

DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY (3rd)

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(Station at St. Mary Major)

The shortness of the winter days and the Vatican led to the substitution of St. Mary Major as the stational Church instead of St. Peter's. In the Middle Ages the Pope celebrated Mass in the great hall of Siciinus with unusual ceremony and great solemnity.

The Introit is from Isaiah: "Behold a child is born to us, and a son is given to us," Who, notwithstanding the infinite nothingness to which He stoops, is God eternal, the creator of the universe, Who rules and governs all things in the power of His Word, and upon Whose shoulder rests the divine and universal monarchy. He, as the brightness and express image of the Father, will reveal Him to men, and will be to them the envoy of the Most Holy Trinity, the angel or messenger of the glad tidings of redemption.

The Gospel, from St. John contains, found in the whole of the Scriptures. It speaks of the twofold begetting of the Word in His divine and in His human nature, artificer, the Word is at once the prototype and the pattern of all that is created; but in Him this image is identical with His own substance, so that all things live in Him. The Word joins our human nature to His person, to make us sharers in the divine grace.

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AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR (Kneel)

P: **T**in nōmine Patris, et Filiī, et Sp̄iritus Sancti. Amen.

P: Introībo ad altārē Dei.

S: Ad Deum qui lāetificat juventūtem meam.

(Psalm 42)

P: Júdica me, Deus, et discérne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab hómine iníquo et doloso ére me.

S: Quia tu es, Deus, fortitudo mea: quare me repulisti, et quare tristis incédo, dum affligit me inimicus?

P: Emítte lucem tuam, et veritátem tuam: ipsa me deduxérunt, et adduxérunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernácula tua.

S: Et introībo ad altārē Dei: ad Deum qui lāetificat juventūtem meam.

P: Confitébor tibi in cíthara, Deus, Deus meus: quare tristis es, áнима mea, et quare contúrbas me?

S: Spera in Deo, quóniam adhuc confitébor illi: salutáre vultus mei, et Deus meus.

P: Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Sp̄iritui Sancto.

S: Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper: et in sācula sāculorūm. Amen.

P: Introībo ad altārē Dei.

S: Ad Deum qui lāetificat juventūtem meam.

P: **T**Adjutórium nostrum in nōmine Dómini.

S: Qui fecit cælum et terram.

P: Confiteor Deo omnipoténti, beátæ Maríæ semper Vírgini, beátō Michaéli Archángelo, beátō Joánni Baptistæ, sanctis Apóstolis Petro et Paulo, ómnibus Sanctis, et vobis fratres: quia peccávi nimis cogitatióne, verbo, et ópere: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea máxima culpa. Ídeo precor beátam Maríam semper Vírginem, beátum Michaélem Archángelum, beátum Joánnem Baptistam, sanctos Apóstolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et vos fratres, oráre pro me ad Dóminum Deum nostrum.

S: Misereárur tui omnípotens Deus, et dimissis peccátis tuis, perdúcat te ad vitam ætérnam.

P: Amen.

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P: Misereárur vestri omnípotens Deus, et dimissis peccátis vestris, perdúcat vos ad vitam ætérnam.

S: Amen.

P: **T**Indulgéntiam, absolutiōnem, et remissiōnem peccatórum nostrórum, tríbuat nobis omnípotens et miséricors Dóminus.

S: Amen.

P: Deus, tu convérsus vivificábis nos.

S: Et plebs tua lāetábitur in te.

P: Osteñde nobis, Dómine, misericórdiam tuam.

S: Et salutáre tuum da nobis.

P: Dómine, exáudi oratiōnem meam.

S: Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: Et cum spíritu tuo.

P: Orémus.

P: Aufer a nobis, quæsumus, Dómine, iniquitatēs nostras: ut ad Sancta sanctórum puris mereámur méntibus introire. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Orámus te, Dómine, per mérita Sanctórum tuórum, quorum reliquiæ hic sunt et ómnium Sanctórum: ut indulgēre dignéris ómnia peccátā mea. Amen.

(Only at High Mass when incense is used)

P: Ab illo benedicáris, in cuius honóre cremáberis.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

INTROIT *Isaiah 9: 6*

Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis: cuius impérium super húmerum ejus: et vocábitur nomen ejus, magni consilii Ángelus. (Ps. 97: 1) Cantáte Dómino cáanticum novum: quia mirabília fecit. Glória Patri et Fílio et Sp̄iritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sācula sāculorūm. Amen. Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis: cuius impérium super húmerum ejus: et vocábitur nomen ejus, magni consilii Ángelus.

(Stand at High Mass)

P: Glória in excélsis Deo. Et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntatís. Laudámus te. Benedicimus te.

Adorámus te. Glorificámus te. Gratiás agimus tibi propter magnam gloriām tuam. Dómine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Dómine Fílio et Sp̄iritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sācula sāculorūm. Amen. Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis: cuius impérium super húmerum ejus: et vocábitur nomen ejus, magni consilii Ángelus.

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AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

COLLECT

Concède, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut nos Unigeniti tui nova per carnem Nativitás libéret; quos sub peccati jugo vetústa sérvit tenet. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitaté Sp̄iritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sācula sāculorūm. Amen.

(Sit)

P: EPISTLE *Hebrews 1: 1-12*

Multifáriam, multisq[ue] modis olim Deus loquens pátribus in prophétis novissime diébus istis locutus est nobis in Fílio, quem constituit hærédem universórum, per quem fecit et sācula: qui cum sit splendor gloriæ, et figura substántiæ ejus, portansque ómnia verbo virtutiæ suæ, purgatiōnem peccatórum fáciens, sedet ad déxteram majestatís in excélsis: tanto melior Ángelus efféctus, quanto differéntius præ illis nomen hereditatívit. Cui enim dixit aliquando Angelórum: Fílius meus es tu, ego hódie génui te? Et rursum: Ego ero illi in patrem, et ipse erit mihi in Fílium. Et cum íterum introducitur primogénitum in orbem terræ, dicit: Et adorént eum omnes Ángeli Dei. Et ad Ángelos quidem dicit: Qui facit Ángelos suos spíritus, et ministrós suos flammam ignis. Ad Fílium autem: Thronus tuus, Deus, in sāculum sāculi: virga æquitatiæ, et odisti iniquitatēm: propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, óleo exsultatiōnis præ particípibus tuis. Et: Tu in principio, Domine, terram fundásti; et ópere mánuum tuárum sunt cæli. Ipsi peribunt, tu autem permanébis; et omnes ut vestiméntum veteráscent, et velut amictum mutabús eos, et metabúntur: tu autem idem ipse es, et anni tui non deficien.

S: Deo grátias.

P: GRADUAL *Psalms 97: 3, 4, 2*

Vidérunt omnes fines terræ salutáre Dei nostri: jubiláte Deo omnis terra. Notum fecit Dóminus salutáre suum: ante cónspécum géntium revelávit justitiam suam.

P: LESSER ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Dies sanctificátus illúxit nobis: veníte, géntes, et adoráte Dóminum: quia hódie descendit lux magna super terram. Alleluia.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

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(Stand at High Mass)

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AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

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S

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR (Only at High Mass when incense is used)

P: Ab illo benedicáris, in cuius honóre
cremáberis.

P: Munda cor meum ac lábia mea,
omnipotens Deus, qui lábia Isaiae
Prophétæ cálculo mundásti ignito: ita
me tua grata miseratiońe dignáre
mundáre, ut sanctum Evangélium tuum
digne váleam nuntiáre. Per Christum
Dómínum nostrum. Amen.

P: Jube, Dómine, benedícere.
Dóminus sit in corde meo, et in lábiis
meis: ut digne et competénter
annúntiem Evangélium suum. Amen.

AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR (Stand)

P: Dóminus vobiscum.

S: Et cum spíitu tuo.

P: Sequéntia sancti Evangélii
secúndum Mattháeum.

S: Glória tibi, Dómine.

GOSPEL John 1: 1-14

In princípio erat Verbum, et Verbum
erat apud Deum, et Deus erat
Verbum. Hoc erat in principio apud
Deum. Omnia per ipsum facta sunt: et
sine ipso factum est nihil quod factum
est: in ipso vita erat, et vita erat lux
hóminum: et lux in ténebris lucet, et
ténebræ eam non comprehendérunt.
Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen
erat Joánnes. Hic venit in
testimónium, ut testimónium
perhibéret de lúmine, ut omnes
créderent per illum. Non erat ille lux,
sed ut testimónium perhibéret de
lúmine. Erat lux vera, quæ illúminat
omnem hóminem veniéntem in hunc
mundum. In mundo erat, et mundus eum
per ipsum factus est, et mundus eum
non cognovit. In própria venit, et sui
eum non recepérunt. Quotquot autem
recepérunt eum, dedit eis potestátēm
filios Dei fieri, his, qui credunt in
nómīne ejus: qui non ex sanguínibus,
neque ex voluntáte carnis, neque ex
voluntáte viri, sed ex Deo nati sunt.
(Hic genuflectitur.)

ET VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST,
et habitávit in nobis: et vídimus
glóriam ejus, et glóriam quasi
Unigéniti a Patre, plenum grátiae et
veritatis.

S: Laus tibi, Christe.

P: Per evangélica dicta deleántur
nostra delícta.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Credo in unum Deum. Patrem
omnipoténtem, factórem cæli et
terræ, visibilium ómnium et
invisibilium. Et in unum Dómínum
Jesum Christum, Fílium Dei
unigénitum. Et ex Patre natum ante
ómnia sǽcula. Deum de Deo, lumen
de lúmine, Deum verum de Deo vero.
Génitum, non factum,
consubstantiálem Patri: per quem
ómnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos
hómines, et propter nostram salútē
descéndit de cælis. **(Genuflect)** ET
INCARNÁTUS EST DE SPÍRITU
SANCTO EX MARÍA VÍRGINE: ET
HOMO FACTUS EST. Crucifíxus
étiam pro nobis: sub Póntio Piláto
passus, et sepultus est. Et resurréxit
térlia die, secúndum Scripturas. Et
ascéndit in cælum: sedet ad
dékteram Patris. Et iterum venturus
est cum glória judicáre vivos, et
mortuos: cujus regni non erit finis. Et
in Spíritum Sanctum, Dómínum et
vivificántem: qui ex Patre, Filióque
procédit. Qui cum Patre, et Fílio simul
adorátur et conglorificátur: qui locútus
est per Prophétas. Et unam, sanctam,
cathólicam et apostólicam Ecclésiam.
Confiteor unum baptísma in
remissiónem peccatórum. Et expécto
resurrectióm mortuórum. **†**Et vitam
ventúri sǽculi. Amen.

(aloud, to conclude the Secret Prayer)

P: ...per ómnia sǽcula sǽculorum.

(Stand at High Mass)

S: Dóminus vobiscum.

P: Dóminus vobiscum.

S: Et cum spíitu tuo.

P: Orémus.

(Sit)

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 12, 15

Tui sunt cæli, et tua est terra, orbe
terrârum, et plenitúdinem ejus tu
fundásti: justitia et judíctum
præparátio sedis tuæ.

P: Súscipe, sancte Pater, omnipotens
ætére Deus, hanc immaculátam
hóstiam, quam ego indígnus fámulus
tuus óffero tibi, Deo meo vivo et vero,
pro innumerabílibus peccátis, et
offensiónbis, et negligéntiis meis, et
pro ómnibus circumstántibus, sed et
pro ómnibus fidélibus christiánis vivis
atque defúnctis: ut mihi, et illis proficiat
ad salútē in vitam ætérnā. Amen.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Deus, qui humánæ substántiæ
dignitaté mirabiliter condidísti, et
mirabílius reformásti: da nobis per
hujus aquæ et vini mystérium, ejus
divinitatés esse consórtes, qui
humanitatés nostræ fieri dignátus est
párticeps, Jesus Christus Fílius tuus
Dóminus noster: Qui tecum vivit et
regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus:
per ómnia sǽcula sǽculorum. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Offérimus tibi, Dómine, cálicem
salutáris tuam deprecántes
cleméntiam: ut in conspéctu divinæ
majestatis tuæ, pro nostra, et totius
mundi salútē cum odore suavitatis
ascéndat. Amen. In spíritu humilitatis,
et in ánimo contrítō suscipiámur a te,
Dómine, et sic fiat sacrificiū nostrum
in conspéctu tuo hódie, ut pláceat tibi,
Dómine Deus. Veni, sanctificátor
omnipotens ætére Deus: et bénedic
hoc sacrificiū, tuo sancto nómini
præparátum.

*(Only at High Mass
when incense is used)*

P: Per intercessióne beát Michaelis
Archángeli, stantí s a dextris altaris
incénsi, et ómnium electórum suórum,
incénsu istud dignétur Dóminus
benedicere, et in odórem suavitatis
accípere. Per Christum Dóminum
nostrum. Amen.

P: Incénsu istud a te benedictum,
ascéndat ad te, Dómine, et descéndat
super nos misericordia tua.

P: Dirigátur, Dómine, orátiō mea, sicut
incénsu, in conspéctu tuo: elevatio
mánūrum meárum sacrificiū
vespertinum. Pone, Dómine,
circumstántiæ lábiis meis: ut non
declinet cor meum in verba malitiae, ad
excusandas excusatōnes in peccatis.

P: Accéndat in nobis Dóminus ignem
sui amóris, et flamma ætérnæ caritatis.
Amen.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Lavábo inter innocéntes manus
meas: et circumdábo altare tuum,
Dómine: Ut áudiām vocem laudis, et
enárrem univérsa mirabília tua.

Dómine, diléxi decórem domus tuæ, et
locum habitatiōnis gloriæ tuæ. Ne
perdas cum ímpiis, Deus, ániam
meam, et cum viris sanguinum vitam
meam: In quorum mánib⁹ sum: rédime me, et
miserére mei. Pes meus stetit in
dirécto: in ecclésiis benedictum te,
Dómine. Glória Patri, et Filio, et
Spíritu Sancti, Dómino Deo nostro.

S: Dignum et justum est.

PREFACE OF THE NATIVITY

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et
salutare, nos tibi semp̄er, et ubique
gratiás ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater
omnipotens, ætére Deus. Quia per
incarnatiō Verbi oculis lux tuæ claritatis
infúslit: ut dum visibiliter Deum
cognoscimus, per hunc in invisibilium
amórem rapiámur. Et ídeo cum
Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis
et Dominiōnibus, cumque omni
militiā cælestis exércitus, hymnum
gloriæ tuæ canticus, sine fine
dicentes:

(Kneel)

P: Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt

cæli et terra glória tua. Hosanna in

excelsis. **†**Benedictus qui venit in

nómīne Dómini. Hosanna in excelsis.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

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P: Be blessed by Him in Whose honor
you will be burnt.

P: Cleanse my heart and my lips, O
almighty God, Who cleansed the lips of
the Prophet Isaiah with a burning coal.
In Thy gracious mercy, deign so to
purify me, that I may worthily proclaim
Thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

P: Pray, Lord, a blessing. The Lord be
in my heart and on my lips that I may
worthily and fittingly proclaim His
Gospel. Amen.

AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR (Stand)

P: The Lord be with you.

S: And with your spirit.

P: The continuation of the holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

S: Glory to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 1: 1-14

In principio erat Verbum, et Verbum
erat apud Deum, et Deus erat
Verbum. Hoc erat in principio apud
Deum. Omnia per ipsum facta sunt: et
sine ipso factum est nihil quod factum
est: in ipso vita erat, et vita erat lux
hóminum: et lux in ténebris lucet, et
ténebræ eam non comprehendérunt.
Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen
erat Joánnes. Hic venit in
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glóriam ejus, et glóriam quasi
Unigéniti a Patre, plenum grátiae et
veritatis.

S: Laus tibi, Christe.

P: Per evangélica dicta deleántur
nostra delícta.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: I believe in one God, the Father
almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the
only-begotten Son of God. Born of the
Father before all ages. God of God,
light of light, true God of true God.
Begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father, by Whom all things
were made. Who for us men, and for
our salvation, came down from
heaven.
(Genuflect) AND WAS INCARNATE
BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, OF THE
VIRGIN MARY: AND WAS MADE
MAN. He was also crucified for us,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, and
was buried. And on the third day He
rose again, according to the
Scriptures. And He ascended into
heaven; He sits at the right hand of
the Father. And He shall come again
with glory to judge the living and the
dead. Of Whose kingdom there shall
be no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds
from the Father and the Son; Who
with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified, Who spoke through the
Prophets. And in one, holy, Catholic
and apostolic Church. I confess one
baptism for the remission of sins. And
I expect the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

(Here all kneel)

AND THE WORD WAS MADE
FLESH, and dwelt among us: and we
saw His glory, the glory as of the Only
begotten of the Father, full of grace
and truth.

S: Praise to Thee, O Christ.

P: May our offenses be erased by the
words of the Gospel.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: I believe in one God, the Father
almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the
only-begotten Son of God. Born of the
Father before all ages. God of God,
light of light, true God of true God.
Begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father, by Whom all things
were made. Who for us men, and for
our salvation, came down from
heaven.
(Genuflect) AND WAS INCARNATE
BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, OF THE
VIRGIN MARY: AND WAS MADE
MAN. He was also crucified for us,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, and
was buried. And on the third day He
rose again, according to the
Scriptures. And He ascended into
heaven; He sits at the right hand of
the Father. And He shall come again
with glory to judge the living and the
dead. Of Whose kingdom there shall
be no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds
from the Father and the Son; Who
with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified, Who spoke through the
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AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

*(Only at High Mass
when incense is used)*

P: By the intercession of blessed
Michael the Archangel, who stands at
the right hand of the altar of incense,
and of all His elect, may the Lord deign
to bless this incense, and to receive it
as a sweet fragrance, through Christ
our Lord.

P: May this incense, blessed by Thee,
ascend to Thee, O Lord, and may Thy
mercy descend upon us.

P: Let my prayer be directed, O Lord,
as incense in Thy sight, the lifting up of
my hands as an evening sacrifice. Set
a watch, O Lord, before my mouth:
and a door round about my lips: that
my heart may not incline to evil words:
to make excuses in sins.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

*(Only at High Mass
when incense is used)*

P: May the Lord enkindle in us the fire
of His love and the flame of everlasting
charity. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

*(Only at High Mass
when incense is used)*

P: I will wash my hands among the
innocent, and I will compass Thine

altar, O Lord, that I may hear the voice
of praise: and tell of all Thy wondrous

deeds. I have loved, O Lord, the
beauty of Thy house and the place
where Thy glory dwelleth. Destroy not
my soul, O God, with the wicked, nor
my life with iniquities, their right hand is

full with gifts. But I have walked in my
innocence: redeem me, and

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(silently)

P: Te igitur, clementissime Pater, per Jesum Christum Filium tuum, Dominum nostrum, supplices rogamus, ac petitum uti accépta hábeas, et benedicas, hæc dona, hæc munera, hæc sancta sacrificia illibata, in primis, quæ tibi offérimus pro Ecclésia tua sancta cathólica: quam pacificare, custodire, adunare, et régere dignérис toto orbe terrarum: una cum famulo tuo Papa nostro N., et Antistite nostro N., et omnibus orthodoxis, atque cathólicis et apostolicæ fidei cultóribus.

P: Meménto, Domine, famulorum, familiarumque tuarum N., et N., et omnium circumstantium, quorum tibi fides cognita est, et nota devotio, pro quibus tibi offérimus: vel qui tibi offérunt hoc sacrificium laudis, pro se, suisque omnibus: pro redemptione animarum suarum, pro spe salutis et incolumentatis suæ: tibique reddunt vota sua æterno Deo, vivo et vero.

COMMUNICANTES

FOR CHRISTMAS

P: Communicantes, et diem sacratissimum celebrantes, quo beatæ Mariae intemerata virginitas huic mundo edidit Salvatorem: sed et memoriām venerantes, in primis ejusdem gloriōsæ semper Virginis Mariæ, Genetricis ejusdem Dei et Domini nostri Iesu Christi: sed et beatissimam, ejusdem Virginis Sponsi, et beatorum Apostolorum ac Mártyrum tuorum, Petri et Pauli, Andréæ, Jacobi, Joannis, Thomæ, Jacobi, Philippi, Bartholomaei, Matthæi, Simonis et Thaddæi: Lini, Cleti, Cleméntis, Xysti, Cornélii, Cypriani, Lauréntii, Chrysogoni, Joannis et Pauli, Cosmæ et Damiani, et omnium Sanctorum tuorum; quorum méritis, precibusque concédas, ut in omnibus protectiōnis tuæ muniámur auxilio. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

P: Hanc igitur oblationem servitūs nostræ, sed et cunctæ familiæ tuæ, quæsumus, Domine, ut placatus accipias: diésque nostros in tua pace dispónas, atque ab æterna damnatione nos éripi, et in electorum tuorum jubeas grege numerari. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

P: Qui pridie quam pateretur, accépit panem in sanctas, ac venerabiles manus suas, et elevatis oculis in cælum ad te Deum Patrem sum omnipoténtem, tibi gratiás agens, benedixit, fregit, deditque discipulis suis, dicens:

Accipite, et manducáte ex hoc omnes, HOC EST ENIM CORPUS MEUM.

P: Símili modo postquam cænatum est, accipiens et hunc præclarum Cálicem in sanctas ac venerabiles manus suas: item tibi gratiás agens, benedixit, deditque discipulis suis, dicens:

Accipite, et bibe ex eo omnes, HIC EST ENIM CALIX SÁNGUINIS MEI, NOVI ET AETÉRNI TESTAMÉNTI: MYSTÉRIUM FÍDEI: QUI PRO VOBIS ET PRO MULTIS EFFUNDÉTUR IN REMISSIONEM PECCATÓRUM.

Hæc quotiescumque feceritis, in mei memoriā faciétis.

P: Unde et mémores, Domine, nos servi tui, sed et plebs tua sancta, ejusdem Christi Filii tui Domini nostri tam beatæ passiónis, nec non et ab inferis resurrectiōnis, sed et in cælos gloriōsæ ascensiōnis: offérimus præclaræ majestati tuæ de tuis donis, ac datis, hóstiam puram, hóstiam sanctam, hóstiam immaculatam, Panem sanctum vitæ æternæ, et Cálicem salutis perpétuae.

P: Supra quæ propitio ac sereno vult respícere dignérис; et accépta habére, sicuti accépta habére dignátus es munera púeri tui justi Abel, et sacrificium Patriarchæ nostri Ábrahæ: et quod tibi óbtulit summus sacerdos tuus Melchisedech, sanctum sacrificium, immaculatam hóstiam.

P: Nobis quoque peccatóribus famulis tuis, de multitúdine miseratiōnium tuarum sperántibus, partem aliquam, et societatem donare dignérис, cum tuis sanctis Apóstolis et Martýribus: cum Joánni, Stéphano, Matthia, Bárbara, Ignátiu, Alexándro, Marcellino, Petro, Felicitate, Perpétua, Ágatha, Lúcia, Agneta, Cæcilia, Anastasia, et omnibus Sanctis tuis: intra quorum nos consórtium, non aestimatór meriti, sed vénia, quæsumus, largítor admittē. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

P: Pax Dómini sit semper vobiscum.

S: Et cum spíitu tuo.

(Kneel at High Mass)

P: Unde et mémores, Domine, nos servi tui, sed et plebs tua sancta, ejusdem Christi Filii tui Domini nostri tam beatæ passiónis, nec non et ab inferis resurrectiōnis, sed et in cælos gloriōsæ ascensiōnis: offérimus præclaræ majestati tuæ de tuis donis, ac datis, hóstiam puram, hóstiam sanctam, hóstiam immaculatam, Panem sanctum vitæ æternæ, et Cálicem salutis perpétuae.

P: Dómine Jesu Christe, Fili Dei vivi, qui ex voluntate Patris, cooperante Spíitu Sancto, per mortem tuam mundum vivificasti: líbera me per hoc sacrosanctum Corpus et Sanguinem tuum ab omnibus iniquitatibus meis, et universis malis: et fac me tuis semper inhaerere mandatis, et a te numquam separari permittas: Qui cum eodem Deo Patre et Spíitu Sancto vivis et regnas Deus in sǽcula sǽculorum. Amen.

P: Panem cælestem accipiam, et nomen Dómini invocabo.

Dómine, non sum dignus, ut intres sub tectum meum: sed tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur áнима mea.

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P: Corpus Dómini nostri Jesu Christi custodiāt ánimam meam in vitam æternam. Amen.

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P: Therefore, most merciful Father, we humbly pray and entreat Thee, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord, that Thou would accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and spotless sacrifices, which, in the first place, we offer Thee for Thy holy Catholic Church: deign to pacify, to guard, to unite, and to govern her throughout the world, together with Thy servant N., our Pope, and N., our Bishop; and all orthodox believers of the Catholic and apostolic faith.

P: Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids N. and N., and of all here present, whose faith and devotion are known unto Thee, for whom we offer, or who offer to Thee, this sacrifice of praise for themselves, and for all their own, for the redemption of their souls, for their hope of salvation and safety; and who pay their vows to Thee, the everlasting, living, and true God.

P: Communicating, and keeping this most holy day, in which the spotless virginity of blessed Mary brought forth a Savior to this world; and also reverencing the memory first of the same glorious Mary, ever Virgin Mother of the same God and our Lord Jesus Christ: as also of blessed Joseph, her Spouse, and of Thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all Thy Saints, through whose merits and prayers grant that we may in all things be defended by the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: We therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, to graciously accept this oblation of our service, as also of Thy entire family; dispose our days in Thy peace, save us from eternal damnation, and command that we be numbered in the flock of Thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Which oblation, do Thou, O God, deign in all respects to make blessed, approved, ratified, reasonable and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of Thy most beloved Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

P: Who, the day before He suffered, took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and with His eyes raised to heaven, unto Thee, God, His almighty Father, giving thanks to Thee, He blessed it, broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying:

Take, all of you, and eat of this: FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

P: In like manner, after He had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into His holy and venerable hands, and giving thanks to Thee, He blessed it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take, all of you, and drink of this: FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT: THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: WHICH SHALL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY UNTO THE REMISSION OF SINS.

As often as you shall do these things, you do them in memory of Me.

P: Wherefore, Lord, we, Thy servants, but also Thy holy people, mindful of the same Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, of His blessed passion, and of His resurrection from the grave, and of His glorious ascension into heaven, offer unto Thy most excellent majesty of Thine own gifts, bestowed upon us, a pure victim, a holy victim, an unspotted victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

P: Deign to regard them with a gracious and serene countenance, and to accept them, as Thou didst deign to accept the gifts of Thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of Abraham our Patriarch, and that which Thy chief priest Melchisedech offered to Thee, a holy sacrifice, an unspotted victim.

P: Humbly we pray Thee, almighty God, command these offerings to be borne by the hands of Thy holy Angel to Thine altar on high, in the sight of Thy divine majesty, so that as many of us as shall, by partaking from this altar, consume the most holy Body and Blood of Thy Son, may be filled with every heavenly grace and blessing. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Be mindful also, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids N. and N. who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. To these, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, we plead that you grant a place of comfort, light, and peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: To us sinners also, Thy servants, trusting in the multitude of Thy mercies, deign to grant some part and fellowship with Thy holy Apostles and Martyrs, with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and with all Thy Saints, into whose company, we beseech Thee, not as appraiser of merit but as bestower of pardon, to admit us. Through Christ our Lord.

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P: Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, (strike breast) have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, (strike breast) grant us peace.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who said to Thine Apostles: Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; regard not my sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and deign to grant her peace and to unify her according to Thy will: Who lives and reigns God, forever and ever. Amen.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who, by the will of the Father, with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit, hast by Thy death given life to the world; deliver me by this Thy most sacred Body and Blood, from all my sins and from all evils. Make me always cleave to Thy commandments, and never permit me to be separated from Thee, Who with the same God the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns God, forever and ever.

P: Let not the partaking of Thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but through Thy kindness, may it benefit me, a safeguard both of mind and body, and a certain remedy. Who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns God, forever and ever. Amen.

P: I will take the Bread of heaven, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou should enter under my roof; but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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P: May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

P: Quid retríbuam Dómino pro ómnibus quæ retríbuit mihi? Cálicem salutári accípiám, et nomen Dómini invocábo. Laudans invocábo Dóminum, et ab inimícis meis salvus ero.

P: Sanguis Dómini nostri Jesu Christi custódia ánimam meam in vitam ætérnam. Amen.

P: Ecce Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccátum mundi.

S: Dómine, non sum (**strike breast**) dignus, ut intres sub tectum meum: sed tantum dic verbo, et sanábitur áнима mea.

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AT THE COMMUNION RAIL

P: Corpus Dómini nostri Jesu Christi custódia ánimam tuam in vitam ætérnam. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Quod ore súmpsimus, Dómine, pura mente capiámus: et de múnere temporáli fiat nobis remédiu m sempitérnum.

P: Corpus tuum, Dómine, quod sumpsi, et Sanguis, quem potávi, adhæreat viscéribus meis: et præsta: ut in me non remáneat scélerum mácula, quem pura et sancta refecérunt sacraménta: Qui vivis et regnas in sécula sæculórum, Amen.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

COMMUNION Psalms 97: 3
Vidérunt omnes fines terræ salutáre Dei nostri.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

(Stand at High Mass)

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: Et cum spíritu tuo.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Orémus.

POSTCOMMUNION

Præsta, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut natus hódie Salvátor mundi, sicut divinæ nobis generatiónis est auctor; ita et immortalitatis sit ipse largítor. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

S: Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: Et cum spíritu tuo.

P: Ite, Missa est.

S: Deo grátiás.

(Kneel at High Mass)

P: Pláceat tibi, sancta Trinitas, obséquium servítutis meæ: et præsta: ut sacrificium, quod oculis tuæ majestatis indignus óbtuli, tibi sit acceptáble, mihiqüe et ómnibus pro quibus illud óbtuli, sit, te miseránte, propitiáble. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

P: Benedícat vos omnípotens Deus, †Pater, et Fílius, et Spíritus Sanctus.
S: Amen.

Leonine Prayers

(optional after Low Mass)

P: What return shall I render unto the Lord for all He has given me? I will take the Chalice of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Praising I will call upon the Lord, and I shall be saved from my enemies.

P: May the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.

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AT THE COMMUNION RAIL

P: May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Grant, O Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth, we may receive with a pure mind; and from a temporal gift may it become to us an eternal remedy.

P: May Thy Body, O Lord, which I have consumed, and Thy Blood which I have drunk, cling to my vitals; and grant that no wicked stain may remain in me, whom these pure and holy mysteries have refreshed. Who lives and reigns, forever and ever. Amen.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

(Stand at High Mass)

P: The Lord be with you.

S: And with your spirit.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that as the Savior of the world, born on this day, is the Author of our heavenly birth, so He may also be to us the Giver of immortality. Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

S: Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: The Lord be with you.

S: And with your spirit.

P: Go, the Mass is ended.

S: Thanks be to God.

(Kneel at High Mass)

P: May the performance of my homage be pleasing to Thee, O holy Trinity: and grant that the sacrifice which I, though unworthy, have offered up in the sight of Thy majesty, may be acceptable unto Thee, and may, through Thy mercy, be a propitiation for myself and all those for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: May almighty God bless you, †the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

S: Amen.

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