

BLESSING OF THE EPIPHANY WATER

The celebrant, vested in white cope, comes before the altar, preceded by acolytes bearing the processional cross and lighted candles. A vessel of water and a container of salt are prepared.

The Litany of the Saints is sung, during which time all kneel.

Kýrie eléison. Christe eléison. Kýrie eléison.

O Christ, hear us. **✠** O Christ, graciously hear us.

O God the Father of heaven, **✠** have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **✠** have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, **✠** have mercy upon us.

Holy Trinity, One God, **✠** have mercy upon us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Holy Mother of God, pray for us.

Holy Virgin of Virgins, pray for us.

Holy Michael, pray for us.

Holy Gabriel, pray for us.

Holy Raphael, pray for us.

All ye holy Angels and Archangels, pray for us.

All ye holy orders of blessed spirits, pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, pray for us.

Holy Joseph, pray for us.

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets, pray for us.

Holy Peter, pray for us.

Holy Paul, pray for us.

Holy Andrew, pray for us.

Holy James, pray for us.

Holy John, pray for us.

Holy Thomas, pray for us.

Holy James, pray for us.

Holy Philip, pray for us.

Holy Bartholomew, pray for us.

Holy Matthew, pray for us.

Holy Simon, pray for us.

Holy Jude, pray for us.

Holy Matthias, pray for us.

Holy Barnabas, pray for us.

Holy Luke, pray for us.

Holy Mark, pray for us.

All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists, pray for us.

All ye holy Disciples of the Lord, pray for us.

All ye holy Innocents, pray for us.

Holy Stephen, pray for us.

Holy Lawrence, pray for us.

Holy Vincent, pray for us.

Holy Fabian and Sebastian,	pray for us.
Holy John and Paul,	pray for us.
Holy Cosmas and Damian,	pray for us.
Holy Gervase and Protase,	pray for us.
All ye holy Martyrs,	pray for us.
Holy Sylvester,	pray for us.
Holy Gregory,	pray for us.
Holy Ambrose,	pray for us.
Holy Augustine,	pray for us.
Holy Jerome,	pray for us.
Holy Martin,	pray for us.
Holy Nicholas,	pray for us.
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,	pray for us.
All ye holy Doctors,	pray for us.
Holy Antony,	pray for us.
Holy Benedict,	pray for us.
Holy Bernard,	pray for us.
Holy Dominic,	pray for us.
Holy Francis,	pray for us.
All ye holy Priests and Levites,	pray for us.
All ye holy Monks and Hermits,	pray for us.
Holy Mary Magdalen,	pray for us.
Holy Agatha,	pray for us.
Holy Lucy,	pray for us.
Holy Agnes,	pray for us.
Holy Cecilia,	pray for us.
Holy Catherine,	pray for us.
Holy Anastasia,	pray for us.
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,	pray for us.
All ye holy men and women Saints of God,	intercede for us.
Be thou merciful,	spare us O Lord.
Be thou merciful,	graciously hear us O Lord.
From all evil,	deliver us O Lord.
From all sin,	deliver us O Lord.
From thy wrath,	deliver us O Lord.
From sudden and unprepared death,	deliver us O Lord.
From the crafts of the devil,	deliver us O Lord.
From anger, hatred, and all uncharitableness,	deliver us O Lord.
From the spirit of uncleanness,	deliver us O Lord.
From lightning and tempest,	deliver us O Lord.
From the scourge of earthquake,	deliver us O Lord.
From pestilence, war, and famine,	deliver us O Lord.
From everlasting death,	deliver us O Lord.
By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation,	deliver us O Lord.
By thine Advent,	deliver us O Lord.
By thy Nativity,	deliver us O Lord.

By thy Baptism and holy Fasting,	deliver us O Lord.
By thy Cross and Passion,	deliver us O Lord.
By thy Death and Burial,	deliver us O Lord.
By thy holy Resurrection,	deliver us O Lord.
By thy wonderful Ascension,	deliver us O Lord.
By the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,	deliver us O Lord.
In the Day of Judgement,	deliver us O Lord.

We sinners,	beseech thee, hear us.
That thou wouldest spare us,	we beseech thee, hear us.
That thou wouldest pardon us,	we beseech thee, hear us.

That it may please thee to bring us true repentance, **R** We beseech &c.

That it may please thee to govern and preserve thy holy Church, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to preserve our apostolic lord and all orders of the Church in holy religion, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to humble the enemies of holy Church, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to give to Christian Kings and rulers true peace and concord, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to grant to all Christian people peace and unity, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to recall to the unity of the Church, all such as do err, and to bring all heathen to the light of the Gospel, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to strengthen and preserve us in thy holy service, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to lift up our minds to heavenly desires, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to reward all our benefactors with everlasting blessings, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to deliver our souls and the souls of our brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors from eternal damnation, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to give and preserve the fruits of the earth, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed rest eternal, **R** We beseech.

Here, the celebrant rises and sings the following two invocations:

That thou wouldst bless ✠ this water, **R** We beseech thee hear us.

That thou wouldst bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ this water. **R** We beseech thee hear us.

The cantors continue the litany:

That it may please thee graciously to hear us, **R** We beseech thee hear us.

Son of God, **R** We beseech thee hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **R** Spare us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **R** Graciously hear us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **R** Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us. **R** O Christ, graciously hear us.

Kýrie eléison. Christe eléison. Kýrie eléison.

Our Father, **continued secretly until:** ∇ And lead us not into temptation. ☩ But deliver us from evil.

Psalm 29

BRING unto the Lord, O ye mighty, † bring young rams unto the Lord, * ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name; * worship the Lord with holy worship.

It is the Lord that commandeth the waters; * it is the glorious God, that maketh the thunder.

It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; † the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; * the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees; * yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

He maketh them also to skip like a calf; * Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; † the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; * yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes: * in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

The Lord sitteth above the water-flood, * and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people; * the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 46

GOD is our hope and strength, * a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

Though the waters thereof rage and swell, * and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God; * the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; * God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; * but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, * what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world; * he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God: * I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Glory be. As it was.

Psalm 147, i

O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; * yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, * and gather together the out-casts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart, * and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars, * and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power; * yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek, * and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; * sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth; * and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle, * and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse; * neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him, * and put their trust in his mercy.

Glory be. As it was.

Exorcism

WE cast thee out, every unclean spirit, every devilish power, every assault of the infernal adversary, every legion, every diabolical group and sect, by the Name and power of our Lord Jesus ✠ Christ, and command thee to fly far from the Church of God and from all who are made to the image of God and redeemed by the Precious Blood of the Divine Lamb ✠. Presume never again, thou cunning serpent, to deceive the human race, to persecute the Church of God, nor to strike the chosen of God and sift them as wheat ✠. For the Most High commands thee, ✠ He to Whom thou didst hitherto in thy great pride presume thyself equal; He Who desireth that all men might be saved, and come to the knowledge of truth. God the Father ✠ commandeth thee. God the Son ✠ commandeth thee. God

the Holy ✠ Ghost commandeth thee. The majesty of Christ commands thee, the Eternal Word of God made flesh, ✠ Who for the salvation of our race, lost through thy envy, humbled Himself and was made obedient even unto death; Who built His Church upon a solid rock, and proclaimed that the gates of hell should never prevail against her, and that He would remain with her all days, even to the end of the world. The Sacred Mystery of the Cross ✠ commands thee, as well as the power of all Mysteries of Christian faith. ✠ The most excellent Virgin Mary, Mother of God ✠ commands thee, who in her lowliness crushed thy proud head from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception. The faith of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul and the other apostles ✠ commands thee. The blood of the martyrs commands thee, as well as the pious intercession ✠ of holy men and women.

Therefore, accursed dragon and every diabolical legion, we adjure thee by the living ✠ God, by the true ✠ God, by the holy ✠ God, by the God who so loved the world that he gave his Sole-Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but shall have life everlasting—cease thy deception of men and thy giving them to drink of the poison of eternal damnation; desist from harming the Church and fettering her freedom. Get thee gone, Satan, founder and master of all falsity, enemy of mankind. Give place to Christ in whom thou didst find none of thy works; give place to the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church which Christ himself bought with his Blood. Be thou brought low under God's mighty hand; tremble and flee as we call upon the holy and awesome name of Jesus, before whom hell trembles, and to whom the Virtues,

Powers, and Dominations are subject; whom the Cherubim and Seraphim praise with unfailing voices, saying: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.

The cantors sing the following Antiphon and Canticle:

Ant. Today * the Church is espoused to the heavenly Bridegroom, for in Jordan Christ washes her sins: the Magi hasten with gifts to the regal nuptials, and the guests are gladdened with water become wine, alleluia.

Canticle of Zachary

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; * for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, * in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, * which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, * and from the hand of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, * and to remember his holy Covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, * that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies * might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him, * all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: * for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people * for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; * whereby the Day-Spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be. As it was.

Ant. Today the Church is espoused to the heavenly Bridegroom, for in Jordan Christ washes her sins: the Magi hasten with gifts to the regal nuptials, and the guests are gladdened with water become wine, alleluia.

∿ The Lord be with you. ∟ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who on this day didst by the leading of a star manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, which know thee now by faith, may finally attain unto the contemplation of the beauty of thy majesty. Through the same. ∟ Amen.

∿ ✠ Our help is in the name of the Lord. ∟ Who hath made heaven and earth.

Exorcism of Salt

IADJURE thee, O creature of salt, by the living ✠ God, by the true ✠ God, by the holy ✠ God: by God who commanded thee to be cast by the prophet Eliseus into the water to heal the barrenness thereof: that thou become salt exorcized for the health of them that believe: be thou to all them that take of thee for healing of soul and body: let all vain imaginations, wickedness, and subtlety of the wiles of the devil, and every unclean spirit flee and depart from the place where thou shalt be sprinkled, adjured by him who shall come to judge the quick and the dead and the world by fire. ∟ Amen.

Let us pray.

ALmighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thine infinite mercy: that thou wouldest vouchsafe of

thy loving kindness to ✠ bless and ✠ sanctify this creature of salt, which thou hast given for the use of mankind: that it may avail unto all that take of it for health of body and soul; and let all such things as shall be touched or sprinkled therewith be free from all uncleanness, and from all assaults of spiritual wickedness. Through. ℞ Amen.

Exorcism of Water

IADJURE thee, O creature of water, in the name of God ✠ the Father almighty, in the name of Jesus ✠ Christ his Son, our Lord, and by the power of the Holy ✠ Ghost: that thou become water exorcised for the putting to flight of all the power of the enemy, and that thou be enabled to root out and expel the enemy himself with his apostate angels, by the power of the same Jesus Christ our Lord: who shall come to judge the quick and the dead and the world by fire. ℞ Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who for the salvation of mankind, hast ordained in thy chiefest sacraments the use of the substance of water, mercifully assist us who call upon thee, and pour the power of thy benediction ✠ upon this element, made ready by divers cleansings: that this thy creature, in the service of thy mysteries, may effectually receive thy divine grace for the casting forth of devils and healing of diseases; that whatsoever in the dwellings or abodes of thy faithful people shall be sprinkled with this water may be free from all uncleanness and delivered from all evil: let not the spirit of pestilence abide therein, nor the breath of corruption; let all the snares of the unseen enemy depart from thence: and let all such things as are contrary to the health and peace of them that dwell therein be put to flight by the sprinkling of this water;

that, as through the invocation of thy holy name we entreat for them thy saving health, so they may be defended against all assaults. Through. ℞ Amen.

He thrice casts the salt into the water in the form of a cross, saying:

LET this commingling of salt and water be wrought in the name of the ✠ Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy ✠ Ghost. ℞ Amen.

∞ The Lord be with you. ℞ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who art the author of strength invincible, the king of the empire that none may overcome, who art ever glorious in thy triumphs: who dost quell the might of the dominion that is against thee, who rulest the raging of the fierce enemy, who dost overthrow by thy power the wickedness of thy foes: we entreat thee, O Lord, and beseech thee in fear and lowliness: that thou wouldest graciously behold this creature of salt and water, and mercifully enlighten and sanctify it with the dew of thy loving-kindness; that, wheresoever it shall be sprinkled, all the snares of the unclean spirit may through the invocation of thy holy name be driven away, and the dread of the poisonous serpent be cast forth: and in all places let the presence of the Holy Ghost be vouchsafed unto us who call upon thy mercy. Through. ℞ Amen.

Then the celebrant sprinkles the people with the blessed water.

The sprinkling being finished, then is sung:

Canticle of Ss. Ambrose & Augustine

WE praise thee, O God, * we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, * the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud, * the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim * continually do cry.

Holy, Holy, Holy, * Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full * of the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles * praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets * praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs * praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world * doth acknowledge thee;

The Father, * of an infinite Majesty.

Thine honourable, true, * and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, * the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, * O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting * Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, * thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, * thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, * in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come * to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, * whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious Blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, * in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, * and bless thine heritage.

Govern them, * and lift them up for ever.

Day by day * we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name * ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us * this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, * have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, * as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted, * let me never be confounded.

¶ The Lord be with you. ☩ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose mercy is without limits and whose goodness is a boundless treasury: we thank thy loving sublimity for bountiful favours, and perseveringly appeal to thy clemency; desert us not thou who hearest thy suppliants, but speed us to final victory. Through Christ our Lord. ☩ Amen.

At the Mass

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I will go unto the altar of God. ☩ Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

¶ Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

☩ For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee: and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?

¶ O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

☩ And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

℣ Why art thou so heavy, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

℞ O put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

℣ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℞ As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

℣ I will go unto the altar of God. ℞ Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

℣ Our help ✠ is in the name of the Lord. ℞ Who hath made heaven and earth.

℣ I confess to God Almighty, &c.

℞ God Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.

℣ Amen.

℞ I confess to God Almighty, to Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to Blessed Michael the Archangel, to Blessed John Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to thee, Father: that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, deed: by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Therefore I beg Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, Blessed Michael the Archangel, Blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints and thee, Father, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

℣ God Almighty have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. ℞ Amen.

℣ The almighty ✠ and merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, absolution and remission of our sins. ℞ Amen.

℣ Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us, O God? ℞ That thy people may rejoice in thee.

℣ O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us. ℞ And grant us thy salvation.

℣ O Lord, hear my prayer. ℞ And let my cry come unto thee.

℣ The Lord be with you. ℞ And with thy spirit. ℣ Let us pray.

TAKE away from us we beseech thee, O Lord, our iniquities: that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE pray thee, O Lord, through the merits of thy Saints, whose relics are here, and of all the Saints: that thou wouldest vouchsafe to pardon all my sins. Amen.

Introit—Wisdom 18, 14–15

WHILE all things were in quiet silence, and that night was in the midst of her swift course, thine almighty Word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne. **Ps. 93, 1.** The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength. ℣ Glory be. While all things.

Kyrie Eleison & Gloria in Excelsis

℣ Kyrie, eleison. ℞ Kyrie, eleison. ℣ Kyrie, eleison. ℞ Christe, eleison. ℣ Christe, eleison. ℞ Christe, eleison. ℣ Kyrie, eleison. ℞ Kyrie, eleison. ℣ Kyrie, eleison.

GLORY be to God on high. And in earth peace good will towards men. We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee. We give thanks

to thee for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art Holy. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Jesu Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ✠ art Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collects

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALmighty and everlasting God, direct us in all our doings according to thy good pleasure: that we, serving thee in the name of thy well-beloved Son, may worthily abound in good works: Who liveth. ☩ Amen.

Let us pray.

OEVERLASTING Shepherd, look down in mercy on thy flock: and as thou didst choose blessed Telesphorus, thy Martyr and Supreme Pontiff to be pastor and ruler of thy Church; so at his intercession defend it with thy continual protection.

OGOD, who by the child-bearing of the blessed Virgin Mary hast bestowed upon mankind the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech thee; that we may know the succour of her intercession for us, through whom we have been found worthy to receive the author of life, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: Who liveth. ☩ Amen.

The Epistle—Galatians 4, 1-7

The Lesson from the Epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Galatians.

BRETHREN: So long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all: but is under tutors and governors, until the time appointed of the father: even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying: Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son: and if a son, then an heir through God. ☩ Thanks be to God.

Gradual. Ps. 45, 3 & 2. Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are thy lips. ☩ My heart is inditing of a good matter, I speak of the things which I have made unto the King: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Alleluia, alleluia. ☩ **Ps. 93, 1.** The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel—Luke 2, 33-40

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And with thy spirit.

☩ ✠ The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke. ☩ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: Joseph and Mary, the Mother of Jesus, marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his

mother: Behold this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel: and for a sign which shall be spoken against: yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years: which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant, gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. **R** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE in one God. The Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God. Begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father: by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary: And was made man. And was crucified also for us: under Pontius Pilate he suffered, and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven: and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and giver of life: who proceedeth from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified: who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead. **A** And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offertory

V The Lord be with you. **R** And with thy spirit. **V** Let us pray.

Offertory. Ps. 93, 1-2. God hath made the round world so sure, that it cannot be moved: ever since the world began, hath thy seat, O God, been prepared, thou art from everlasting.

The Priest takes the Paten with the Host, saying secretly:

RECEIVE, O holy Father, almighty everlasting God, this spotless host, which I, thine unworthy servant, offer unto thee, my living and true God, for my numberless sins, offences, and negligences, and for all who stand here around, as also for all faithful Christians, both living and departed: that to me and to them it may avail for salvation unto life everlasting. Amen.

Then the Priest places the Host upon the Corporal. The Priest pours in wine and water in the Chalice, and blesses with the sign of the Cross the water to be mixed in the Chalice, saying:

O GOD, who didst wondrously create, and yet more wondrously renew the dignity of human nature: grant that by the mystery of this water and wine we may be made co-heirs of his divinity, who vouchsafed to be made partaker of our

humanity, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God: world without end. Amen.

The Priest offers the Chalice, saying secretly:

WE offer unto thee, O Lord, the cup of salvation, humbly beseeching thy mercy: that in the sight of thy divine majesty it may ascend as a sweet-smelling savour for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. Amen.

The Priest places it upon the Corporal, and covers it with the Pall: then bowing slightly with hands joined upon the Altar, says secretly:

IN a humble spirit, and with a contrite heart, may we be accepted of thee, O Lord: and so let our sacrifice be offered in thy sight this day, that it may be pleasing unto thee, O Lord God.

COME, O thou Fount of holiness, almighty, eternal God: and bless this sacrifice, made ready for thy holy name.

The Priest washes hands, saying secretly:

Psalm 26, 6–12

IWILL wash my hands in innocence, O Lord: and so will I go to thine altar: That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house and the place where thine honour dwelleth. O shut not up my soul with the sinners, nor my life with the blood-thirsty: In whose hands is wickedness: and their right hand is full of gifts. But as for me, I will walk innocently: O deliver me, and be merciful unto me. My foot standeth right: I will praise the Lord in the congregations. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Then bowing slightly in the middle of the Altar, says secretly:

RECEIVE, O holy Trinity, this oblation which we offer unto thee in memory of the passion, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ: and to the honour of blessed Mary ever Virgin, of blessed John Baptist, of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of these and of all the Saints: that it may avail for their honour, and for our salvation: and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we keep on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then turning to the people, the Priest says, raising the voice:

PRAY, brethren: that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father almighty. **℟** The Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, both to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.

The Secret Prayers

GRANT, we beseech thee, almighty God: that the gifts which we here offer in the sight of thy majesty, may obtain for us grace to serve thee with all godliness, and bring us in the end to everlasting felicity. Through.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, graciously enlighten thy Church by the gifts which we here offer: that in every place thy flock may increase and prosper, and the shepherds by thy governance may be made pleasing to thy name.

THROUGH thy mercy, O Lord, and the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin: may this oblation avail for our prosperity and peace both now and ever. Through.

Preface of the Nativity

✠ Throughout all ages, world without end. **R.** Amen.

✠ The Lord be with you. **R.** And with thy spirit.

✠ Lift up your hearts. **R.** We lift them up unto the Lord.

✠ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **R.** It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God: Because through the mystery of the Word made flesh, the light of thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind: that as we acknowledge God made visible to man, we may through him be caught up to love of things invisible. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the company of the heavenly host, we sing the majesty of thy glory, evermore praising thee, and saying:

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. ✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Canon of the Mass

The Canon concludes: World without end. **R.** Amen.

LET us pray: Comanded by saving precepts, and taught by divine institution, we are bold to say:

OUR Father, which art in heaven: hallowed be thy Name: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

The Priest says secretly: Amen, then taking the Paten and holding it upright upon the Altar:

DELIVER us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all the Saints, favourably grant peace in our days: that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.

The Priest puts the Paten under the Host, uncovers the Chalice, genuflects, rises, takes the Host, and holding it with both hands over the Chalice, breaks it in the middle, saying:

Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

Then breaking a particle from the part in the left hand, saying:

Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God.

Then in an audible voice:

Throughout all ages, world without end. **R.** Amen.

With the particle itself the Priest signs thrice over the Chalice, saying:

∞ The peace of the Lord be alway with you. ∞ And with thy spirit.

Placing the particle into the Chalice, the Priest says secretly:

MAY this mingling and hallowing of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ avail us who receive it unto everlasting life. Amen.

The Priest covers the Chalice, genuflects, rises, and bowing to the Sacrament, joins hands, and beating the breast thrice, says in an audible voice:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

Then bowing, with hands joined upon the Altar, the Priest says secretly:

O LORD Jesu Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: regard not my sins, but the faith of thy Church: and vouchsafe to grant her peace and unity according to thy will: Who livest and reignest God, throughout all ages; world without end. Amen.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father, and the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, hast through thy death given life unto the world: deliver me by this thy most sacred Body and Blood from all mine iniquities, and from every evil: and make me ever to cleave unto thy commandments, and suffer me never to be separated from thee: Who with the same God the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

LET the partaking of thy Body, O Lord Jesu Christ, which I, unworthy, presume to receive, turn not to my judgment and condemnation: but of thy goodness let it avail unto me for protection of soul and body, that I may receive thy healing: Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

The Priest genuflects, rises, and says:

I will receive the bread of heaven, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Then bowing slightly, beating the breast three times, the Priest says thrice:

LORD, I am not worthy, And he proceeds secretly: that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Then the Priest takes the Host. Uncovering the Chalice, genuflecting, collecting the fragments, and cleansing the Paten over the Chalice, the Priest says secretly:

WHAT reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord which is worthy to be praised, so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

The Priest takes the Chalice in the right hand and signing with it says:

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Then the Priest receives the Blood with the particle. Then taking one particle, holding it raised above the Paten, and turning to the people, the Priest says in a clear voice:

☩ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sins of the world.
℞ Lord, I am not worthy, that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed. *ijj*

The Priest administers the Sacrament saying to each person:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

The Priest returns to the Altar and says secretly:

GRANT, O Lord, that what we have taken with our mouths we may receive in purity of heart: and let this temporal gift avail for our healing unto life eternal.

The Priest presents the Chalice to the minister, who pours into it a little wine, then continues:

LET thy Body, O Lord, which I have taken, and thy Blood which I have drunk, cleave unto my members: and grant; that no stain of sin may remain in me, whom thou hast refreshed with these pure and holy sacraments: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

The Communion Verse

Communion. *Matt. 2, 20.* Take the young Child and his Mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young Child's life.

The Postcommunion Collects

☩ The Lord be with you. ℞ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

GRANT, O Lord, that by the operation of thy mysteries we may be cleansed from all our sins, and obtain that which we have asked according to thy will. Through. ℞ Amen.

Let us pray.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech thee to govern and preserve thy Church, which thou hast herein refreshed with heavenly food: that by the guiding of thy mighty power it may serve thee in more abundant freedom, and ever keep thy true religion whole and undefiled.

OLORD, let this holy Communion cleanse us from every guilty stain: that at the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, we may be made partakers thereby of thy healing unto life eternal. Through the same. ℞ Amen.

The Dismissal

☩ The Lord be with you. ℞ And with thy spirit.

☩ *Ite, Missa est.* ℞ *Deo gr̄atias.*

The Priest bows before the midst of the Altar, and with hands joined thereon, says secretly:

LET this my bounden duty and service be pleasing to thee, O holy Trinity: and grant; that the sacrifice, which I, unworthy, have offered before the eyes of thy

majesty, may be acceptable to thee, and may through thy mercy obtain thy gracious favour for me and for all for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May Almighty God bless you: the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Ghost. 🙴 Amen.

The Last Gospel—John 1, 1–14

🙴 The Lord be with you. 🙴 And with thy spirit.

✠ The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John. 🙴 Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **Here genuflect:** And the Word was made flesh, **Here rise:** and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. 🙴 Thanks be to God.

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