

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance: Christ, Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for light, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

Shared until all are fed.

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: Suffering is real, even for those who are called by God. The prophets, the disciples, Christians from the very beginning often paid a price for responding to the call. We may understand this more readily in times of persecution or political unrest or observe it in other faith traditions. When have we had to overcome fear because of our faith? Even choosing to live a Gospel life may overwhelm us. Fear is death-dealing, and all great spiritual teachers counsel against it. Jesus said it often: Don't be afraid.

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: Holy and Gracious God, your steadfast love abides with your people in every age. You teach us to trust in you and call us to live in peace with one another. Show us the way to live grateful lives, without fear, knowing the true worth of your creation, including ourselves; in Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Call to Confession

Presider: Confident that we are promised newness in life through repentance and forgiveness, let us turn to God and to one another, confessing our sin..

A.) All: God of life, we admit to you and each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus, the Christ, your love incarnate.

The Kyrie

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you counseled your disciples to speak and act boldly: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you assured them of God's love for them: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you call us, too, to live our faith without fear: 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.**

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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: Glorious God, send your Spirit into our midst to entice us and overpower us with the strength of your Word. We beg for the strength to hear your call and live according to your will. **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading:

Jeremiah 20:10-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah said,

"Yes, I hear the whispering of many, 'Terror on every side!

Denounce him! Let us denounce Jeremiah!' All those who were my friends are watching for any misstep. They say, 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.'

But Our God is with me, like a mighty champion;
my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.

In their failure they will be put to utter shame,
to lasting, unforgettable disgrace. O God of Hosts, you who test the just,
who probe mind and heart, Let me witness the vengeance You take on them,
for to You I have entrusted my cause. Sing to Our God, praise Our God,
for Our God has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

The Word of God / R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 68, 8-10. 14 & 17. 33-35

R. The God of Israel gives power and strength to the faithful.

The earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.

R. The God of Israel gives power and strength to the faithful.

You gave abundant showers, O God;
you refreshed your weary inheritance.

Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.

R. The God of Israel gives power and strength to the faithful.

When the Almighty scattered the rulers in the land,
it was like snow fallen on Mount Zalmon.

The chariots of God are tens of thousands and thousands of thousands;
God has come from Sinai into God's sanctuary

R. The God of Israel gives power and strength to the faithful.

Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel,
whose power is in the heavens.

You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;
the God of Israel gives power and strength to the faithful.

R. The God of Israel gives power and strength to the faithful.

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Second Reading:

Romans 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Sin entered the world through one person, and through sin, death; and thus death has spread through the whole human race, because all have sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of "lawbreaking," yet death reigned over all from our first parents to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of our first parents, was not a matter of breaking a law. But the gift is not like the offense. For if by the offense of the first human all died, much more did the grace of God, and the gracious gift of Jesus Christ, abound for all.

The Word of God / R. Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA!

**The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me;
You will also be my witnesses.**

ALLELUIA!

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 10:26-33

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 be worthy to proclaim them.*

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Jesus said to the apostles, "Do not let people intimidate you. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing is hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in darkness, speak in the light. What you hear in private, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who deprive the body of life but cannot destroy the soul. Rather, fear the one who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna. Are not the sparrows sold for next to nothing? Yet not a single sparrow falls to the ground without your Abba's knowledge. As for you, every hair of your head has been counted. So do not be afraid of anything - you are worth more than an entire flock of sparrows. Whoever acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before God in heaven. Whoever disowns me before others I will disown before God in heaven."

The Good News of Salvation!

R. Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!

Homily

Deacon/ Speaker/Presider:...

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: Let us pray now for each other and for all people who are called to live in the light of unity.

Leader: Our response is... God of light, hear our prayer.

All: God of light, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the whole church: that we may have the courage to live the Gospel and reject fear. We pray. **All: God of light, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those at risk for supporting believers in; other loving faith traditions, people of color and LGBTQ+ community. We pray.

All: God of light, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who use fear for personal, religious, political or economic reasons. We pray. **All: God of light, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who are debilitated by fear, or who do not know how to help the fearful. We pray.

All: God of light, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those whose work or personal commitments require extraordinary courage and those who take risks for others. We pray,

All: God of light, hear our prayer.

Leader: For people in this community who live in quiet fear or whose needs create ongoing fear, may they know they can be open and allow us to help. We pray; **All: God of light, 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: God of light, 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: God of light, 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 light and inclusion. We pray. **All: God of light, 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: God of light, hear our prayer.**

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

Presider: God of light, we thank you for sending your son to show us how to live boldly for others. Help us to be patient with those who are afraid and courageous in the face of those who promote fear. May we remember that you are with us always, loving and protecting us. We ask these things in Jesus' holy 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.

Offertory: You Are Mine

1. I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here.

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you.

I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

4. I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,
Stand up, now walk, and live!

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: God of heaven, it is right that we should give you thanks and glory; you are the one God, living and true. Through all eternity you live in unknown light. Source of life and goodness, you are the force that created all things, to fill your creatures with every blessing and lead us to the joyful vision of your light. Countless hosts of angles stand before you to do your will; they look upon your splendor and praise you, night and day. United with them and in the name of every creature under heaven, we too praise your glory as we sing:

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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: Loving God, we acknowledge your greatness; all your actions show your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own likeness and gave us co-creation in the world to serve you. Even when we disobeyed you and hurt our relationship with you, you did not abandon us, but helped us to seek and find you. Again and again you offered covenant to us, and through the prophets taught us to hope for salvation. Merciful God, you so loved the world that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. He was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, human like us in all things but sin. He proclaimed the good news of salvation, to the poor, to prisoners, to rich and to the free. He willingly gave himself up to death; but by rising from the dead, he destroyed death and restored life that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him. He shared the Holy spirit from you, O God, as the first gift to those who believe, to complete his work on earth and bring us the fullness of grace.

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.

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!

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.

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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

Communion: Unless a Grain of Wheat

Refrain: Unless a grain of wheat shall fall, Upon the ground and die,
It remains but a single grain with no life.

1. If we have died with him then we shall live with him
If we hold firm we shall reign with him.
2. If anyone serves me then they must follow me;
Wherever I am my servants will be.

CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Presider: God works through you.

All: And also through you.

Presider: Let us pray :

A: Gracious and giving God, you are the One who has first given to us all that we needed for life. Guide us to use the gifts of your Word and Sacrament we have received from you today, for the well-being of your church, for those in need of shelter and food, for all who suffer for want of your Word, and for nurturing faith in your people. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. 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 pure white light, shine on you.

All: Amen.

Presider: May Christ, be your example to stand strong.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the Spirit, holy wisdom, be your strength.

All: Amen.

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

All: Amen.

Charge

Deacon: This mass is ended; go forth and leave fear behind. Leave with a glad heart. Go with conviction that all people, regardless of color or sexual orientation, are beloved of God, just as you are.

Rejoice and give thanks.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing: Sing A New Church

Bring the hopes of every nation; bring the art of every race.
Weave a song of peace and justice;
Let it sound through time and space.

Refrain: Let us bring the gifts that differ; And in splendid varied ways,
Sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise!

Draw together at one table all the human family
Shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free.