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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance: Sing to the Mountains

Refrain: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.

Raise your voices, lift your hearts.

This is the day that God has made.

Let all the earth rejoice!

I will give thanks to you, o God. You have answered my plea.

You have saved my soul from death, You are my strength and my song.

Repeat refrain.

This is the day that God has made. Let us be glad and rejoice.

Death has lost and all is life. Sing of the glory of God.

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: My friends, today we will hear about rocks and cornerstones and keys and loose and bind. What do all these things mean to us? We are challenged to look close and listen much like Elijah did from that cave. We can discover how our earthly lives affect our spiritual lives. All is connected and all those who have crossed over, like Sherry Spano, are still connected. Let us search for connections in God's love.

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: God, you speak to us in a voice unexpected and come to us in ways we do not recognize. Never leaving us alone, you are the ever-present God, to give us what we need. Call us out in faith again and again, until we learn to walk with you in steadfast love and faithfulness, and in peace. We pray in the name of him who builds, Jesus, the Christ.

All: Amen.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Call to Confession

Presider: Confident that we are promised growth through repentance and forgiveness, let us turn to God and to one another, confessing where we have fallen short of that goal...

D.) All: Loving God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us in the same mind as Jesus, the Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony.

The Kyrie

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you promise to be with us in times of danger and distress: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you are in the quiet places amid the clamor of this life: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you are the source and the prince of peace: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

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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:

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: Gracious god, your word is very near, on our lips and in our hearts. As the Word is read and proclaimed, by the power of your holy Spirit, make it become in us the Word of faith. Then send us in joy to bring this word to others who also need the good news of salvation. **All: Amen.**

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LITURGY OF THE WORD
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading:

Isaiah 22: 15, 19-23

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the God of Hosts:

Up, go to that official,

Shebna, overseer of the palace,

**"I will dismiss you from your office
and pull you down from your station.**

**On that same day, I will summon my faithful one
Eliakim, begot of Hilkiah;**

**I will clothe Eliakim with your robe,
and gird him with your sash,
and entrust him with your authority.**

**He will care for the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
and for the house of Judah.**

**I will place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;
when he opens, no one will shut,
when he shuts, no one will open.
I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot,
to be a place of honor for his family."**

The Word of God.

R. Thanks be to God.

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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

R. (8bc) O God, your love is eternal; do not forsake your creation.

I will give thanks to you, O God, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple.

R. O God, your love is eternal; do not forsake your creation.

I will give thanks to your name,
because of your kindness and your truth:
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

R. O God, your love is eternal; do not forsake your creation.

God is exalted, yet the lowly God sees,
and the proud God knows from afar.
Your kindness, O God, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

R. O God, your love is eternal; do not forsake your creation.

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Second Reading:

Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge, how inscrutable the judgments, how unsearchable the ways of God! For "Who has known the mind of God, or been God's counselor? Who has given God anything to deserve something in return?" For all things are from God and through God and for God. To God be glory forever! Amen.

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ALLELUIA!

**You are Peter the Rock on which I will build my church;
The gates of hell will not hold out against it.**

ALLELUIA!

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 to proclaim them.*

When Jesus came to the neighborhood of Caesarea Philippi, he asked the disciples this question, "Who do the people say that the Chosen One is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "And you," he said, "who do you say that I am?" "You are the Messiah," Simon Peter answered, "the Firstborn of the Living God!" Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon begot of Jonah! No mere mortal has revealed this to you, but the One in heaven who sent me. I also tell you this: Your name now is 'Rock,' and on bedrock like this I will build my community, and the jaws of death will not prevail against it. Here, I give you the keys to God's reign: Whatever you declare bound on earth will be bound in heaven; and whatever you declare loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then Jesus strictly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Good News of Salvation!

R. Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!

[Homily](#)

Deacon/ Speaker/Presider:...

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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.

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Prayers of the Faithful

Deacon: My friends in Christ, let us pray today for all those called to roles of leadership, asking God to grace them with wisdom, humility and the energy to inspire others, that we might together build a better world..

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

All: O God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the Church: that we may recognize God's presence in both the extraordinary moments and in ordinary events of our lives. We pray.

All: O God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who hear the whisper and are calm enough to listen ... we pray,

All: O God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those called to leadership in our community: for those who serve in government; for firefighters and police officers and all first responders in a crisis; for those who keep our roads safe and our parks beautiful. We pray.

All: O God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For us in our most difficult times. Help us when we find things hard and help us to be there for others when they are struggling. We pray...

All: O God, hear our prayer.

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: 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 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: And for all the prayers that we hold in the quiet of our hearts. (Pause)
We pray:

All: O God, hear our prayer.

Presider: God of all peoples and all lands, hear the prayers of your people this day and unite our prayers to those of believers everywhere. We pray in Jesus' name.

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.

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Offertory: Send Down the Fire

Refrain Send down the fire of your justice, Send down the rains of your love;
Come send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people,
And we shall be people of God.

Call us to learn of your mercy, Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace.

Repeat refrain.

Call us to witness your kingdom, Give us the presence of Christ;
May your holy light keep us shining bright,
Ever shine with the presence of Christ.

Repeat refrain.

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.

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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.

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your loved remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

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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: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus, the Christ, your Son, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. Baptized in Jordan's waters, Jesus took his place with sinners and your voice proclaimed him your beloved. Your Spirit anointed him to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, to restore sight to the blind, to free the oppressed. He lived among us in power and grace, touching broken lives with your healing peace. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

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.

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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:

+ in this bread, in this cup;

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.

Commemorations

Presider: 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!

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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.

Doxology

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

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

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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

Communion: We Have Been Told

Refrain: We have been told, we've seen his face,
And heard his voice alive in our hearts;
"Live in my love with all your heart,
As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you."

"I am the vine, you are the branches,
And all who live in me will bear great fruit."
Repeat refrain.

"You are my friends, if you keep my commands,
No longer slaves, I call you friends."
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:

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D) Thanks be to you, Creator of the universe, for earth and sky, water and rock, creatures and plants, that we may have life enough to live and to offer for others. Thanks be to you, Jesus the risen Christ, who shows us the face of God so that we may see our brothers and sisters as members of your own body and rejoice. Thanks be to you, Holy Spirit, Giver of life, who groans within us as we pray and teaches us compassion that we might love our neighbors as ourselves. Thanks be to you Most Holy Trinity, for the gift of the body and Blood of Jesus, a gift to us that shows your never-failing love and care. Amen.

Announcements

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.*

Presider: May God, the Creator, whisper to you

All: Amen.

Presider: May you see Jesus in everyone you meet

All: Amen.

Presider: May the Holy Spirit be your strength and courage.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the blessing of God, the + Creator, the + Son and the + Holy Spirit be with you today and forevermore.

All: Amen.

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Charge

Deacon: This mass is ended, go forth remembering that Jesus asks each of us, “Who do you say I am?” Answer this question, this day and all your days, in every word you speak, with every action you perform.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing: City of God

**Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light,
The God of our longing has conquered the night.**

**Refrain: Let us build the city of God. Many our tears be turned into dancing.
For our God, our light and our love, has turned the night into day.**

**We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way,
The God of all kindness has called us to be
A light for his people, to set their hearts free.**