Thursday 18 March 2021

Thursday in the 4th Week of Lent

AT 12 NOON, ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost**.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessèd art thou among women, and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...

And the Word was made Flesh.

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel; so by his Cross \maltese and Passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

AT 12.10, MASS

When cantors are present, they may sing parts of the Mass that are ordinarily sung.



Who is this with garments gory,
Triumphing from Bozrah's way;
This that weareth robes of glory,
Bright with more than victory's ray?
Who is this unwearied comer
From his journey's sultry length,
Travelling through Idumè's summer
In the greatness of His strength?

- 2 Wherefore red in Thine apparel
 Like the conquerors of the earth,
 And arrayed like those who carol
 O'er the reeking vineyard's mirth?
 Who art Thou, the valleys seeking
 Where our peaceful harvests wave?
 I, in righteous anger speaking,
 I, the mighty One to save.
- 3 I, that of the raging heathen
 Trod the winepress all alone,
 Now in victor garlands wreathen
 Coming to redeem Mine own:
 I am He with sprinkled raiment,
 Glorious for My vengeance hour,
 Ransoming, with priceless payment,
 And delivering with power.

The priest (and ministers) having entered, facing the altar and standing before the lowest altar step, and the faithful kneeling, make the Sign of the Cross.

Ministers: Amen.

Priest: I will go unto the altar of God.

Ministers: Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Psalm 43. Iudica me, Deus

Priest: Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people : O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

Ministers: For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee: and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

Priest: O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me : and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

Ministers: And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

Priest: Why art thou so heavy, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Ministers: O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, Which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Ministers: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Priest: I will go unto the altar of God.

Ministers: Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Priest: Our help is in the ♣ Name of the Lord.Ministers: Who hath made heaven and earth.

With hands joined, bowing, the priest says:

Priest: I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary the Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have

sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, (striking the breast three times, the priest continues:) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beg blessed Mary the Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Ministers: Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.

Priest: Amen.

The priest the stands upright, and the Ministers repeat:

Ministers: I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary the Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to thee, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, (all strike their breast three times, saying:) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beg blessed Mary the Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and thee, Father, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life.

Ministers: Amen.

Priest: May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, ♣ absolution and remission of all our sins.

Ministers: Amen.

Priest: Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O Lord?

Ministers: That thy people may rejoice in thee.

Priest: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. *Ministers:* **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest: O Lord, hear my prayer.

Ministers: And let my cry come unto thee.

Priest: The Lord be with you. *Ministers:* **And with thy spirit.**

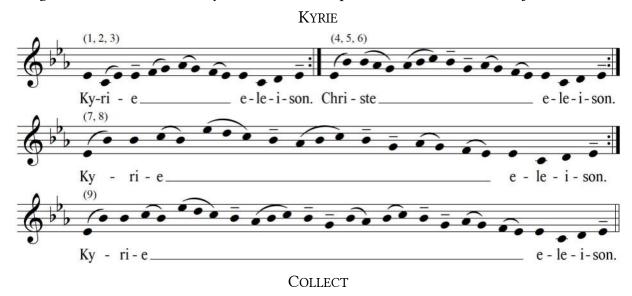
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Priest: Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy holy spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 105, 3-4. Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord: seek the Lord and his strength: seek his face evermore. Ps. ibid. 1. O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his name: tell the people what things he hath done. \tilde{V} . Glory be. As it was. Repeat I am the salvation as far as the Psalm.



Priest: The Lord be with you. Response: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God: that we, duly chastening the flesh by this our fast, may inwardly rejoice in holiness of spirit; that, our earthly affections being subdued, we may more readily obtain thy heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson from the book of the Kings.

II Kings 4, 25-38.

In those days: There came a woman of Shunem unto Elisha to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite: Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well: And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me. Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me? Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child. And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her. And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked. And when

Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD. And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out. And Elisha came again to Gilgal.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. Response: **Thanks be to God**.

Gradual. Ps. 74, 20, 19 and 22. Look, O Lord, upon the covenant: and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever. \tilde{V} . Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause: remember the rebuke that thy servants have.

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GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you. Response: And with thy spirit.

Reader: The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Response: ★ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Luke 7. 11-16.

At that time: Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

A homily may be preached, or a pause for silent reflection observed.

THE INTERCESSION

The Priest may introduce the Intercession

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church.

The Priest, or another minister, leads the prayers.

Almighty and Everlasting God, we beseech thee that thou accept these our offering together with our prayers.

We beg thee that thou wouldest breathe upon thy Catholic Church the spirit of truth and concord. Guard our Queen Elizabeth, grant to us that we may be ruled under her as thou willest.

Heavenly Father, bless (*NN*.,) our Primate and bishop Geoffrey, and all who shepherd the souls of your people, that they may preach thy word by their teaching and by their pure way of life.

Give grace to all thy people that they may serve thee truly all their days. Also, help those in trouble, sorrow, sickness or any other need (*especially* ...).

We beg thee also bless us who are here making remembrance of the glorious death of thy Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.

And we give thee great thanks because thou hast shown us the power of thy grace in all thy Saints; especially in the glorious Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and our God; and in the Holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, Mary Magdalene our Patron, (the saint of the day,) and all thy holy people. We beg thee, Lord, that we may follow them, their faith and their obedience, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Again Lord, we desire mercy for all thy servants who have departed from the world in the faith, (*especially ...*). Do thou grant them, we beseech thee, of thy mercy and everlasting peace, and do thou bring them, together with us, at the day of resurrection to the glory of thy Son.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of him, Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Chant. Ps. 70, 2-4. Make haste, O Lord, to help me: let them be ashamed that think evil against thy servants.

Taking the paten with the bread, the priest says:

BLESSED art thou, O Lord, God of all creation, for of thy bounty have we received this bread which we offer unto thee, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands: whence it shall become for us the bread of life.

Response: Blessed be God for ever.

Taking the chalice, the priest says:

BLESSED art thou, O Lord, God of all creation, for of thy bounty have we received this wine which we offer unto thee, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands: whence it shall become for us our spiritual drink.

Response: Blessed be God for ever.

After the Priest has prepared the bread and wine for the Communion, the people are invited to enter spiritually into the celebration,

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours

may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

Response: The Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands,

to the praise and glory of his name,

to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.

The Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings,

Cleanse us, O merciful God: that, like as the prayers and devout oblations of thy Church are acceptable in thy sight, so they may be rendered yet more acceptable by reason of the cleansing of our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.Response: And with thy spirit.Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Response: It is meet and right so to do.

PREFACE OF LENT II

It is very meet and right, just and for salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee: O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God; who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praise thee and saying:

Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. № Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death until his coming again;

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and with thy Holy and Life-giving Spirit vouchsafe to bless and sanctify both us and these thy gifts of Bread and Wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to the end that we, receiving the same, may be strengthened and refreshed both in body and soul;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants, having in remembrance the precious death and passion of thy dear Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, according to his holy institution, do celebrate, and set forth before thy Divine Majesty with these thy holy gifts, the memorial which he hath willed us to make, rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits which he hath procured unto us.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all the Saints, favourably grant peace in our days: that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.



Ord Jesu Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to her peace and unity according to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Response: And with thy spirit.

All may offer one another a sign of peace.

Taking the Host, the Priest says:

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Response: Therefore let us keep the feast.

While the bread is broken, Agnus Dei is said.

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

Then the priest, bowing profoundly, says with all who shall receive Communion:

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Priest genuflects, takes the Host and, turning to the people, says:

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Response: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof:

but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The response is said three times, all striking their breast.

When the bell rings, all those who are to receive Holy Communion come forward.

Communion will be distributed in one kind only. Communicants should approach the celebrant in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning by the side aisles.

Those who are not able to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making the following Act of Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

If the Communion Antiphon has not been recited, it is said here. Silence may be kept.

Communion Ant. Ps. 71, 16-18. O Lord, I will make mention of thy righteousness only: thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now: forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am grey-headed.

Then the priest standing, and the people kneeling, the priest says:

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received heartily thank thee, for that thou dost these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of

the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Then the priest says the Postcommunion Prayer:

Let us pray.

O Lord, who hast bestowed upon us thy heavenly gifts: we pray thee, that those things which thou hast ordained for the healing of thy faithful people, may not be turned unto their judgment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Let us pray. Humble your heads before God.

O God, the creator and ruler of thy people, drive far from us all the assaults of temptation: that we, being ever found acceptable in thy sight, may by thee be defended from the fear of our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you. Response: And with thy spirit.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, ♣ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Response: **Thanks be to God**.

LAST GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you. Response: And with thy spirit.

Priest: The beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

Response: ♥ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was not

any thing made that was made: in him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light darkness. shineth in and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (genuflect) And the Word was made flesh, (rise) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and

Response: Thanks be to God.