Sacrifice. Then signs himself, saying :)

- P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen.
P. Glory to God in the highest.
C. Amen.
P. And to men on earth, peace and hope forever.
C. Amen.

P = Priest (Celebrant)
D = Deacon (Server)
II Concelebrant, etc.

C = Congregation (People)
P1, P2 = 1 Concelebrant
PP = Priests (All the celebrants)

P. May the name of Your Blessed Trinity,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 be honoured, exalted, and adored,
 forever.

C. Amen.

[See APPENDIX for Psalms for special occasions]

P. Lord, who has the right to enter Your tent,
 Or to live on Your holy mountain ?

C. Make us stand, O Lord,
 with pure thoughts before Your altar.

ALL. How glorious and lovely
 is Your sanctuary, O God,
 sanctifier of all things !

D. Let us pray. Peace with us.

P1. For all the helps and graces You have given us,
 for which we can never thank You enough,
 we will praise You,
 and glorify You unceasingly,
 in Your triumphant church,
 forever.

C. Amen.

P. You, Lord of all, we praise,

ALL. You, Jesus Christ, we glorify;
 You are the saviour of our souls,
 And You will raise our bodies from the dust.

C. Amen.

D. Raise your voices
 and praise the living God

(Hymn or the following prayer)

ALL. Holy God,
 Holy Mighty One,
 Holy Immortal One,
 Have mercy on us.

D. Let us pray. Peace with us.

PII. Enlighten our minds, O Lord, God,
 that we may hear and understand
 Your divine and lifegiving message;
 Help us, O Lord,
 that love and hope may grow in us,
 that we may find salvation,
 and praise You, forever.

C. Amen.

(The Deacon goes to the left side of the Priest and says: "Bless me, Father", and bows. As he bows the Priest makes the sign of the cross over him. Then the Deacon goes to the rails and facing the people, says, 'Brothers, the letter of Apostle Paul to Ephesians' (Ch. 1/3-12) and continues :)

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION:

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of
 heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,
 to be holy and spotless and to live through love in his presence,
 determining that we should become his adopted sons, through
 Jesus Christ

for his own kind purposes,
 to make us praise the glory of his grace,
 his free gift to us in the Beloved,
 in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom,
 the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace
which he has showered on us
in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose,
the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning
to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:
that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head,
everything in the heavens and everything on earth,
And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own,
chosen from the beginning,
under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things
as he decides by his own will;
chosen to be,
for his greater glory,
the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

(At the end of the reading)

C. Praise be to Christ, our Lord.

(After the lesson the Priest takes the book of the Gospels saying:)

P. O Lord of all,
Splendour of the Father's Glory,
Image of the invisible God,
You did manifest Yourself
in a human body like ours
and removed the darkness of our mind
by the light of Your Gospel;
We praise, adore and glorify You.

D. (Turning towards the People)

Stand up, and listen to the Holy Gospel:

(The Priest blesses the people with the Book of the Gospels saying.)

- P. Peace be with you.
 C. And with you.
 P. The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to
 St. Luke (Chapter 1/39—56)
 C. Praise be to Christ, our Lord.

THE VISITATION :

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled'.

THE MAGNIFICAT :

And Mary said :

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
 and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
 because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
 Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,
 for the Almighty has done great things for me.
 Holy is his name,
 and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him
 He has shown the power of his arm,
 he has routed the proud of heart.
 He has pulled down princes from their thrones and
 exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent
empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful
of his mercy

—according to the promise he made to our ancestors—
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever’.

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then
went back home.

(At the end of the Gospel the priest closes the book and kisses it.)

C. Praise be to Christ our Lord.

(The Deacon facing the people begins the ‘Karosutha’, the Prayer of the Faithful. The Priest remains at the centre of the sanctuary and joins in the Karosutha. See the appendix for the Prayer of the Faithful for special occasions.)

D. Let us all stand in joy,
and devoutly beseech our Lord, and say:
Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

D. Father of mercies and God of all consolation,
We beseech You;

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

D. The author of our salvation,
and the giver of all we have,
we beseech You;

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

D. For the peace and concord of the whole world,
and of all the churches,
we beseech You;



- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. For timely rain, and a plentiful harvest,
and for the prosperity of the whole world
we beseech You;
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. For the well being of our Holy Father, Pope.....(Name)
and of our Arch-Bishop (Bishop).....(Name)
and of all their clergy and faithful
we beseech You, O Lord.

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

P. II Lord Mighty God,
we beseech and implore You,
perfect in us Your grace.
Pour forth Your gifts through our hands.
May your mercy and goodness
win pardon for Your people's offences,
and forgiveness of their sins.

C. Amen

D. Let us bow our heads and receive the blessing.

(All bow their heads.)

P. Lord God,
stretch out Your right hand of mercy
on Your Catholic and Apostolic Church;
preserve it from all harm, seen and unseen,
and in Your mercy,
make us all worthy to minister in Your presence
in purity and devotion,
in diligence and holiness.

(The Priest extending the right hand towards the people, continues)

Lord, Your abundant blessings
be upon us
and this people you have chosen.

C. Amen

(The Priest extends his hands and begins the Creed.)

P. We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

ALL. Creator of all things, visible and invisible;
and in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-Begotten Son of God,
born before all creatures,
born of the Father before all ages, and not made,
True God of true God,
Of one nature with the Father;
by Him the worlds were formed,
And all things created.
For the sake of us men and our salvation,
He came down from heaven,
and became incarnate of the Holy Spirit,
and became man,
and was conceived and was born of the Virgin Mary;
He suffered and was crucified in the days of Pontius Pilate,
died and was buried;
And on the third day rose again
as it was written.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the dead and the living;

And we believe in one Holy Spirit,
 the Spirit of Truth, who proceeds from the Father
 and the Son,
 the life-giving Spirit;
 And in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church;
 And we confess one baptism for the remission of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and life everlasting, Amen.

SOLEMN APPROACH TO THE ALTAR

(The Priest bows and says:)

PP. Make us worthy, O Lord,
 to enter the Holy of Holies,
 with hearts free from all evil,
 and to stand before Your altar
 with true devotion
 and to offer You in true faith
 holy sacrifices worthy of spiritual men.

(All make 3 bows taking a step forward at each time and kisses the altar all at the same time.)

The concelebrants prepare wine and the host.

While the concelebrants are preparing the wine and host, the Deacon says the following prayer facing the people.)

D. Let us pray,
 for our Fathers, Archbishops and Bishops,
 Priests and Deacons;
 Our parents, brothers and sisters,
 relatives and friends,
 who have departed from this life.
 Let us honour the memory

of the Prophets and the Apostles,
of the confessors and the martyrs.

On the last day
when God crowns them all
may He receive us also
into the Kingdom of Heaven.

(As the Priest pours wine and water, he says:)

One of the soldiers
Pierced our Lord's side with a spear,
And at once there came out blood and water,
He who saw it has borne witness,
His testimony is true
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit, Amen.

(The Priest wipes the paten and places the host on it after making
a sign of the cross with the host over it.)

(Then the Priest washes his hands saying:)

- P. May God, the Lord of all,
wash away the stains of our sins
in the waters of His mercy.
- C. May the Lord wipe away the stains of our sins,
in His Grace and mercy.

(After wiping his hands, the Priest takes the paten with the host
and raises it to the level of his eyes and turns towards the people.
He then moves to the middle of the altar, and holding the paten in
his left hand, he takes the chalice in his right hand saying:)
(See appendix for alternative prayers for other occasions.)

- P. Let us praise the Lord.
- C. Let us wash away the stains of our sins
in our tears of sorrow.

God will not despise a contrite and humble heart;
 Let us with reverence approach Him
 and offer ourselves in sacrifice.

D. Let us pray. Peace with us.

(The Priest holding the paten and the chalice crosses his hands and lifts them up saying:)

P. We offer praise to Your most glorious Trinity,
 always and forever.

C. Amen.

ALL. O God, in Your mercy
 graciously accept this sacrifice from our hands,
 through Christ our Lord,
 who immolated Himself for our salvation
 and commanded us to commemorate
 His passion, death, burial and resurrection.

(After a short pause the priest strikes thrice the base of the chalice with the paten.)

P. These glorious, holy, life-giving and divine mysteries
 are prepared upon the sacred altar of Christ
 until His glorious Second Coming
 To Him be glory,
 now and always, and forever.

C. Amen.

(The Priest places the offerings on the altar, the paten on his right and the chalice on his left and covers them with the chalice veil, 'Sosepa'.)

P. Brothers, pray for me (us)
 that this sacrifice may be completed through
 my (our) hands.

- C. May God accept this offering,
and glorify your priesthood;
May He be well pleased
With this sacrifice you offer
for yourself,
for us,
and for the whole world.

THE KURBANA OF THE APOSTLES

(The Priest says the following prayer with his hands joined:)

- PP. We thank You, O Lord, God,
for the abundant graces You have showered on us,
for, though we are sinful and weak,
through the multitude of Your mercies,
You have made us worthy
to be the ministers
of the sacred mysteries of the body and blood
of Your Christ;
We implore Your help
that we may, with perfect love and true faith,
dispense this gift You have given us.

(The Priest crosses his hands on his breast and says aloud):

- P. We offer You praise and honour,
worship and thanksgiving
now ✠ and always and forever.
C. Amen.

(The Priest raises his right hand just above the head and makes the sign of the cross over himself by moving his hand first down to his breast saying 'now', then moving it to the left shoulder saying 'and always' and finally to the right shoulder saying 'forever').

(The Priest blesses the congregation saying:)

P. Peace ☩ be with you.

C. And with you.

(The deacon goes to the right of the Priest and receives the peace.
Then facing the people, he says:)

D. Brothers, give peace one to another,
in the love of Christ.

(The faithful give the peace to one another)

P. Lord, Mighty God,
Help me in Your mercy;
make me worthy
to offer this living and holy sacrifice
in honour of Your adorable Trinity,
and for the good of Your Church.

(The Priest rolls up the 'Sosepa' and places it round the offerings,
saying:)

PP. O Lord,
You have graciously made me (us) worthy
of your body and blood;
Make me (us) also worthy of Your good pleasure
on the day of Judgement.

P. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God the Father
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all
now and always ☩ and forever.

(The Priest blesses the offerings)

C. Amen.

P. (With uplifted hands)
Lift up your hearts.

C. To You,
God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob,
Glorious King.

P. The sacrifice is offered
to God, the Lord of All.

C. It is right and fitting.

(The Priest with hands joined, continues :)

PP. Worthy of praise and thanksgiving
from every creature
is the adorable and glorious name
of the Holy Trinity,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ;
for, in Your kindness,
You have created the earth
and all those dwelling on the earth;
You have shown Your mercy towards mankind ;
Thousands upon thousands of heavenly spirits,
myriads upon myriads of holy angels,
Bow down and adore Your Majesty;
The heavenly hosts,
Spirits like the flames of fire,
praise Your name,
and with holy Cherubim and heavenly Seraphim
offer worship to Your Majesty;

(The Priest lifts up his hands)

- P. Crying out and glorifying without ceasing,
and proclaiming to one another they say:

(Hymn or the following prayer)

- C. Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord, Mighty God,
The heavens and the earth
are full of His glory;
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna to the Son of David,
Blessed is He that has come,
and will come,
in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest.

(When the congregation is saying the preceding prayer, the priest says
in a low voice:)

- P. God, True Father,
You are holy,
All the fatherhood in heaven and on earth is from You.
Eternal Son,
You are holy,
All things were created by You.
Holy Spirit,
You are holy,
All things are sanctified by You.

PP. (with hands joined)

And with the Heavenly Hosts
 we also, Your poor and unworthy servants,
 praise You, O Lord,
 for You have loved us with a great love
 that cannot be repaid.
 You have clothed Yourself in our human form
 that we may be alive by Your divine life.
 You have raised us up when we were lowly,
 lifted us up after our fall,
 made us alive when we were dead,
 forgiven our offences,
 justified us sinners.
 You have enlightened our understanding,
 You have overcome our enemies
 and made our weak nature triumph over them.
 You have enriched us through Your abounding mercy.

(Pause : The priest silently invokes the Holy Ghost)

PP. WE COMMEMORATE, O LORD, GOD,
 THE PASSION OF YOUR SON
 AS HE HIMSELF TAUGHT US TO DO.
 ON THE NIGHT HE WAS BETRAYED,

(The Priest takes the host in his hands)

HE TOOK BREAD
 IN HIS PURE AND HOLY HANDS

(The Priest raises his eyes)

LIFTED UP HIS EYES TO HEAVEN,
TOWARDS HIS ADORABLE FATHER,
BLESSED IT,
BROKE IT,
AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING :
THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS ;
TAKE THIS, AND EAT IT, ALL OF YOU.

C. AMEN.

(The Priest raises the host that it may be seen above his head; then he places it on the altar, makes a deep bow.)

(He then uncovers the chalice, holds it in his hands and says :)

PP. THEN, HE TOOK THE CUP,
GAVE THANKS,
AND GAVE IT TO THEM SAYING :
THIS IS MY BLOOD, OF THE NEW COVENANT,
WHICH IS SHED FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
TAKE THIS, AND DRINK FROM IT, ALL OF YOU.

C. AMEN.

(The Priest lifts up the chalice that it may be seen by the congregation.
He places it back on the altar, makes a deep bow, covers it saying :)

PP. When you are gathered together in My name
do this that I have done
in Memory of me.

(Joining his hands, the Priest says :)

PP. O Lord God,
We, Your weak and unworthy servants,
who have received by tradition this example,
gathered together in Your name
and standing here before You,
joyfully recall and reverently commemorate
the great, adorable, holy and lifegiving mystery
of the passion, death, burial and resurrection
of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
For this great and admirable dispensation
we joyfully give You thanks,
and loudly acclaim You in Your Church.
We offer praise and honour,
worship and thanksgiving,
to Your living, holy and lifegiving name
now and always, and forever.

C. Amen.

D. Let us pray, Peace with us.

(The Priest says with extended hands)

INTERCESSION

- P. For the Supreme Roman Pontiff,
the head of the entire Church
Pope Paul Sixth;
our beloved Father
the Archbishop (Bishop.....)(name)
now in authority over our people;
for the priests, rulers and administrators;
and for the entire Catholic Church,
O Lord, we offer this sacrifice.
- C. Lord, accept this offering.
- P. For the honour of all prophets, Apostles, martyrs and saints,
for the honour of the holy fathers who
were pleasing in Your eyes,
for all the departed who have died in Your name,
and have gone from us,
O Lord, we offer this sacrifice.
- C. Lord, accept this offering.
- P. For all those who mourn and are in distress,
for the poor and the oppressed,
for the sick and afflicted,
And for this people who look forward to Your mercy;
And lastly for my (our) own weak and unworthy
self (selves)
O Lord, we offer this sacrifice.
- C. Lord, accept this offering.

PP, O Lord, God,
 We offer on this altar
 the body and blood of Your Beloved Son
 as He has taught us to do.
 We honour the memory
 of Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
 Of St. Joseph the just and St. Thomas, our Father,
 and of all the just and holy Fathers,
 who had pleased You through this sacrifice.
 Grant us Your peace and tranquility
 all the days of our life.
 May all men know You;
 May they all know
 that You alone are God, the true father,
 and that You sent our Lord Jesus Christ, Your well
 beloved Son
 and He, our Lord and our God,
 came and taught us by His lifegiving preaching
 the path of purity and holiness
 followed by the prophets and apostles,
 martyrs and saints,
 doctors and bishops,
 priests and deacons,
 and all those children of the Holy Catholic Church
 who have been marked
 with the lifegiving sign of holy baptism. ✠

(The Priest makes the sign of the cross on the altar.)

(He holds his hands, the right above the left in the form of a cross,
 above the offerings.)

EPICLESIS

PP. O Lord, God,
Let Your Holy Spirit come.

D. Let us pray. Peace with us.

PP. May He rest upon this oblation of Your servants,
and may He bless it and sanctify it
that it may be unto the pardon of our offences
and forgiveness of our sins,
and for the hope of resurrection
and for the new life with the Just
in the kingdom of heaven.

(The Priest lifts up his hands and prays:)

P, O Lord, God,
though we are altogether unworthy,
mercifully draw us near
to these glorious, holy, lifegiving and divine mysteries.

C. Have mercy on us, O Lord,
have mercy on us.

(The Priest makes a deep bow, uncovers the chalice, takes the Host in his hands and raises it. Looking at the Host he says:)

PP. Glory be to Your holy name, O Lord Jesus Christ,
and worship to Your Majesty always and forever.
For this living and lifegiving bread has come down from heaven,
and gives life to the whole world;
Those who eat it do not die:
Those who receive it are saved by it;
Their sins are pardoned, and they live forever.

(Hymn or the following prayer)

C. I am the living bread that came down from heaven,
I am the bread that came down from on high.

All who approach Me with love

and receive Me,

live in Me forever,

and inherit the kingdom.

This is the mystery Our Saviour revealed to His disciples,

His ministers who do His will,

the Cherubim, the Seraphim and the Archangels,

stand with fear and awe before the altar,

and watch the Priest

breaking and dividing the body of Christ

unto the remission of sins.

O Lord of mercy,

You call the sinners to come to you,

and open Your door to the penitents.

May we come into Your presence

and sing Your praises, day and night.

We praise You, O Lord,

for this ineffable gift.

(The Priest breaks the host into two. The half in the left hand, he places on the paten in such a way that the broken edge faces the chalice, saying :)

P. O Lord, God,
we draw near these holy mysteries with true faith,
and we break and sign
the body and blood of Your well-beloved Son
Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit, forever.

(Then the Priest dips the other half which is in his right hand in the wine, and makes the sign of the cross on the wine, moving the dipped end of the host East to West, and North to South, saying :)

- P. The precious blood of Jesus Christ, Our Lord,
is signed with His lifegiving body:
In the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit, forever.

(The Priest signs the half of the host on the paten with the half in his hand, saying :)

- P. The sacred body of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
is signed with His precious blood,
in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit, forever.

(Then the Priest takes both the halves, one in each hand, and holds them together above the chalice and says :)

- PP. These divine mysteries,
are set apart and perfected,
and united one to another
in the adorable name of the most glorious Trinity,
of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
May this be unto your Holy Church,
here and everywhere,
and unto us,
for the pardon of offences and the forgiveness of sins,
and for the hope of resurrection,
and for the new life in the kingdom of heaven,
now and always and for ever.

(The Priest places the two halves of the host on the paten, one over the other, the broken end of the half below is turned towards the chalice and of the one above is turned towards the Priest; the Priest bows deeply and with his right thumb signs himself on the forehead. Then the Sosepa kept round the chalice and paten is straightened.)

- P. Glory be to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.
 Though I am unworthy
 You have appointed me
 a minister and mediator
 of Your holy mysteries.
 In Your loving kindness
 pardon my offences
 and forgive my sins.

(The Priest bows deeply, then standing erect, he raises the palm of his hand above the forehead and makes the sign of the Cross over himself saying :)

- P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the love of God the Father,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 be with us all
 now and always ✠ and forever.

- C. Amen

COMMUNION SERVICE

(Deacon says the following prayer facing the people :)

- D. With due reverence
 let us all approach
 the mysteries of the precious body and blood of our Saviour;
 with sorrow, let us turn away from our faults;
 let us ask mercy and pardon from God, the Lord of All,
 and let us forgive our brothers their offences.
- C. Lord, forgive the sins and offences of Your servants.
- D. Let us purify our hearts, and keep away from
 dissensions and discord.

- C. Lord, forgive the sins and offences of Your servants.
- D. Let us rid our souls of anger and enmity.
- C. Lord, forgive the sins and offences of Your servants.
- D. Let us receive the body of Christ and be sanctified
by the Holy Spirit.

- C. Lord, forgive the sins and offences of Your servants.
- D. In union and in good fellowship,
let us receive the sacred mysteries.

- C. Lord, forgive the sins and offences of Your servants.
- D. Let these mysteries be to us, O Lord, unto
the resurrection of our bodies,
and the salvation of our souls.

- C. And unto life everlasting.

- D. Let us pray. Peace with us.

(The Priest says the following prayer with his head bowed.)

- PP. In Your mercy, O Lord,
forgive the sins and offences of Your servants,
Make us worthy to sing Your praises
in Your kingdom in the company of the saints.

(The Priest lifts up his hands and says :)

- P. Give us lasting peace, O Lord,
and restore tranquility in our hearts;
let our tongues proclaim Your truth;
let our mouths be harps singing hymns to You;
let Your Cross be our protection;
the great prayer You taught Your disciples
saying, 'You pray thus',
now we recite together:

ALL. Our Father in heaven,
 Holy be Your name,
 Your Kingdom come,
 Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
 Give us to-day our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Do not bring us to the test;
 but deliver us from evil;
 for, Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever, Amen.

P. (Turning towards the people)

Peace ✠ be with you.

C. And with you.

(The Priest turns towards the altar, with his extended right hand pointing towards the sacred Host. As he turns he says :)

P. The Holy Bread is for the holy.

C. The one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
 alone is holy.

D. Let us praise the living God.

C. (See appendix for the communion hymn for special occasions)

(The Priest bows, takes the sacred host in his hands and says :)

PP. O Christ, Lord of all, Hope of our race,
 sanctify our bodies by Your sacred body,
 pardon our offences by Your precious blood;
 and purify our consciences in Your mercy.

(The Priest receives the sacred host. Then he makes a deep bow,
takes the chalice in his hands and says :)

PP. O Divine Bridegroom,
You have prepared the cup of Your precious blood
for the guests at Your banquet.

(The Priest receives the precious blood)

Of that same cup,
You have given me also, a sinner, to drink.
Praise be to Your ineffable love, for ever.

(When the communion is distributed under both species and in the
case of a concelebrated Mass, the priest receives the Sacred Host after
reciting the three prayers above, and the Precious Blood after the
distribution of Holy Communion)

(The Priest blesses the people saying :)

P. May the lifegiving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠
be made perfect in us.

C. Forever, Amen.

D. (Facing the congregation)
Brothers, the Church invites you,
to receive with faith,
the body of Christ, the Son of God,
and to drink from His cup.

(See the appendix for the invitation for special occasions)

(The Priest distributes communion, saying :)

P. The body and blood of Christ,
be to you for life everlasting.

(During the distribution of Communion, the community may sing any
appropriate hymn)

(After distributing communion)

ALL. O Christ, Lord of All,

Hope of the human race,
 let not Your body and blood we have received
 be to our condemnation;
 let it be to the pardon of our offences and forgiveness
 of our sins;
 may it give us confidence
 to stand before You on the Day of Judgment.

(The Deacon pours water into the chalice. The Priest cleans the chalice
 and the paten and arranges them. Meanwhile the congregation recites
 the following prayer or sings it)

(Hymn or the following prayer)

C. O Lord,

May our hands that have received the sacred Host
 be made strong to do good.

May our lips that have sung Your praises
 be made worthy to glorify You in heaven.

May the ears that have heard Your praises
 never hear from You the words of condemnation.

May the eyes that have beheld Your mercy
 see You coming in Your glory.

May the tongues that have cried 'Holy'
 be disposed to speak the truth.

May the feet that have walked in the holy place
 walk in the regions of light.

Give a new life to us who have eaten Your body,
 Your blessings be upon this congregation that has
 worshipped You.

May Your boundless love
 be with us forever.

May we grow in that love,
and be grateful to You.
Listen to our prayers, O Lord,
And may this service of ours
be acceptable in Your presence.

D. Let us all who have come together
by the grace of the Holy Spirit
and counted worthy to participate
in these sublime, holy, lifegiving and divine mysteries,
glorify God Who gave us this Gift,
and give Him thanks, together.

C. Praise be to Him for this ineffable Gift.

D. Let us pray. Peace with us.

(Standing at the lectern the Priest says :)

P3. It is our duty, O Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
to offer always to Your most Blessed Trinity
praise and honour
worship and perpetual thanksgiving
for the gift of these divine mysteries
which You have mercifully given us
for the forgiveness of our sins.

C. Amen. Your blessing upon us, O Lord.

P4. O Christ, the hope of our race,
O Christ, Who wipes away our sins
by the virtue of Your sacred mysteries,
blessed is this, Your adorable Gift, forever.

C. Amen.

(On solemn occasions)

P. It is fitting, O Lord, every day,
 it is meet at all times, it is right at every hour
 to thank, worship and praise the revered name
of your Majesty.
 For through your grace, O Lord, and through your mercy,
 you have accounted us weak and mortal men worthy
 to glorify your name with the angels,
 to partake in the mysteries you have given us,
 to delight in the sweetness of your life-giving
and divine words
 and to offer songs of praise and thanksgiving
to your exalted Divinity,
 Lord of all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for ever.

C. Amen. Bless us, O Lord.

P. O Christ, our God, our Lord, our King, our
Saviour and our Life-Giver,
 who by your all-sanctifying body and blood,
 grant us that we may please you in word and deed,
 in thought and action.
 May this pledge which we have received
 avail us through your grace and mercy, O Lord,
 for the pardon of offences and forgiveness of sins,
 for the great hope of resurrection from the dead,
 and for the new life in the kingdom of heaven
 with all those who were pleasing in your
presence, for ever. Amen.

(The Priest, facing the congregation, says :)

P. Let us sing the praises of Christ
Who has nourished us with His body and blood.
O People of God,
May He shower upon you
His mercy and grace, abundantly;
May His Providence
be your protection,
now ✠ and always, and forever.

C. Amen.

(An alternative prayer of blessing :)

P. Let us offer praise and worship to our Lord
through His glorious, holy, lifegiving sacrifice.
May God grant us the bliss and glory of His kingdom;
May He shower upon us, upon the whole world,
upon the Church and her children
His grace and mercy
now ✠ and always, and forever.

C. Amen.

(For the dead :)

P. O Lord, hear our prayer;
receive our offerings and sacrifices
as You received the sacrifice of the blameless Abel,
of the truthful Noah, of the believing Abraham,
of the patient Job, of the prophet Eliah,
and of Your blessed Apostles.

Accept our offerings, O Lord, as You accepted
the widow's mite,
and forgive the debts of the departed.

O Lord, mercifully accept this sacrifice offered
for Your servant (Name)
and forgive the faults and offences of his (hers)
and of all those who are suffering with him (her).
Merciful Lord, may he (she) be made worthy
to enjoy the heavenly bliss with Your saints;
May he (she) offer praise and worship to the
Blessed Trinity.

Your blessing, O Lord, be on all those
who have taken part in today's divine service,
now ✠ and always, and forever.

C. Amen.

(On solemn days :)

P. God has blessed us with every spiritual gift
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
He has invited us to His Kingdom
and promised us His eternal bliss.
He said to His disciples,
"Amen, Amen" I say to you,
"whoever eats My body and drinks My blood
remains in Me, and I in him,
and I will raise him up on the Last Day;
and he will not be condemned,
but will pass on from death to everlasting life".

May God, according to this promise,
 bless us all who took part in this sacrifice.
 May we all be marked with the living sign of the
 Cross of Christ
 and saved from all dangers,
 now ✠ and always, and forever.

C. Amen.

FAREWELL TO THE ALTAR

(The Priest comes to the middle of the sanctuary; makes a deep bow,
 saying :)

P. Peace be to you, altar of forgiveness;
 peace be to you, Sepulchre of our Lord,
 May the Gifts I (we) have received from you
 be unto me (us) for the pardon of offences and
 forgiveness of sins.
 I (we) do not know
 whether I (we) shall come again
 to offer another sacrifice upon you, or not.

(The Priest and the Deacon (s) go to unvest.)

APPENDIX

For the Divine Liturgy in Honour of Our Lady

Psalm 98

- P. O! sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
(Antiphon) My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
- C. O! sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
- P. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation,
The Lord has made known his salvation.
- C. He has revealed his righteousness to the nations,
He was mindful of his love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- P. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
- C. Praise the Lord, all the earth,
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- P. Sing to the Lord with the lyre and the music of harps,
with the sound of trumpets and horn acclaim the King, the Lord.
- C. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell in it.
- P. Let all the rivers clap their hands,
and the mountains shout for joy before the Lord.

- C. For he comes to judge the earth,
he will judge the world with righteousness,
and the nations with equity.
- P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C. For ever and ever Amen.
- ALL. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

READINGS

<i>Old Testament</i>		<i>Epistle</i>	<i>Gospel</i>	
Genesis	3/ 9-15	Eph.	1/ 3-12	Luke 1/26-33
Isias	7/10-14	Rom.	16/19-20	" 1/39-56
		Hebr.	2/14-18	" 2/22-38
		Hebr.	10/ 4- 9	" 11/27-28
		Apoc.	12/ 1- 6	Matthew 12/46-50
				" 13/53-57
				John 2/ 1-12
				" 19/25-27

Prayer of the Faithful

- D. During this Holy Mass, offered in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us all stand with confidence and devoutly beseech God Almighty to give us the grace to imitate our Blessed Mother, saying "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord".
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. Keeping in mind the example of Our Lady who asked the Angel at the Annunciation "How is this possible", not willing to sacrifice her virginity, we beseech You, O Lord, that we may always remain faithful to our religious commitments.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

- D. Having before us the example of Our Blessed Mother, who, after clearing her doubts, unreservedly offered her co-operation for the implementation of the mystery of the Incarnation, saying: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to your words", we pray to you, O Lord, that we may always submit ourselves to the divine will.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. Like our Lady, who hastened to visit her cousin Elizabeth in order to render humble service to her during her hour of need, may we offer ourselves to the service of others, especially the needy and the poor, with an unbounded generosity.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. Recalling to mind the example of our Lady who presented her divine son to You in the temple in fulfilment of the law of Moses, we beseech you, O Lord, to help us to observe all divine and human laws.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. Our Lady's journey to Egypt was long and arduous. Help us, O Lord, to carry out your will, whatever the cost it entails.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. Returning from Jerusalem, Our Lady was deeply distressed, finding her son missing. Grant us the grace, O Lord, never to be separated from you by sin.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. Recalling to mind the unequivocal words of Mary at Cana, "Do what He commands you", we request you, O Lord, to grant us the grace to do all that you expect of us, your humble servants.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

- D. Seeing our Blessed Mother, standing at the foot of the cross weeping, we ask you to give us the grace, O Lord, to bear patiently all the sorrows and cross-currents of life.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. Witnessing with the eyes of faith the glory of the Blessed Virgin Mary, assumed into heaven, may we lift up our hearts to the glories of heaven, in order to find consolation in all our trials.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- P. O Divine Saviour, who did vouchsafe to bequeath to us your own dear mother as our mother and protectress, before breathing your last on the cross, through those memorable and loving words, "Behold your mother", grant us, we beseech you, the grace to walk in the footsteps of our Mother, submitting ourselves to the holy will of God in all things, and to be united with you in heaven for ever.
- C. Amen.

Anthem at the Offertory

- P. I will offer you the sacrifice of praise. (Ps. 115)
- C. Lord of all, the saints who loved you give you thanks because you chose Mary from their race and made your hidden mystery dwell in her; for, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ the Saviour of the world was born of her. Behold, the holy Church commemorates that mystery.

Communion Hymn

- C. The Son of the Most High became man
Assuming flesh and blood from Mary, the humble woman.
He gave His body and blood to mortal men
under the species of bread and wine.
Let us praise Him for this precious gift
with the choirs of angels day and night.

Invitation to Communion

- D. Come brethren, receive,
with true faith and deep devotion,
the body and blood of Jesus,
born of the Virgin Mary.



IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH

Psalm 21

- P. (S) In your power the king rejoices, O Lord,
and your saving help gives him great joy.
(Antiphon) The just are worthy of praise,
they deserve all honour and glory.
- C. In your power the king rejoices, O Lord,
and your saving help gives him great joy.
- P. You have granted him his heart's desire,
and not denied him what his lips entreated.
- C. For you have met him with choicest blessings,
and have set a crown of pure gold upon his head.
- P. He asked for life, and you gave it to him,
length of days for ever and ever.
- C. His glory is great through your saving help
you have bestowed upon him splendour and majesty.
- P. Yes, you confer on him everlasting blessings,
you gladden him with the joy of your presence.
- C. For the king puts his trust in the Lord,
by the grace of the Most High he reigns unshaken.
- P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
- C. For ever and ever. Amen.
- ALL. The just are worthy of praise,
they deserve all glory and honour.

Readings

Epistle.: (Col. 3/14-18)

And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel: (Mt. 13/54-58)

When Jesus had finished these parables he left the district; and, coming to his home town, he taught the people in their synagogue in such a way that they were astonished and said, 'Where did the man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers? This is the carpenter's son, surely? Is not his mother the woman called Mary, and his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Jude? His sisters too, are they not all here with us? So where did the man get it all?' And they would not accept him. But Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country and in his own house', and he did not work many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

(or Mt. 1/18 - 25)

Prayer of the Faithful

- D. During this Divine Liturgy in honour of St. Joseph, let us all stand with confidence and, meditating on his exemplary life, devoutly beseech God for grace to imitate the virtues of the foster-father of Jesus and say "Hear our prayer, O Lord".

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

D. Being ignorant of the mystery of the Incarnation, St. Joseph was very much perturbed, when he came to know that Mary had conceived a child. Still, not wishing to defame her, he wanted only to put her away secretly. Help us, O Lord, to follow this noble example and abstain from saying or doing anything that might mar another's reputation.

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

D. It was a severe trial for St. Joseph when in Bethlehem all doors were closed against him and Mary. But he faced the situation with courage and a firm faith in divine providence. Grant, O Lord, the grace to meet all the trials and difficulties of life with resignation to thy holy will and with the courage of conviction.

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

D. The angel ordered St. Joseph to get up and flee to Egypt with the mother and child. He obeyed it immediately without questioning. Help us, O Lord, to carry out your will in all the vicissitudes of life.

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

D. St. Joseph had to face another trying situation having missed Jesus on the way back from Jerusalem. But he sought his foster-son with great diligence until he found him. Grant us the grace, we beseech you, O Lord, to remain always closely united to you and never to miss your life-giving presence, through sin.

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

D. Keep us, O Lord, chaste and pure after the example of St. Joseph.

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

- D. Inspire us, O Lord, with a sense of duty and a love of hard labour for the greater glory of God in imitation of St. Joseph who fulfilled God's commandment, "With sweat on your brow, shall you eat your bread".
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. Give us, O Lord, the grace of final perseverance and of a happy death, through the intercession of St. Joseph, who, in his passage to eternity was privileged to have the most consoling presence and assistance of Jesus and Mary.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- P. O omnipotent and most merciful Lord God, we most humbly beseech you to grant us, in consideration of the merits of St. Joseph, patience in trials, courage in tribulations, final perseverance and a happy death, so that we may sing your praises in heaven for ever and ever.
- C. Amen.

Anthem at the Offertory

- P. "The memory of the just endures for ever". (Ps. 112)
- C. O St. Joseph, your name is commemorated in the Church along with the sacred mystery of Jesus Christ, because you took care of Infant Jesus and protected Him from His enemies.
May your help and intercession
Be our strength and protection without intermission.

Communion Hymn

- C. Glory be to you, merciful God,
who called us to be your adopted sons
and made us partakers of your divine nature.
May we who approach the sacred mysteries
have the purity and devotion of the foster-father of Jesus.

Invitation to Communion

- D. Come, Oh, people of God
 Come, Oh, chosen race
 Receive with faith the body and blood of Jesus,
 the pledge of salvation and hope of eternal life.



IN HONOUR OF ST. THOMAS, THE APOSTLE

Psalm 27

- P. The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?
 The Lord is the fortress of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?
 (Antiphon) Blessed be our Saviour who sent his holy Apostles
 to the ends of the earth with the message of salvation.
- C. The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?
 The Lord is the fortress of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?
- P. When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh,
 my opponents and enemies,
 they shall stumble down.
- C. Though an army pitched camp against me, my heart shall not fear;
 though war were waged against me, yet I shall be confident.
- P. One thing I have asked of the Lord,
 that shall I seek after;
- C. That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
 to enjoy the sweetness of the Lord,
 and to consult him in his temple.

- P. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble,
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent,
he will set me high upon a rock.
- C. And now my head shall be held high
over the enemies who surround me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy.
I will sing the praises of the Lord.
- P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C. For ever and ever Amen.
- ALL. Blessed be our Saviour who sent his holy Apostles
to the ends of the earth with the message of salvation.

Readings

Epistle : Eph. 2/19-22

So you are no longer aliens or foreign visitors; you are citizens like all the saints, and part of God's household. You are part of a building that has the apostles and prophets for its foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone. As every structure is aligned on him, all grow into one holy temple in the Lord; and you too, in him, are being built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit.

Gospel : John 20/24-29

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, "We have seen the Lord", he answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe". Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed,

but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, "Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe". Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him:

"You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe".

Prayer of the Faithful

- D. Let us all, with confidence, stand before the Lord God
and devoutly beseech Him, saying: "Hear our prayer, O Lord"
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. That the whole human race redeemed by the precious blood of
your well-beloved Son, may attain eternal salvation, we beseech
you.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. That the teeming millions of India, whom St. Thomas, one of the
Apostles of Jesus Christ, brought the message of the Gospel, make
rapid strides of progress spiritually and materially, we beseech you.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord
- D. That we may be led from darkness to light, from death to life
and from mortality to immortality, we beseech you.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. That all our countrymen may become partakers of the divine
life we seek to share, we beseech you.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. That we may have the courage of conviction to be testified even by
the shedding of blood, in accordance with the words of the Apostle
Thomas, who said, "let us go and die with Him", we beseech you.

- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. That we may all have a living faith after the example of the Apostle of India, who after an intelligent investigation of the fact of the resurrection of Jesus, solemnly declared: "My Lord and my God", we beseech you.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. That we may live according to the high ideals of our faith in spite of difficulties and obstacles, we beseech you.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. That our educational and charitable institutions may continue to make progress and that our social activities be crowned with success, we beseech you.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. That the Jubilee Celebrations of the 19th Centenary of the death of St. Thomas, may effect a profound renewal of life in every sphere, we beseech you.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- P. O Lord, mighty God,
 we beseech and implore you :
 make us partakers of your grace,
 bless us with a living faith,
 temper our sufferings by the hope of the glory to come
 and inspire us with a profound love for You,
 a love to be reflected in the love of our neighbour,
 and grant us that we may all be able to hear
 the consoling words at the close of our lives
 "well done good and faithful servant
 enter into the joy of the Lord".
- C. Amen.

Anthem at the Offertory

- P. Happy, all those who fear the Lord
and follow in his path. (Ps. 128/1)
- C. Lord, your disciple and our Father St. Thomas,
did proclaim his profound faith in your Divinity and humanity.
Open our mental eyes, O Lord,
that we may see you our saviour coming down on the altar
under the species of bread and wine.
Let us with St. Thomas acclaim you "My Lord and my God,"
and confess you in this Eucharistic Mystery.

Communion Hymn

- C. Our Father St. Thomas is commemorated at the altar.
Let us praise and thank the Lord,
who has called us to the heavenly banquet
through his devoted Apostle.

Invitation for Communion

- D. Brethren, when we honour the
memory of our Father St. Thomas,
let us receive the body and blood of Christ,
who chose him as His apostle
and crowned him with glory.

FOR REQUIEM MASS

Psalm 130

- P. From the depths I call to you, Yaweh
Lord, listen to my cry for help!
(Antiphon) The just are clothed in glory,
they will move in the clouds
to receive the Lord when he comes.

- C. Listen compassionately to my pleading!
- P. If you never overlooked our sins, Yaweh,
Lord, could anyone survive?
- C. But you do forgive us:
and for that we revere you.
- P. I wait for Yaweh, my soul waits for him,
I rely on his promise,
- C. My soul relies on the Lord,
more than a watchman on the coming of dawn.
- P. Let Israel rely on Yahweh
as much as a watchman on the dawn!
- C. For it is with Yahweh that mercy is to be found,
and a generous redemption;
- P. It is he who redeems Israel
from all their sins.
- All. The just are clothed in glory
they will move in the clouds
to receive the Lord when he comes.

Readings

Old testament

Job 19/1-23
Wisdom 3/1-9
Wisdom 4/7-15
Daniel 12/1-3
II Mac. 12/43-46

Epistle

Rom. 5/5-11
Rom. 8/18-23
I Cor. 15/51-57
II Cor. 5/1, 6-10
Phil. 3/20-21
I Tess. 4/13-18
Apoc. 20/11-21
Apoc. 21/1-5

Gospel

Mt. 5/1-12
Mt. 25/31-46
Mk. 15/33-39
Lk. 7/11-17
Lk. 23/33, 39-43
Jn. 5/24-29
Jn. 6/37-40
Jn. 6/54-59
Jn. 11/17-27
Jn. 11/32-45
Jn. 12/23-28
Jn. 14/1-6

Epistle: I/Cor. 15/51-57

I will tell you something that has been secret: that we are not all going to die, but we shall all be changed. This will be instantaneous, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet sounds. It will sound, and the dead will be raised, imperishable, and we shall be changed as well, because our present perishable nature must put on imperishability and this mortal nature must put on immortality.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 5/24-29

I tell you most solemnly,
whoever listens to my words,
and believes in the one who sent me,
has eternal life;

without being brought to judgement
he has passed from death to life.

I tell you most solemnly,
the hour will come—in fact it is here already—
when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,
and all who hear it will live.

For the Father, who is the source of life,
has made the Son the source of life;
and because he is the Son of Man,
has appointed him supreme judge.

Do not be surprised at this,

for the hour is coming
 when the dead will leave their graves
 at the sound of his voice:
 those who did good
 will rise again to life;
 and those who did evil, to condemnation.

Prayer of the faithful

- D. During this Mass, which is being offered for the souls in purgatory, let us all stand with faith and confidence and pray to God, saying, "we beseech you, O Lord."
- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- D. That you give eternal rest to our dear brother (sister, or brothers and sisters), who through baptism became heir (s) to the kingdom of heaven,
- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- D. That you give everlasting life to our brethren, who had been nourished by the sacred body and blood of our saviour Jesus Christ,
- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- D. That you consider the good intentions of the faithful departed and condone their frailties,
- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- D. That you cleanse the departed souls from the stains of sin by virtue of the merits of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- D. That you condone all the debts of the dead, taking into account the passion and death of your son, Jesus,

- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- D. That they all become partakers of His glorious resurrection,
- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- D. That we all may rise up on the last day in splendour and glory,
- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- D. That we may all possess the everlasting Kingdom, prepared for the just from the beginning of the world,
- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- P. Almighty God, look with compassion on the souls of the departed. Be thou the protection and strength of the living. Raise us all up in glory when your beloved son comes on the clouds of heaven to judge the living and the dead.
- C. Amen.

Anthem at the Offertory

- P. Make the soul of your servant rejoice (Ps. 86)
- C. Merciful Lord, accept this sacrifice for the dead.
Remit their sins and debts and give them eternal rest.
And lead them who have been nourished with the body and
blood of Christ.
To the regions of everlasting light.

Communion Hymn

- C. Blessed is He at whose voice
the dead will rise from their sepulchres
and offer praises to the Lord of all.
These sublime mysteries will give us life eternal.

Invitation to Communion

- D. Brethren, come and receive the body and blood of Christ,
who is resurrection and life.
It is the food for the journey to heaven.
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FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY

During the period of Advent (Annunciation)

Psalm 98

- P. O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
(Antiphon) Blessed is your coming, O Christ, the Saviour of all,
who made us worthy to sing your praises with the angels.
- C. O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
- P. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.
- C. He has revealed his righteousness to the nations,
he was mindful of his love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- P. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
- C. Praise the Lord, all the earth,
break forth into joyous song and sing praises,
- P. Sing to the Lord with the lyre and the music of harps,
with the sound of trumpets and horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.
- C. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell in it.

- P. Let all the rivers clap their hands,
and the mountains shout for joy before the Lord.
- C. For he comes to judge the earth,
he will judge the world with righteousness,
and the nations with equity.
- P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C. For ever and ever. Amen.
- ALL: Blessed is your coming, O Christ, the Saviour of all,
who made us worthy to sing your praises with the angels.

Reading

Isias 7 / 10 — 14

Luke 1 / 26 — 38

Isias 7/10-14

Once again Yahweh spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask Yahweh your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above. 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put Yahweh to the test.'

Then he said:

Listen now, House of David;
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God too?
The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
Whom she will call Immanuel.

Luke 1 / 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end'. Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God'. 'I am the handmaid of the Lord' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me'. And the angel left her.

Prayer of the Faithful

- D. Let us all stand with joy and hope and pray "Lord Jesus, come".
- C. Lord Jesus, come.
- D. O Redeemer of the human race, plunged into misery by the sin of Adam, make haste to come to us, so that we may obtain remission of sin and gain salvation.
- C. Lord Jesus, come.

- D. O Christ, whom the Patriarchs and Prophets eagerly looked for, come and enrich your Church with your heavenly gifts.
- C. Lord Jesus, come.
- D. Lord Jesus, who became the eternal priest through your incarnation, come and bless your representatives Pope (name) and our Archbishop (name) or Bishop (name) with your heavenly graces.
- C. Lord Jesus, come.
- D. O Christ, the ruler of the nations and the king of peace, come to give the whole world, especially our motherland, your peace and happiness.
- C. Lord Jesus, come.
- D. O Jesus, the Word Incarnate and the light of the world, come and illumine the minds of the peoples of the world and especially of our fellow-countrymen with the light of your Gospel.
- C. Lord Jesus, come.
- D. O Christ, who sanctified our human nature by your incarnation, make haste to come, so as to sanctify our families with your supernatural love and heavenly peace.
- C. Lord Jesus, come.
- P. O Almighty God, we render you thanks for having vouchsafed your only begotten son for our salvation. May the world enter into an era of spiritual renewal through the commemoration of His advent. May the whole human race draw inspiration from Him, who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life", and sing your praises in your Church, which is the sacrament of salvation.
- C. Amen.

Anthem at the Offertory

- P. I waited patiently for the Lord (Ps. 40/1).
- C. God fulfilled the promise made to Abraham and progeny.
 The Holy Spirit came down on the virgin
 and the power of the Most High over-shadowed her.
 Mary became the mother of God
 without the violation of her virginity.
 Let us give thanks to Almighty, who blessed our race
 and let us offer this sacrifice to Him as a token of our love.

Communion Hymn

- C. Prophets and Kings eagerly looked for Your advent.
 We have been privileged to celebrate Your coming,
 participate in your propitiatory sacrifice,
 and eat Your body and drink from Your chalice.
 Blessed are the eyes that have witnessed these mysteries
 and the ears that have heard the words of salvation.

Invitation to Communion

- D. Brethren, the Incarnate God is present with us
 under the species of bread and wine.
 He seeks an abode in our poor hearts.
 Come and receive Him with love and gratitude.
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AT CHRISTMASTIDE

Psalm 98

- P. O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things
(Antiphon) Rejoice, O redeemed people; give praise without
ceasing at the birth of the Saviour,
who has brought joy to heaven and earth.
- C. O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
- P. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation,
The Lord has made known his salvation.
- C. He has revealed his righteousness to the nations,
he was mindful of his love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- P. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
- C. Praise the Lord, all the earth,
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- P. Sing to the Lord with the lyre and the music of harps,
with the sound of trumpets and horn acclaim the King, the Lord.
- C. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell in it.
- P. Let all the rivers clap their hands,
and the mountains shout for joy before the Lord.
- C. For he comes to judge the earth,
he will judge the world with righteousness,
and the nations with equity.
- P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C. For ever and ever. Amen.

ALL. Rejoice, O redeemed people, give praise without ceasing
at the birth of the Saviour,
who has brought joy to heaven and earth.

Readings

Epistle : (Gal. 4/1-6)

Let me put this another way; an heir, even if he has actually inherited everything, is no different from a slave for as long as he remains a child. He is under the control of guardians and administrators until he reaches the age fixed by his father. Now before we came of age we were as good as slaves to the elemental principles of the world, but when the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons.

Gospel : (Luke 2/1-14)

Now at this time Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census—the first—took place while Quirinius was Governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid

him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you; you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger'. And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace to men who enjoy his favour'.

Prayer of the faithful

- D. Let us all stand with joy and devotion
and say "We thank you, O God".
- C. We thank you, O God.
- D. For having loved the world so much as to give your only
begotten Son,
- C. We thank you, O God.
- D. For having revealed your Son to the poor Shepherds and the
learned sages from the East,
- C. We thank you, O God.
- D. For having given to the world the example of humility and poverty
through the lowliness of your Son's birth,
- C. We thank you, O God.

- D. For having made us your adopted children and heirs to heaven through the Incarnation of your only begotten Son,
- C. We thank you, O God.
- D. For having established the Church, so that we may become partakers of the fruits of your Son's Incarnation,
- C. We thank you, O God.
- D. For having appointed the Pope and the Bishops to guide the members of the mystical body of Christ,
- C. We thank you, O God.
- D. For having the Gospel preached to the poor and the hope of salvation given to sinners, through the life and work of your Son, Jesus Christ,
- C. We thank you, O God.
- P. We thank you, O Lord God, for having sent your Son so as to make us partakers of your divine life. Along with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and the shepherds we adore the Word incarnate. Help us lead lives worthy of your adopted sons. May Christ become incarnate in our words and deeds, and our entire life,
- C. Amen.

Anthem at the Offertory

- P. Sing ye, a new song to the Lord (Ps. 149).
Let the whole world rejoice (Ps. 48).
- C. The only begotten Son of the Father has become man.
His glory and goodness have appeared to the nations.
Let us all sing with the heavenly hosts:
Glory to God in the highest heaven
and peace and hope to men on earth,
and offer Him thanks through this sacrifice.

Communion Hymn

- C. Blessed be Christ, who illumined the world
and reconciled the earth with heaven.
We praise the Father who sent you to us.
And we thank you, our Lord and Saviour,
for having given us your body and blood.

Invitation to Communion

- D. Brethren, let us approach these sacred mysteries
With purity of soul and body
and receive the Lord with faith and love.
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FOR THE PERIOD OF MANIFESTATION

Psalm 98

- P. O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
(Antiphon) Blessed are you, O Christ,
who were baptised by John in the Jordan,
and by your baptism brought joy to all.
- C. O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
- P. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation,
The Lord has made known his salvation.
- C. He has revealed his righteousness to the nations,
he was mindful of his love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

- P. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
- C. Praise the Lord, all the earth,
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- P. Sing to the Lord with the lyre and the music of harps,
with the sound of trumpets and horn acclaim the King, the Lord.
- C. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell in it.
- P. Let all the rivers clap their hands,
and the mountains shout for joy before the Lord.
- C. For he comes to judge the earth,
he will judge the world with righteousness.
and the nations with equity.
- P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C. For ever and ever. Amen.
- All. Blessed are you, O Christ,
who were baptised by John in the Jordan,
and by your baptism brought joy to all.

Readings

Epistle: Titus 2/11-15

You see, God's grace has been revealed and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with

the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

Now this is what you are to say, whether you are giving instruction or correcting errors; you can do so with full authority, and no one is to question it.

Gospel (Mt. 3/1-17)

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message:

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father", because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance but the one who follows me is more powerful

than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Then Jesus appeared: he came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you', he said, 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

Prayer of the Faithful

- D. Let us all stand with faith and devotion and say
"We beseech you, O Lord."
- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- D. That the human race may acknowledge Christ, who was declared to be your beloved Son, as Lord and Master,
- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- D. That we may all have unbounded trust in you, who revealed the mystery of the Holy Trinity at the river Jordan,
- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- D. That we may fulfil all the obligations emanating from our divine adoption, in imitation of Jesus who fulfilled all 'justice', receiving baptism from John,

- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- D. That we may offer ourselves to the humble service of our neighbours, bearing in mind how Jesus humiliated himself before His forerunner,
- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- D. That all Christians be united as one body, acknowledging "one Lord, one faith and one baptism",
- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- D. That we may all bear witness to truth and lead lives worthy of our noble calling, like St. John the Baptist, who was the forerunner of Christ,
- C. We beseech you, O Lord.
- P. Almighty God, we thank you for having sent your divine son to dispel the darkness from the face of the earth. Enable us to produce abundant fruits from Baptism, the sacrament of faith. Let us all be witnesses to Christ and radiate his spiritual light, so that the people, amidst whom we live, may be led from death to life and from mortality to immortality.
- C. Amen.

Anthem at the Offertory

- P. With this is the fountain of life (Ps. 36/9)
- C. O Christ, by our baptism you have invited us to drink from the fountain of heavenly bliss.
At your baptism you have made known to us the glorious mystery of the adorable persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in one divine nature.
Therefore, with hymns and praises we glorify you.

Communion Hymn

- C. From heaven came the voice:
"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."
United in mind, let us adore Him.

Invitation to Communion

- D. Brethren, Jesus has sanctified us by water and the spirit.
We shall obtain life through His body and blood.
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FOR LENT

Psalm 103

- P. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
bless his holy name, all that is in me.
(Antiphon) Lord, forgive the sins of your servants;
by our evil deeds we have offended and displeased your holy will;
have mercy on us.
- C. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
bless his holy name, all that is in me.
- P. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and remember all his benefits,
- C. In forgiving all your offences,
in curing all your diseases;

- P. In redeeming your life from the Pit,
in crowning you with love and tenderness.
- C. The Lord is tender and compassionate,
slow to anger, most loving;
- P. His indignation does not last for ever,
his resentment exists a short time only;
- C. He never treats us, never punishes us,
as our guilt and our sins deserve.
- P. No less than the height of heaven over earth
is the greatness of his love for those who fear him;
- C. He takes our sins farther away,
than the east is from the west.
- P. As tenderly as a father treats his children,
so the Lord treats those who fear him;
- C. He knows what we are made of,
he remembers we are dust.
- P. Man lasts no longer than grass,
no longer than a wild flower he lives;
- C. One gust of wind, and he is gone,
never to be seen again.
- P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C. For ever and ever. Amen.
- All. Lord, forgive the sins of your servants;
by our evil deeds we have offended and displeased your holy will;
have mercy on us.

Readings

Epistle: Rom. 5/12-19

Well then, sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin; for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel: Mt. 4/1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came

and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says :

Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says :

He will put you in his angels' charge,

and they will support you on their hands

in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says :

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

'You must worship the Lord your God,

and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Prayer of the faithful

- D. Let us all stand with contrition and devotion and say: "Hear our prayer, O Lord."
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. Fill us with the spirit of prayer and penance, O Lord, who, having been led to the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, spent forty days and forty nights in prayer and fasting.

- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us the grace that we may atone for our own sins and those of others.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. O Jesus, victim of love, help us to crucify ourselves and our unruly passions with you, who was crucified for our sake.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. Give your abundant blessings, O Jesus, to our Holy Father Pope (name) and our Archbishop (Bishop).....(name) so that they may lead us along the path of prayer and sacrifice.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- P. O heavenly Father, bless your Church endeavouring to sanctify herself closely united with the sufferings of Jesus, who immolated Himself for the redemption of the world. Give us the grace to carry our crosses cheerfully and walk in the footsteps of your Son. Help us to spend this season of Lent in a true spirit of prayer, sacrifice and fraternal charity.
- C. Amen.

Anthem at the Offertory

- P. Blessed is he whose iniquity is forgiven. (Ps. 32)
- C. In this season, Christ through his fast invites all sinners to repentance.
Come, therefore, let us approach God by prayer, fasting, sorrow and charity towards the poor.
For God is merciful and kind and wills that all may live.

Communion Hymn

- C. He gave us his body,
and by his precious blood he redeemed us,
and we firmly believe that he will raise us on the last day.

Invitation to Communion

- D. Come, brethren, you who are fasting,
and receive the holy One who sanctifies those who eat him.
You who suffered hunger and thirst, taste the living mystery.
His body and blood are distributed;
Mortal men, come, receive and possess eternal life

FOR THE PERIOD OF RESURRECTION

Psalm 47

- P. Clap your hands, all peoples,
praise God with songs of praise.
(Antiphon) Rejoice and sing, O race of Adam, exalted by Christ,
who by his death conquered death, and rose again.
- C. Clap your hands, all peoples,
praise God with songs of praise.
- P. For, the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great King, over all the earth.
- C. He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

- P. He chose our heritage, our glory,
given to Jacob, whom he loved.
- C. God rises with shouts of joy,
the Lord, with the sound of trumpet.
- P. Sing praise to God, sing praise to our King,
for God is the King of all the earth,
sing praise to him.
- C. God reigns over the nations,
God sits on his holy throne.
- P. The princes of the nations rally,
to the people of the God of Abraham.
- C. For the rulers of the earth belong to God,
who is highly exalted.
- P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C. For ever and ever. Amen.
- ALL. Rejoice and sing, O race of Adam, exalted by Christ
who by his death conquered death, and rose again.

Readings

Epistle: (Rom. 6 / 1-8)

Does it follow that we should remain in sin so as to let grace have greater scope? Of course not. We are dead to sin, so how can we continue to live in it? You have been taught that when we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him.

Gospel (John 20 / 1-9)

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb', she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed.

Prayer of the Faithful

- D. Let us all stand with joy and jubilation and say: "Hear our prayer, O Lord."
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

- D. O Christ, who art "the way, the truth and the life", lead us all, who rejoice in your resurrection, "from darkness to light, from death to life and from mortality to immortality."
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. O Divine Saviour, who exalted the cross, which was a sign of ignominy, as a sign of glory, help us to crucify our flesh with all its concupiscences and rise to a new life of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. O Divine Pastor of souls, help our own pastors in their efforts to lead the people of God to the glory of the resurrection.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. O Risen Lord, help all those who suffer poverty and want or are being persecuted for the sake of truth to stand all their trials patiently and 'to run the race to the finish and to keep the faith', contemplating the joy of the resurrection and the glory of heaven.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. O Eucharistic Lord, may we, with reverence and devotion, partake of your body and blood, which are the pledge of life and resurrection.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- P. O Jesus, who conquered death by your death and resurrection, be present with us always and fill your Church with new life. Make us partakers of your suffering, so that we may become partakers also of your glorious resurrection. Let your peace dwell in our families, in our community and in the human society as a whole.
- C. Amen.

Anthem at the Offertory

- P. I will glorify my Lord, the King. (Ps. 144)
- C. O Lord, the first fruits of our life,
 your resurrection has brought glory to your holy household.
 Behold, the Church, which is in every part of the earth
 and which you have acquired by your precious blood,
 like a bride adorned by you,
 and like a mother with her children,
 rejoices at your triumph,
 Lord, protect her from all evils
 and save us, her children who praise you,
 and be merciful towards her.

Communion Hymn

- C. Come, all nations let us sing praises to God,
 because Christ the Saviour has risen from the dead.
 And behold, he sits at the right hand of the Father in heaven.
 Let us approach the body and blood of Christ with fear
 and trembling.
 Our Lord has given us the heavenly bread.

Invitation to Communion

- D. Brethren, come and partake of the mysteries of the death and
 resurrection of our Lord. His body and blood will lead
 us to life eternal.
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FOR THE PERIOD OF PENTECOST

Psalm 51

- P. Since you love sincerity of heart,
teach me the secrets of wisdom.
(Antiphon) Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created
and you will renew the face of the earth.
- C. Purify me with hyssop until I am clean;
wash me until I am whiter than snow.
- P. Instil some joy and gladness into me,
let the bones you have crushed rejoice again.
- C. Hide your face from my sins,
wipe out all my guilt.
- P. God, create, a clean heart in me,
put into me a new and constant spirit,
- C. Do not banish me from your presence,
do not deprive me of your holy spirit
- P. Be my saviour again, renew my joy,
keep my spirit steady and willing;
- C. I shall teach transgressors the way to you,
and to you the sinners will return.
- P. Save me from death, God my saviour,
and my tongue will acclaim your righteousness;
- C. Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will speak out your praise.
- P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy spirit.
- C. For ever and ever. Amen
- ALL. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you will
renew the face of the earth.

Readings

Acts 2 / 1-13

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven and at the sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. Surely they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Partians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome—Jews and proselytes alike—Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God. Everyone was amazed and unable to explain it; they asked one another what it all meant. Some, however, laughed it off! They have been drinking too much new wine, they said.

Gospel (John 14 / 23-31)

Judas—this was not Judas Iscariot—said to him, 'Lord, what is all this about? Do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?' Jesus replied:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will know him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;

but the advocate, the Holy Spirit,
when the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you,

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say;

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that

I am going to the Father,

for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may believe.

I shall not talk with you any longer,

because the prince of this world is on his way.

He has no power over me,

but the world must be brought to know that I love the Father
and that I am doing exactly what the Father told me.

Prayer of the Faithful

- D. Let us all stand with joy and devotion and earnestly beseech our Lord, saying, "Hear our prayer, O Lord."
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. O Lord Jesus, who commanded the apostles to evangelise the whole world, we beseech you to bless our Holy Father Pope Paul VI and our Archbishop (Bishop).....(name) and all the missionaries with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. O Divine Redeemer, who declared that "the poor have the gospel preached to them", enable us to bear witness to you through a life of sacrifice and Christian charity.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. That you may grant us many missionaries, willing to die with you, in accordance with the noble example of St. Thomas, the apostle of India, we pray you, Lord.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. We beseech you, Lord, that all the missionaries working in the various fields receive the blessings of the Holy Spirit so that they may all be shining examples of genuine charity and humble service.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- D. Send forth your spirit, O Lord, in order that we, who are in this vale of tears may get the courage to offer ourselves as holocausts to your divine will.
- C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

P. O heavenly Father, who sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles that they all be imbued with the spirit of the gospel give us the same Holy Spirit, so that we may become apostles, burning with a genuine love for souls, redeemed with the blood of your Son. May we grow in mutual love and unity of heart, so as to bear witness to you as your loving children.

C. Amen.

Anthem at the Offertory

P. Renew within me your righteous spirit, O God. (Ps. 51)

C. Let us praise the great and adorable power of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let us proclaim his power and glorify the One who is infinite, Divinity incomprehensible, who is Trinity, but one in nature. His power reigns from the beginning for ever.

Communion Hymn

C. Behold the hidden mystery of Christ
Choirs of angels sing at the spiritual banquet
Let us approach the fountain of grace with faith,
and partake of the body and blood of Christ
and sing in praise, Halleluiah

Invitation to Communion

D. Brethren, here is the food for your immortal soul
Be nourished by it and receive the strength
to proclaim the gospel of Christ by word and example.



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