

Apostle & Martyr



Christ among the Doctors, Frans Pourbus the Elder (1545-1581)

26th December 2021

The Sunday after Christmas Day

Low Mass

Please stand for the entrance of the sacred ministers.

Introit

Whenas all the world was in profoundest quietness, and night was in the midst of her swift course: thine almighty word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne. *Ps.* The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength. Glory be ... Whenas all the world ...

Salutation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant The grace ★ of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,

be with you all.

People And with thy spirit.

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**.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Christ, have mercy upon us
Kyrie eleison
Lord, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us

Gloria

GLORY be to God on high,

and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, \maltese art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you

with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE the LORD from the heavens: / praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all ye angels of his: / praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon: / praise him, all ye stars of light.

Praise him, all ye heavens, / and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the LORD; / for he commanded and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever: / he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

PRAISE the LORD from the earth, / ye dragons and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and vapour, / wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills; / fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle; / creeping things and feathered fowls;

Kings of the earth, and all peoples; / princes and all judges of the world;

Young men and maidens together; / old men and children;

Let them praise the Name of the LORD; / for his Name only is excellent, and his glory above

heaven and earth.

He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him: / even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are thy lips. V. My heart is inditing of a good matter, I speak of the things which I have made unto the King: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. *Alleluia*, alleluia. V. The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded him self with strength. Alleluia.

The Gospel Luke 2:41-52

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to St Luke, beginning

at the forty-first verse.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Celebrant People The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon Fr Stewart Murray

Nicene Creed

Celebrant 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, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,

And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

THE INTERCESSION

A server leads the prayers for the Church, ending each petition with:

Reader Lord, in thy mercy, People Hear our prayer.

The Invitation to Confession and Absolution

Celebrant

All

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time

most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory

God hath made the round world so sure that it cannot be moved : ever since the world began hath thy seat, O God, been prepared; thou art from everlasting.

Secret (Prayer over the Gifts)

Celebrant

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Mass Intentions of the Day

Celebrant Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours be acceptable unto God the Father almighty.

People May the Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both

to our benefit and to that of all His Holy Church.

THE CANON OF THE MASS

Celebrant THE Lord be with you;
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts;

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give

thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all

things.

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his

mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus

HOLY, 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.

Celebrant BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of

thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and 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 memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; 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 Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; 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 we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People Amen.

THE COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

All

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

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction and Pax

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The Prayer of Humble Access

All

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.

Agnus Dei

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God ...

All Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof,

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

Communion

Take the young Child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young Child's life.

Act of Spiritual Communion

In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND DISMISSAL

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant The Lord be with you; People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant 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, He Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Dismissal

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.CelebrantLet us depart in peace.PeopleThanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ANGELUS

Celebrant The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary;

People And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Celebrant Hail, Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee;

Blessèd art thou amongst women, and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

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

Celebrant Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

People Be it unto me according to thy word.

Celebrant Hail, Mary ...

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

Celebrant And the Word was made flesh.

People And dwelt among us.

Celebrant Hail, Mary ...

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

Celebrant Pray for us, O holy Mother of God;

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

Celebrant 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 \(\mathbb{H}\) Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you;PeopleAnd with thy spirit.CelebrantLet us bless the Lord;PeopleThanks be to God.

Celebrant May the Divine assistance remain with us always and may the souls \(\mathbf{H} \) of the faithful departed,

through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Flowers on the Lady Altar are given in loving memory of Robert Mainwaring, by Dianne Coates.

The Light before the Blessed Sacrament is given in loving memory of Mildred and William Bell, Doris and Cyril Broughall, Gladys and George Sheldon, and Eva and William Judge, by Shaun, Rosemary, and Michael.

Flowers decorating the church have been given in memory of David A. Morris, Wendy Cadogan-Arthur, Gail Cadogan-Atherley, John Keenan, and Arthur loved ones, by Gerda Arthur; Jean Emile Benoit, William Herbert and Mary Lilian Bentley, Dora Buck, Peter Benjamin and Mary Melissa Buck, Ann Buechler, Ada Bernice Leslie Burman, Shirley Delaney, Fr Robert Greene, Godfrey and Marion Hewitt, Adelchi and Lita Liut, John and Margaret Maclennan, and Lucile Piredda, by Ronald Bentley.

The Christmas trees at the High Altar have been given in memory of Alicen Atack, by Gary Rourke and Brian Wehrle.

St. Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr

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