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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance: On Jordan's Bank

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
Make straight the way of God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
where such a loving guest may come.

All praise the Son eternally,
whose advent sets his people free;
Whom with the Father we adore,
and Spirit blest forevermore.

Greeting

Presider: We enter into Liturgy; In the name of God the +
Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Introduction

Presider: Brothers and sisters, today we are reminded that Jesus' ministry began just as ours does: by his baptism. By entering into the waters of baptism, he was identified as God's own son and filled with the Holy Spirit. That baptism unleashed great power in his life that enabled him to fulfill his calling through unimaginable demands. Jesus' relationship to God was

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unique, but in our own baptism, we too are claimed as God's own and filled with the Spirit to fulfill whatever is asked of us.

Opening Prayer

Presider: 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.

Presider: God of all that is, we gather in the name of Jesus to hear your holy Word to be immersed in your Spirit, and to feast at the table of your Holy Sacrament. Speak to us with grace and truth and pour your love upon us so that this temple may resound with joyful shouts of glory.

All: Amen.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Call to Confession

Presider: A prophet appeared in the wilderness, calling the people to repent, be baptized, and prepare the way. We return to the water of our baptism, giving thanks for the grace of Jesus, the Christ, the one who came to call us home.

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.

Amen.

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The Kyrie

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you told the disciples who loved you to keep your word: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you promised to send the Holy Spirit to teach them: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you urged them to be not afraid, but at peace: 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:

All: Glory to God in the highest, 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.

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Prayer for Illumination

Deacon/ Leader/Presider: Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May your Spirit so burn us that we hear your Word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace.

All: Amen.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Here is my Servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one, in whom I delight,
I have endowed you with my Spirit
that you may bring true justice to the nations.
You do not cry out or shout aloud,
or make your voice heard in the street.
You do not break a bruised reed,
or quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully you bring true justice;
you will neither waver nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting your teaching.
I, Your God, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you.
I have appointed you as a covenant of the people
and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of those who are blind,
to free captives from prison
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The Word of God. R/. Thanks be to God

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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10

Leader: Our response is:

R. May God bless all people with peace.

Give to God, you sons and daughters of God,
give to God, all your glory and praise.
Ascribe to God all the glory due God's name;
worship God's in holy attire.

R. May God bless all people with peace.

The voice of God is over the waters,
over all the waterways and all the vast seas.
The voice of God is powerful
and full of majesty.

R. May God bless all people with peace.

The God of glory thunders,
and in God's holy temple all say, "Glory!"
God sits enthroned above the flood;
God sits enthroned as Ruler forever.

R. May God bless all people with peace.

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Second Reading:

Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and the people assembled in the house in these words, "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality. Rather, that any person of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. This is the message God has sent to the people of Israel, the good news of peace proclaimed through Jesus Christ who is Savior of all. You yourselves know what took place throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John preached. You know how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how Jesus went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the Devil.

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ALLELUIA!

The heavens were opened and a voice was heard:

This is my Only Begotten, Listen!

ALLELUIA!

Presider/Deacon: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 3: 13-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you o God!

Jesus, coming from Galilee, appeared before John at the Jordan to be baptized. John tried to dissuade Jesus, saying, "I should be baptized by you, and yet you come to me!" But Jesus replied, "Leave it this way for now. We must do this if we would fulfill all of God's demands." So John gave in to Jesus.

After Jesus was baptized, he came directly out of the water. Suddenly the sky was opened and Jesus saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and hovering over him. With that, a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Only Begotten, on whom my favor rests."

The Good News of Salvation!

R/. Praise to you Jesus the Christ!

Homily

Deacon/Speaker/Presider:...

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Reaffirmation of Baptismal Promises

Presider: Sisters and brothers in Christ, our baptism is the sign and seal of the grace that flows to us, and our being grafted into Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, God's kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism, we were made citizens of God's kingdom. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises at our baptism. I ask you, therefore, once again to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized.

Renunciations

Presider/co-president: Do you renounce all evil, and powers in the world which defy God's righteousness and love?

All: I renounce them.

Presider/co-president: Do you renounce the ways of sin that separates you from the love of God?

All: I renounce them.

Presider/co-president: Do you turn to Jesus, the Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

All: I do.

Presider/co-president: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love, to your life's end?

All: I do, with God's help.

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Affirmation of Faith

Presider/co-presider: Do you believe in God the Father, our Creator?

All: I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider/co-presider: Do you believe in Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried, he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of God, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Presider/co-presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and life everlasting. Amen.

Blessing of the water

Presider: Brothers and sisters, water is life and power. Out of the baptismal waters comes a race of sons and daughters, brothers and sisters. Pray now that God may use our action for his liberating and life-giving purposes, to make us free and keep us free.

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Lend your voices to the blessing of the font by answering the blessings with “Blessed be God” and “Hear us, Lord”.

Presider: We give you thanks, Loving God, for you work and wonders with power unseen through signs and sacraments that we can see.

All: Blessed be God.

Presider: Your holy people’s scriptures speak of the water of your making in many ways, to tell us of your covenant call.

All: Blessed be God.

Presider: Yours was the Spirit sweeping over the waters when the world first came to be, with the breath of the wind, (presider breathes on the water) that water might give birth to life.

All: Blessed be God.

Presider: You made the flood an image of new birth, a new and better race of people, and a cradle of holiness.

All: Blessed be God.

Presider: Your people crossed the sea untouched and water was a sign of human freedom and a dedicated people.

All: Blessed be God.

Presider: Your Son was baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan to hear your words of love, words of our oneness in one human family.

All: Blessed be God.

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Presider: A cleansing flood of water and of blood flowed from his side, and then he charged us, “Make disciples of all nations baptizing them...”

All: Blessed be God.

Presider: Look upon your church with kindness and open within it the fountain that will grace us with your Spirit.

All: Hear us, o God.

Presider: We pray, o God, that the power of the Holy Spirit may be in this font and in our deed that we, who were buried with Christ in his death may rise with him in new life.

All: Hear us, o God.

Presider: We ask this through Jesus the Christ.

All: Amen.

Presider/co-president: Remember your baptism and be thankful

Presider sprinkles the congregation with the holy water.

In the name of the God who is Creator, God who is Son and God who is Holy Spirit.

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.

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

The people and clergy may exchange some sign of Christ's peace and forgiveness.

Offertory: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus the Christ to you we raise,

Manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to you address, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest, in your Godhead manifest.
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine.
Anthems be to you address, God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see You, Lord, mirrored in you holy Word;
May we imitate You now, and on us your grace endow;
That we like to you may be at Your great Epiphany;
And may praise you ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

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.

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Deacon or Presider: 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.

Leader or 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

Presider: 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.

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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)

Presider: God dwells in you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Come to the table with thankful hearts.

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

Preface

Presider: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God of mercy and might. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You have called forth men and women in every age to be your servants and speak your word. When we rebelled against your call and turned from your ways, in your love you called us back to you. You delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. You sent prophets to call us to justice and compassion. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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. He was born to dwell among us, full of

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grace and truth; in him we have seen your glory. Baptized by John in the Jordan, he lived for you, spoke your truth, and showed your love, and gave himself for others. In his death on the cross, he overcame death. Rising from the tomb, he raised us to eternal life, by water and the Spirit.

Institutions

Presider: God always loved the peoples of the world. When the time came for Christ to be glorified by you, Almighty God, 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 this cup of libation 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, libation and life.

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Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Epiclesis

Presider/co-Presiders: 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

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 Christopher our Presiding Bishop 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

All: 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.

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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

Presider: 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: Grant us peace, Your most precious gift, O Eternal Source of peace, and give us the will to proclaim its message to all the peoples of the earth. Strengthen the bonds of friendship among the inhabitants of all lands, and may the love of Your name hallow every home and every heart. Blessed is the Eternal God, the Source of peace.

Doxology

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 of 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.

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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: 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 are the table of plenty.**

1. O come and 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.

3. 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.

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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All: 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 the grace of Jesus, the Christ, who stood with sinners on the riverbank, uphold you.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the love of God, who calls us beloved children, bless you.

All: Amen.

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Presider: May the power of the Holy Spirit, who descended upon Jesus as a dove, give you peace.

All: Amen.

Presider: May Almighty God bless us: + Creator God, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Charge

Deacon: This mass is ended; go forth in the joy of life, to live as children of promise.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing: All Praise and Glad Thanksgiving

All praise and glad thanksgiving to God the Father be;
The font all things living, Who reigns eternally.

**Refrain: Praise to God forever be, One in life in Persons three;
Mighty God, saving God, God eternal Trinity!**

Christ Jesus, we adore you, The Son of God most high;
With thanks we sing before you, Who came for us to die.

O Holy Spirit, blessing to You who reign above!
Your wondrous gift confessing, the Church sings forth your love!