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Introductory Rites

STAND

Entrance (Antiphon)

Priest, Deacon or Cantor

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Hymn 1 Entrance hymn

120 THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS



The glory of these forty days  
We celebrate with songs of praise;  
For Christ, through whom all things were made,  
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting, Moses saw  
The loving God who gave the Law;  
And to Elijah, fasting, came  
The steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
Delivered from the lions' might;  
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became  
The herald of the Savior's name.

O Father, Son and Spirit blest,  
To thee be every prayer addressed,  
Whom are in threefold name adored,  
From age to age the only Lord.

## Greeting

**Priest** In the name of the Father, and  
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



**People** Amen

**Priest** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of  
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you  
all.

**People** And also with you.

## Penitential Act (Confiteor)

**Priest** Brothers and sisters; let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred  
mysteries.

**People** I confess to almighty God, and to you, my  
brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own  
fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have  
done, and in what I have failed to do. And I ask blessed  
Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my  
brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Priest** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us  
our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

In God's name, I absolve you from your sins.



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

**People** Amen

## Kyrie

**Priest** You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord, have mercy

**People** Lord have mercy

**Priest** You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy

**People** Christ have mercy

**Priest** You are seated at the right hand of the Father to  
intercede for us: Lord, have mercy

**People** Lord, have mercy.

## Gloria

>>> not used during Lent

## Collect

**Priest** Let us pray.  
• (the Collect of the day is prayed)

**People** Amen

SIT

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

**Reader** A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles  
 In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD'S temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword he carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: 'All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!'"

**Reader** This is the word of the Lord

**People** Thanks be to God

## Responsorial Psalm

**Reader** The response is: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

**People** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

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**Reader** By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

**People** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

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**Reader** For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, and our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

**People** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

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**Reader** How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

**People** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

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**Reader** May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, if I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

**People** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

## Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

**Reader** A reading from

The Letter of St. Paul To The Ephesians

Brothers and sisters, God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved—, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

**Reader** This is the word of the Lord

**People** Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

## Verse Before the Gospel

**People**

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.



**Priest** God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

**People**

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Gospel**Deacon** The Lord be with you**People** And also with you

**Deacon** A reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to John

**People** Glory to You, O Lord

## Deacon

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

**Deacon** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**People** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ



Homily

- (the sermon and lesson of the day)

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

**People** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered, died and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Universal Prayer

(Prayer Of The Faithful & General Intercessions)

- After each passage: Let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

## Sign of Peace

- Priest intones the Prayer of Peace

**People** Amen

**Priest** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People** And also with you

**Priest** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

- the people Share the Peace and then SIT
- the clergy and server(s) prepare for Communion

Hymn 2 Offertory

54 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD



Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Whom wondrous things has done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Whom from our mothers' arms  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
Preserve us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,  
The Father now be given,  
The Son and Spirit blessed  
Who reign in highest heaven;  
Eternal triune God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be ever-more.

## Presentation of the Gifts & Preparation of the Altar

SIT

**Deacon** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**People** Blessed be God forever.

**Deacon** By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

**Deacon** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**People** Blessed be God forever.

## STAND

**Priest** With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

**People** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

## Prayer over the Offerings

**Priest** • the Priest prays the Offering Prayer of the day

**People** Amen

## Eucharistic Prayer

**Priest** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Priest** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Priest** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Priest** • the Priest prays the Preface Prayer of the day

## Acclamation

Sanctus



**All** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

## Eucharistic Prayer (continued)

• the Priest prays for all present

## Doxology

**All** Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

**People** Amen

## Communion Rite

### Lord's Prayer

**Priest** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

**People** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**People** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever.

### Breaking of the Bread



**People** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

**People** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

**People** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

**Priest** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

## Communion

Hymn 3 Communion  
00 PANGE LINGUA



non-singing hymn

- the people receive Communion then

SIT

## Prayer After Communion

STAND

**Priest** • the Priest prays the Post-Communion prayer of the day

**People** Amen

**Priest** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

## Blessing & Dismissal

**Priest** May almighty God bless you. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



**People** Amen

**Deacon** • (words for the ending of the Mass)

**People** Thanks be to God

Hymn 4 Recessional

113 AGAIN WE KEEP THIS SOLEMN FAST



Again we keep this solemn fast,  
A gift of faith from ages past,  
This Lent which binds us lovingly  
To faith and hope and charity.

The law and prophets from of old  
In figured ways this Lent foretold,  
Which Christ, all ages' Lord and Guide,  
In these last days has sanctified.

We pray, O blessed Three-in-one,  
Our God while endless ages run,  
That this, our Lent of forty days,  
May bring us growth and give you praise.