

THE JERUSALEM MASS SHEET

HOLY FAMILY (B)

31st December 2023

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon or a hymn

Stand
Lk 2:16

**The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant
lying in a manger.**

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Priest greets everyone present.

The people respond: **And with your spirit.**

The Mass of the day may be introduced.

Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the people to repentance using
one of the Penitential Acts.*

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* **Kyrie, eleison.**

You are the Son of God and the Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.

Christ, have mercy. *Or:* **Christe, eleison.**

You are the Word made Flesh, the splendour
of the Father:

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* **Kyrie, eleison.**

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
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.**

The Collect

O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practising the virtues of family life and in the
bonds of charity,
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis 15:1-6. 21:1-3

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a
vision: 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your
reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied, 'what do you intend to
give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See,
you have given me no descendants; some man of
my household will be my heir'. And then this word of
the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your
heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'.
Then taking him outside, he said, 'Look up to
heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be
your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in
the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said,
and did what he had promised her. So Sarah
conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old
age, at the time God had promised. Abraham
named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom
Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv7.8

R) He, the Lord, is our God.

He remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works! **(R)**

Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face. **(R)**

Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgments he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose. **(R)**

He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac. **(R)**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

11:8. 11-12. 17-19

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was as good a dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on.

He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**At various times in the past
and in various different ways,**

**God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through his Son.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
For shorter form, 2:22. 39:40, read between []

[When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord] –observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised;

because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

[When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

The 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,
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.**

The Prayer of the Faithful

Response example: Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

After the concluding prayer all say: **Amen.**

*Sit
Stand*

All bow

Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The offerings are brought to the altar.

A hymn may be sung. If the Priest says the two prayers of offering aloud, the response both times is:

Blessed be God for ever.

The people rise as the Priest says:

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

The people reply:

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,
humbly asking that,
through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of
God and Saint Joseph,
you may establish our families firmly in your grace
and your peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Preface III of the Nativity of the Lord

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For through him the holy exchange that restores our
life

has shone forth today in splendour:
when our frailty is assumed by your Word
not only does human mortality receive unending honour
but by this wondrous union we, too, are made eternal.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels,
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Kneel

Eucharistic Prayer I

(The Priest may use a different Eucharistic Prayer.)

To you, therefore, most merciful Father,
we make humble prayer and petition
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:
that you accept

and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings,
these holy and unblemished sacrifices,
which we offer you firstly
for your holy catholic Church.

Be pleased to grant her peace,

to guard, unite and govern her
throughout the whole world,
together with your servant N. our Pope
and N. our Bishop,
and all those who, holding to the truth,

hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants N. and N.

and all gathered here,
whose faith and devotion are known to you.

For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise
or they offer it for themselves
and all who are dear to them:
for the redemption of their souls,
in hope of health and well-being,
and paying their homage to you,
the eternal God, living and true.

Celebrating the most sacred day
on which blessed Mary the immaculate Virgin
brought forth the Saviour for this world,
and in communion with those whose memory
we venerate,

especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,
and blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,
Peter and Paul, Andrew, [...]

and all your Saints;

we ask that through their merits and prayers,
in all things we may be defended
by your protecting help.

Therefore, Lord, we pray:

graciously accept this oblation of our service,
that of your whole family;
order our days in your peace,
and command that we be delivered from eternal
damnation

and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

Be pleased, O God, we pray,

to bless, acknowledge,

and approve this offering in every respect;

make it spiritual and acceptable,

so that it may become for us

the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,

he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,

and with eyes raised to heaven

to you, O God, his almighty Father,

giving you thanks, he said the blessing,

broke the bread

and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,

FOR THIS IS MY BODY,

WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,

he took the precious chalice

in his holy and venerable hands,

and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,

FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,

THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,

WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

The people continue, acclaiming:

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

Therefore, O Lord,
 as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed
 Passion,
 the Resurrection from the dead,
 and the glorious Ascension into heaven
 of Christ, your Son, our Lord,
 we, your servants and your holy people,
 offer to your glorious majesty
 from the gifts that you have given us,
 this pure victim,
 this holy victim,
 this spotless victim,
 the holy Bread of eternal life
 and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.
 Be pleased to look upon these offerings
 with a serene and kindly countenance,
 and to accept them,
 as once you were pleased to accept
 the gifts of your servant Abel the just,
 the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
 and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,
 a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.
 In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:
 command that these gifts be borne
 by the hands of your holy Angel
 to your altar on high
 in the sight of your divine majesty,
 so that all of us, who through this participation
 at the altar
 receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
 may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.
 Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N.,
 who have gone before us with the sign of faith
 and rest in the sleep of peace.
 Grant them, O Lord, we pray,
 and all who sleep in Christ,
 a place of refreshment, light and peace.
 To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners,
 hope in your abundant mercies,
 graciously grant some share
 and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:
 with John the Baptist, Stephen,
 Matthias, Barnabas, [...] and all your Saints;
 admit us, we beseech you,
 into their company,
 not weighing our merits,
 but granting us your pardon,
 through Christ our Lord.
 Through whom
 you continue to make all these good things, O Lord;
 you sanctify them, fill them with life,
 bless them, and bestow them upon us.
 Through him, and with him, and in him,
 O God, almighty Father,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honour is yours,
 for ever and ever.

The people acclaim: Amen.

The Communion Rite

Stand

The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father but deliver us from evil.

The Priest continues alone:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, ...

**For the kingdom,
 the power and the glory are yours
 now and for ever.**

The Priest says:
 Lord Jesus Christ... **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 And with your spirit.

The Deacon, or the Priest, adds:
 Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Priest takes the host and breaks it.
Meanwhile the people say or sing:
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 grant us peace.** *Kneel*

The Priest shows the host to the people and says:
 Behold the Lamb of God,
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy
 that you should enter under my roof,
 but only say the word
 and my soul shall be healed.**

*The Priest or other minister says to each
 communicant:*
 The Body [Blood] of Christ.
Each communicant answers: Amen.

Communion Antiphon Bar 3:38
**Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived
 among us.**

Prayer after Communion *Stand*
 Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,
 most merciful Father,
 to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,
 so that, after the trials of this world,
 we may share their company for ever.
 Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements may be made. *Then:*

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,
 the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Then the Deacon, or the Priest, says:
 Go forth, the Mass is ended. *Or:*
 Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. *Or:*
 Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. *Or:*
 Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.



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