

CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

[With Holy Communion]

INTRODUCTORY RITES

INTRODUCTION

Deacon or lay leader:

We gather here to celebrate the Lord's Day.
Sunday has been called the Lord's Day because
it was on this day
that Jesus conquered sin and death and rose to new life.
Unfortunately, we are not able to celebrate the Mass today
because we do not have a priest.
Let us be united in the spirit of Christ with
the Church around the world
and celebrate our redemption in Christ's suffering,
death and resurrection.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

STAND

Deacon or lay leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the
Holy Spirit.

All respond:

Amen.

GREETING

Deacon or lay leader:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the
Lord Jesus Christ.

All respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

SIT

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

STAND

GOSPEL

HOMILY OR REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

SIT

PERIOD OF SILENCE

PROFESSION OF FAITH

STAND

[The Nicene Creed can be found on page 32]

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon or lay leader:

The Father provides us with food for eternal life.
Let us pray for nourishment and strength.

All say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name;**

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**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 deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

KNEEL

Deacon or lay leader:

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All say:

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

COMMUNION

ACT OF THANKSGIVING

STAND

CONCLUDING RITE

SIT

INVITATION TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Deacon or lay leader:

Mindful of our Lord's word, "Ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvest," let us pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood. May our prayer hasten the day when we will be able to take part in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday.

BLESSING

STAND

SIGN OF PEACE



The Vigil of Christmas

December 24, 2009

The Mass of the Vigil of Christmas is to be used on Thursday evening in those places where the holy day of obligation may be fulfilled on Thursday evening.

Reflection on the Gospel

How much Joseph must have loved Mary, since he was “unwilling to expose her to shame”! How much Joseph must have loved God, since he did all that “the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Joseph (and Mary) model for us the depths of love to which we humans are really capable: a love that is kind and merciful, gentle and compassionate, just and peaceful. How we long for this love! How fully we celebrate this love at Christmas! How fully we must live it throughout the year!

- *God’s self-gift to us is the divine Son. My gift of self to others is . . .*

—Living Liturgy™, Christmas 2009

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (See Exodus 16:6-7)

Today you will know that the Lord is coming to save us,
and in the morning you will see his glory.

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father,
every year we rejoice
as we look forward to this feast of our salvation.
May we welcome Christ as our Redeemer,
and meet him with confidence when he comes to be our judge,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

READING I (L 13) (Isaiah 62:1-5)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord delights in you.

**For Zion’s sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet,**

until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;

you shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.

You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD,
a royal diadem held by your God.

No more shall people call you "Forsaken,"
or your land "Desolate,"

but you shall be called "My Delight,"
and your land "Espoused."

For the LORD delights in you
and makes your land his spouse.

As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 89

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For - ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord.

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Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

R⁷. (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations. **R⁷.**

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.
At your name they rejoice all the day,
and through your justice they are exalted. **R⁷.**

He shall say of me, "You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior."
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm. **R**7.

READING II (Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul bears witness to Christ, the Son of David.

**When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the
synagogue,
he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said,
"Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing,
listen.**

**The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors
and exalted the people during their sojourn in the
land of Egypt.**

With uplifted arm he led them out of it.

**Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king;
of him he testified,**

**'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own
heart;**

he will carry out my every wish.'

**From this man's descendants God, according to his
promise,**

has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus.

**John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of
repentance**

to all the people of Israel;

and as John was completing his course, he would say,

'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he.

Behold, one is coming after me;

I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

December 24

GOSPEL (Matthew 1:1-25) or Shorter Form [] (Matthew 1:18-25)

ALLELUIA

∇. Alleluia, alleluia. Ṙ. Alleluia, alleluia.

∇. Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:
the Savior of the world will reign over us. Ṙ.

✠ A reading from the beginning of the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord.

The genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David.

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,
the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham became the father of Isaac,
Isaac the father of Jacob,
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.

Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah,
whose mother was Tamar.

Perez became the father of Hezron,
Hezron the father of Ram,
Ram the father of Amminadab.

Amminadab became the father of Nahshon,
Nahshon the father of Salmon,
Salmon the father of Boaz,
whose mother was Rahab.

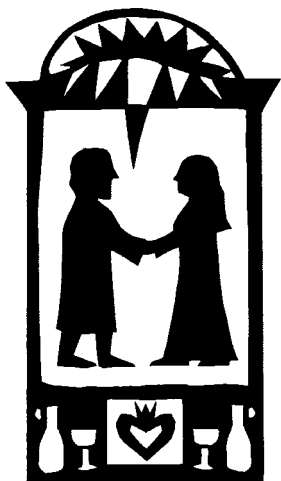
Boaz became the father of Obed,
whose mother was Ruth.

Obed became the father of Jesse,
Jesse the father of David the king.

David became the father of Solomon,
whose mother had been the wife of Uriah.

Solomon became the father of Rehoboam,
Rehoboam the father of Abijah,
Abijah the father of Asaph.

Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat,
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram,
Joram the father of Uzziah.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2010

Reflection on the Gospel

John uses this wedding occasion at the beginning of Jesus' public life to give us an overview of the meaning and purpose of Jesus' whole life. All Jesus' life and actions are directed toward his saving work culminating in his death and resurrection—and our response to this is “to believe in him.” Our believing is expressed by our own action of entering into Jesus' saving work. The wedding feast was an opportunity for epiphany and belief.

- *Jesus reveals his glory to me in . . . by . . . through . . .*

—Living Liturgy™, *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 2010*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Psalm 65:4)

May all the earth give you worship and praise, and break into song to your name, O God, Most High.

OPENING PRAYER

Father of heaven and earth,
hear our prayers,
and show us the way to peace in the world.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

READING I (L 66) (Isaiah 62:1-5)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.

**For Zion's sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.**

**Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;**

January 17

you shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.
You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD,
a royal diadem held by your God.
No more shall people call you “Forsaken,”
or your land “Desolate,”
but you shall be called “My Delight,”
and your land “Espoused.”
For the LORD delights in you
and makes your land his spouse.
As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you.
The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 96

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Pro - claim his mar - ve - lous deeds to all the
na - tions, to all the na - tions. _____

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Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

R₇. (3) Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Sing to the LORD; bless his name. **R₇.**
Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **R₇.**
Give to the LORD, you families of nations,
give to the LORD glory and praise;
give to the LORD the glory due his name! **R₇.**

Worship the LORD in holy attire.
Tremble before him, all the earth;
say among the nations: The LORD is king.
He governs the peoples with equity. **R7.**

READING II (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

One and the same Spirit distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Brothers and sisters:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;

**there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.**

**To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit
is given for some benefit.**

**To one is given through the Spirit the expression of
wisdom;**

**to another, the expression of knowledge according to
the same Spirit;**

to another, faith by the same Spirit;

to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit;

to another, mighty deeds;

to another, prophecy;

to another, discernment of spirits;

to another, varieties of tongues;

to another, interpretation of tongues.

**But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,
distributing them individually to each person as he
wishes.**

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

January 17

GOSPEL (John 2:1-11)

ALLELUIA (See 2 Thessalonians 2:14)

∇. Alleluia, alleluia. R∇. Alleluia, alleluia.

**∇. God has called us through the Gospel
to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. R∇.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee.

**There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.**

Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

When the wine ran short,

the mother of Jesus said to him,

“They have no wine.”

And Jesus said to her,

“Woman, how does your concern affect me?

My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servers,

“Do whatever he tells you.”

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish

ceremonial washings,

each holding twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus told them,

“Fill the jars with water.”

So they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them,

“Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.”

So they took it.

And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had

become wine,

without knowing where it came from

—although the servers who had drawn the water

knew—,

the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,

“Everyone serves good wine first,

**and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior
one;
but you have kept the good wine until now.”
Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in
Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him.**

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father,
may we celebrate the eucharist
with reverence and love,
for when we proclaim the death of the Lord
you continue the work of his redemption,
who is Lord for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (1 John 4:16)

We know and believe in God's love for us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
you have nourished us with bread from heaven.
Fill us with your Spirit,
and make us one in peace and love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2010

Reflection on the Gospel

When the prodigal son came “to his senses” and returned home, the most he hoped from his father was to be given a place as a servant and adequate food to eat. But the merciful father was prodigious: he embraced him, clothed him in dignity, and honored him with a feast. Sinners though we are, our merciful Father longs to embrace and celebrate with us. We have only to return to him.

- The people who regularly help me to “come to my senses” and get my life back on track are . . .

—Living Liturgy™, Fourth Sunday of Lent 2010

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (See Isaiah 66:10-11)

Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her;
rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will
find contentment at her consoling breasts.

OPENING PRAYER

Father of peace,
we are joyful in your Word,
your Son Jesus Christ,
who reconciles us to you.
Let us hasten toward Easter
with the eagerness of faith and love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

The readings given for Year A, n. 31, may be used in place of these.

READING I (L 33-C) (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12)

A reading from the Book of Joshua

*The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the
Passover.*

The LORD said to Joshua,

**“Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from
you.”**

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the
 plains of Jericho,
 they celebrated the Passover
 on the evening of the fourteenth of the month.
 On the day after the Passover,
 they ate of the produce of the land
 in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain.
 On that same day after the Passover,
 on which they ate of the produce of the land, the
 manna ceased.
 No longer was there manna for the Israelites,
 who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.
 The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 34

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Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord,
 taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.

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Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

R7. (9a) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
 his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
 Let my soul glory in the LORD;
 the lowly will hear me and be glad. **R7.**

Glorify the LORD with me,
 let us together extol his name.
 I sought the LORD, and he answered me
 and delivered me from all my fears. **R7.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
 and your faces may not blush with shame.
 When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,
 and from all his distress he saved him. **R7.**

March 14

READING II (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Brothers and sisters:

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:

the old things have passed away;

behold, new things have come.

And all this is from God,

who has reconciled us to himself through Christ

and given us the ministry of reconciliation,

namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,

not counting their trespasses against them

and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

So we are ambassadors for Christ,

as if God were appealing through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ,

be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin,

so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL (Luke 15:18)

✠. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

✠. I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **R.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Your brother was dead and has come to life again.

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus,

but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying,