

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament

to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,.....Amen.

**THE GLORIA**

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

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



**OPENING PRAYER**

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Proverbs 8:22-31**

**A reading from the book of Proverbs.**

The Wisdom of God cries aloud, The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works.

From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water.

Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth;

before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,

when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,

when he assigned the sea its boundaries

-and the waters will not invade the shore- when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 8: 4 - 9**

**R. How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!**

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him? **[R]**
2. Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet. **[R]**
3. All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters. **[R]**

**SECOND READING Romans 5:1-13**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL John 16:12 - 15**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

**The mystery of faith. Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. Through Christ our Lord.

**focus on sunday**

**The message of Jesus can reach all people - through his Church and the Gospel, love and justice can spread to all peoples.**



In calling the Trinity, today's feast, we are naming a very large family. We are all part of the family of God, which has its source in the love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit for each other, and for all God's children.

A favourite meditation of St Ignatius has us 'watching' the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in heaven, and wondering what they can do to save and help their people on earth. They see the great need for compassion, justice, love, peace and much else besides, among their beloved people. Their answer is to send one of themselves, the Son of God, to spread this love among us.

We have the life of Jesus to show us how this was done in his teaching, healing and in his care for all, and in his death and resurrection, in which he saves us. In saving us from the worst sides of humanity, he calls us to our best.

This saving is completed through us. As Jesus was sent from the Father, he sends each of us now as ministers of the Incarnation, beginning in his new time, with Mary, the first disciple.

In recent times we have seen this - how we, as children of God, can rally together in the face of brutality and terror to show our love and compassion for others. How we open our hearts and our homes to help those in need.

As we pray the sign of the cross so often, we can recall that we are not only blessed by the Lord but called into his service of love in the ordinary moments of our lives.

*Help me Lord, to bring your gospel of joy into the moments of every day.*

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