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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance: Table of Plenty

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
Here at the table of plenty.

O come to sit at my table, where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.

Repeat refrain.

My bread will ever sustain you, through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.

Repeat refrain.

Greeting

Presider: Let us begin as we begin all good things; In the name of God the + Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Introduction

Presider: “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel will save it.” This is the lesson the apostles and all followers of Jesus would have to learn. When we cling tightly to life and comfort in this world, we risk losing out on the real life God desires to give us. Peter, out of misguided love, proposed exactly that. Jesus had to correct him, out of true love, and call him back to God’s way. As the apostles would soon learn, the path to glory, for Jesus, for them and for us, is not to avoid the Cross. However, suffering is never the end of the story for those who are behind Jesus. Our own prayer should be, Jesus, I need Your help to really believe that when I lose my life, I find it.

Opening Prayer

Deacon: May the grace of Jesus the Risen Christ, the love of God and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And also with you.

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Presider: Creator God, all good comes from you. Fill our hearts with your love, increase our faith, and by your constant care protect the good you have given us. We ask this through Jesus the Christ, our brother, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Call to Confession

Presider: Trusting in God's mercy, let us acknowledge to ourselves and each other those ways we fall short from what God intends for us, all of which God already knows. *(Pause to allow focus)*

C.) All: Merciful and gracious God, we walk in a way that is not good. We follow our own devices. We ignore your image in ourselves and in our neighbors. At times we fail to pick up our own cross and follow you. Hear our cry for blessing. Lead us out of the darkness we inhabit. Guide us in your light so we may walk in your way.

The Kyrie

Deacon: Christ Jesus, your Word shows us the way, help us have the courage to put it into practice: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you showed us to stay strong no matter how the future may look: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you call us to trust in you when things get demanding: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Presider: May our Merciful God absolve you and me, a sinner, and with the authority vested in me through Jesus the Christ, I absolve you from all your sins; in the name of God the Creator +, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Gloria

Presider: Let us join in prayer as we proclaim God's glory and say:

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All: Glory to God in whom we live and move and have our being; and peace to God's people on earth. O God, heavenly King, wonderful Creator, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Jesus the Christ, only Son of God; O God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of God; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Most High, Jesus the Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Deacon/ Leader/Presider: We ask you to awaken anew in our hearts the empowering grace of your abundant Spirit, who infuses these words with the transforming energy, to sustain us in this our time of need.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

You duped me, O God, and I let myself be duped;
you were too strong for me, and you triumphed.
All the day, I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.
Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
violence and outrage is my message;
the word of the Most High has brought me
derision and reproach all the day.
I say to myself, "I will not mention Our God,
nor will I speak in Our God's name any more."
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones;
I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O my God.

You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O my God.

Second Reading:

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Sisters and brothers, I beg you through the mercy of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, so that you may judge what is God's will, what is good, pleasing and perfect.

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ALLELUIA!

***May the Father of Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of your hearts;
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.***

ALLELUIA!

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 16:21-27

Presider/Deacon: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

All: **Glory to you o God.**

Deacon prays silently: *May your words be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart, and may I worthily proclaim them.*

From that time on Jesus began to explain to the disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders and chief priests, and the scribes, and that he must be killed, and on the third day raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Rabbi!" he said. "This will never happen to you!" Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get yourself behind me, you satan! You are trying to make me stumble and fall. You are not setting your mind on the things of God, but of people."

Jesus said to the disciples, "If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very self, take up your cross, and begin to follow in my footsteps. If you would save your life, you will lose it; but if you would lose your life for my sake, you will find it.

What profit would you show if you gained the whole world but lost yourself? What can you offer in exchange for your very self? The Chosen One will come in glory accompanied by angels, and will repay all according to their conduct."

The Good News of Salvation!

R. Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!

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The Profession of Faith

All: We believe in God who made us all, and whose Divine Presence and infinite love infuses all of life and creation with the sacred.

We believe that Jesus is the face of God on earth in whom we best see the divine justice, divine mercy, and divine compassion to which we are all called. He celebrated with outcasts and sinners and touched the broken so that they could leap and dance.

We believe that Jesus suffered so that we might realize that the spirit in us can never be killed, whatever price we have to pay for staying true to the mind of God. That Jesus died and was raised on the third day. He changed all of life for all of us thereafter. He ascended into the life of God, the life beyond life, and waits there for us. He lived in those he left behind and lives in each of us as well.

We believe in the Christ who is One with the Creator and who shows us the presence of God in everything that is and calls out the sacred in ourselves. The Christ who calls us beyond the boundaries of ourselves to forgiveness, and to everything that stretches our hearts to the infinite dimensions of God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who gives light to hearts now blind and infuses energy into spirits yet weary, isolated, searching and confused. That this Spirit is ever present and urges us to live joyfully and walk hopefully.

We believe in the Church as a community of the sons and daughters of God, the mystical body of Christ.

We believe that we will live forever in the embrace of God and trust that creation goes on creating in this world and in us forever. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Deacon: The power of prayer allows us to do when we feel helpless or unable to do things. So with our whole heart and the love of God let us pray for those in need.

Leader: Our response is...O God, hear our Prayer.

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the church to work together through these tough times, we pray:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

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Leader: Let us pray for your creation: teach us to walk as faithful stewards of your earth...we pray:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for each other for the strength to keep going no matter how demanding, we pray:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for teachers and instructors to find ways to overcome and embrace change to educate the children, we pray:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for any who feel lonely, that they be given the support they need, we pray:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For farmers across the world dealing with inclement weather and insufficient crops, we pray:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For those who suffer from the heat of summer, we pray:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For all who suffer because of illness, injury, or age and for those who care for them including any you wish to mention at this time. (Pause)

and for all those recently deceased to rest in the everlasting domain of Christ including any you wish to mention at this time. (Pause) We pray:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For our neighbors, close to home and around the world, including any you wish to mention at this time. (Pause) We pray:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For the growth of St Marguerite Faith Community, that we will be prayerful in witnessing to others Jesus' Gospel message of love and inclusion. We pray:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

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Leader: For the ministers of our Jurisdiction and our community: that they may truly be light for others and led by your truth. We pray:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: And for all the prayers that we hold in the quiet of our hearts. (Pause) We pray: **All: O God, hear our Prayer.**

Presider: Gracious God, we are overflowing with your blessings. Open our eyes and Give us the power to see Your Ways to bring about the kingdom in this new way of life. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ.

All: Amen.

The Sign of Peace

Deacon: If you are offering your gift, and remember your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift there and go; first to be reconciled to your sister or brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Presider: The peace of God be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another with a sign of His peace.

Offertory: The Cry of the Poor

Refrain: The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, with praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor.

Repeat refrain.

Let the lowly hear and be glad; the Lord listens to their pleas,
And to hearts broken God is near, who will hear the cry of the poor.

Repeat refrain.

We proclaim your greatness, O God, your praise ever in our mouth;
Ev'ry face brightened in your light, for you hear the cry of the poor.

Repeat refrain.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparations

Presider: Blessed are you, God of the universe, through Your goodness we have this bread to offer; which earth has given and human hands have made, let it become the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Presider or Deacon: By the mystery of this wine and water, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.

Presider: Blessed are you, God of the universe, you are the giver of this wine, fruit of the vine and of human labor. May it become the cup of Love.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Presider: As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside and now reunited on this table in bread and wine, O God, may your whole church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Presider: Merciful God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the gifts we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

Washing of the Hands

Presiders: Creator God, cleanse my heart, and open it to whatever You wish for me.

Presider: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that these gifts may be acceptable to God.

All: May God accept these gifts, for the praise and glory of Your name, for our good and the good of all Your Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: O God, be pleased with the gifts we bring to you. Bless + this bread and this wine and make them the sacrament of our salvation. We ask this through Jesus, the Christ.

All: Amen.

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Eucharistic Prayer (Offertory)

Deacon: God dwells in you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Deacon: Come to the table with thankful hearts.

All: We open our hearts to God and one another.

Preface

Presider: Gracious God, source and sustenance of life, redeeming presence to the pain and brokenness of our world, Holy Spirit, who enlivens and inebriates all that exists, we beseech your healing power upon us and upon all we pray for today.

Down through the ages, you rescue us from darkness. You light up our ways with wise and holy people. You restore our lost fortunes, and you revive our dwindling hope.

For all you bring to our lives, and for all we seek amid pain and suffering, we acclaim your love and greatness, and we join with all creation to sing our hymn of praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy God! God of wonder and awe; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of Our God. Hosanna in the highest!

Eucharistic Prayer: (Canon)

Presider: Source of our health and wholeness, healer of body, mind and spirit, we bring before you the darkness of our world, and the pain and suffering of your people. We trust in you to lift up and restore light to us. We open our hearts to your grace and set our hearts to do what you ask of us. We seek to be healed and made whole; we seek to be reconciled and united; we seek peace in our hearts and in our world.

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Institutions

Presider: O God, you always loved the peoples of the world. When the time came for Christ to be glorified by you, he showed the depth of his love.

Presider: While they were at supper, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take this all of you, and eat it:
This is my body. Do this in memory of me.*

Presider: After supper in the same way, he took the cup, filled with wine. He gave thanks, blessed it and handed it to those at table and said:

*Take this, all of you, and drink:
This is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It is poured out for you and for all.
Do this in memory of me.*

Acclimation

All: Remembering your gracious acts, we offer our lives to you in service and praise as we keep the feast that Christ prepares: bread of heaven, cup of love, celebration and life.

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

All Sing: *Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

Epiclesis

Presider: Gracious God, now pour out your Holy Spirit upon us:

+ in this bread, in this cup, in your people;
one in the body, one in the blood, one with Christ, one in ministry, in this place, in this world, in the world to come.

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Commemorations

All: Remember o God, your one holy catholic and apostolic church, rejuvenated by the Spirit and your Son. Reveal its unity, guard its faith and preserve it in peace.

Remember our bishops and all who minister in your church. Grant that the various ministries we share may be a sign of the unity in diversity that is your kingdom.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith are known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

Conclusion

In addition, grant that we may find our inheritance, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, St Marguerite and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son, Jesus, the Christ.

Great Amen

All: Through Christ, may all creation unfold.

With Christ, may all creation be one.

In Christ, may all life be healed.

We eat this bread, we drink this cup.

We share as one body of Christ.

We give our thanks!

Amen, amen, amen!

Our Father

Deacon: Now let us praise, thank and petition our God, as Jesus the Christ taught us:

All: 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.

Following Prayer

Presider: May we be blessed with wisdom and courage; with vision and resolve; and forever be committed to God's justice for all, love for everyone and peace to the world. Let us be faithful to God's grace all the days of our lives with grateful hearts.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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Breaking of the Bread

Presider: This cup which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?
The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

All: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Lamb of God

All: Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Peace,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Love,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Hope,
grant us peace.

Presider: May the union of divinity and humanity + in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life.

All: Amen.

Communion Prayer

All: Jesus the Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your Holy Body and Blood, free us from every evil. Keep us faithful to Your teaching and never let us be parted from You.

Presider: We will take the Bread of heaven and call upon the name of the Christ.

All: Jesus, you have made us worthy to receive you, by saying the word and healing us.

Presider: The gifts of God are given by Jesus who said: I am the bread of life; feed on Him in faith with thanksgiving.

All: Amen.

Holy Communion - Communion Song

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Communion: I Have Loved You

Refrain: I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.

Seek the face of our God and long for Him;
He will bring you his light and his peace.

Repeat refrain.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him;
He will bring you his joy and his hope.

Repeat refrain.

CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Presider: God works through you.

All: And also through you.

Presider: (In peace) Let us pray (to our wondrous God): c

C) God of Compassion, through your son Jesus the Christ you reconcile your people to yourself. Emulating his example of prayer and fasting, may we follow you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love. Amen.

Announcements

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Final Blessings

Deacon: Bow your heads and ask for God's blessing.

Blessing

Bishop: *Blessed be the name of God* **All:** *Now and forever*

Bishop: *Our help is in the name of God* **All:** *Who made Heaven and Earth.*

The priest extends their hands over the people and says:

Presider: May God bless you. **Amen.**

Presider: May you see the face of Jesus everywhere. **Amen.**

Presider: May the Holy Spirit lift you up. **Amen.**

Presider: May Almighty God be gracious and give you peace in the name of + our Creator God, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Charge

Deacon: This mass is ended; tell everyone they are welcome to the healing grace of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing: Glory and Praise to Our God

Refrain: **Glory and praise to our God,
Who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings He bears,
To those who trust in His ways.**

3. Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day.
Our God is waiting to save.
Always ready to seek the lost,
To answer those who pray.

4. God has watered our barren land
and spent His merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full
for anyone to drink.