

The Nativity of the Lord



25 December 2019
The Second Mass, at Dawn, 8.00

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Please stand when the bell rings to announce the entrance of the Ministers, then kneel when the ministers begin the prayers at the foot of the Altar.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I will go unto the altar of God. *℟* Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

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

℟ 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?

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

℟ 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.

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

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

℣ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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

℣ I will go unto the altar of God. *℟* Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

℣ Our help *✠* is in the name of the Lord. *℟* Who hath made heaven and earth.

℣ I confess to God Almighty, &c.

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

℣ Amen.

℟ I confess to God Almighty, to Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to Blessed Michael the Archangel, to Blessed John Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to thee, Father: that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, deed: by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Therefore I beg Blessed Mary ever-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.

℣ God Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. *℟* Amen.

℣ The almighty *✠* and merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, absolution and remission of our sins. *℟* Amen.

℣ Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us, O God? *℟* That thy people may rejoice in thee.

℣ O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us. *℟* And grant us thy salvation.

℣ O Lord, hear my prayer. *℟* And let my cry come unto thee.

℣ The Lord be with you. *℟* And with thy spirit.

℣ Let us pray

And ascending to the Altar, says secretly:

TAKE away from us we beseech thee, O Lord, our iniquities: that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then, with hands joined upon the Altar, he says secretly, bowing:

WE pray thee, O Lord, through the merits of thy Saints, whose relics are here, *He kisses the altar in the midst*, and of all the Saints: that thou wouldest vouchsafe to pardon all my sins. Amen.

Then he begins the Introit, Is. 9, 2 & 6:

LIGHT shall shine upon us to-day: for unto us the Lord is born; and he shall be called Wonderful, God, the Prince of Peace, Father of the world to come: of whose kingdom there shall be no end. *Ps. 93, 1.* The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength. *℣.* Glory be. Light shall.

Then he says alternately with the Minister:

Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

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 sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins 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 Jesu Christ, with the Holy Ghost, *✠* art Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Then he kisses the Altar in the midst, and turning to the people, says:

The Lord be with you. *℞.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

GRANT to us, we beseech thee, almighty God: that as thou dost pour forth on us the new light of thine incarnate Word; so he who doth illuminate our minds by faith may likewise in our works shew forth his brightness. Through the same. *℞.* Amen.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, almighty God: that we who devoutly keep the festival of blessed Martyr Anastasia; may by her effectual intercession be holpen in thy sight. Through. *℞.* Amen.

The Lesson from the Epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to Titus.

Titus 3, 4-7

DEARLY beloved: The kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared: not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the

Holy Ghost, which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour: that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life: in Christ Jesu our Lord. *℟*. Thanks be to God.

Gradual. Ps. 118, 26, 27 & 23. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: God is the Lord who hath shewed us light. *℣*. This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Alleluia, alleluia. *℣. Ps. 93, 1.* The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength. Alleluia.

Then bowing before the middle of the Altar, the celebrant says secretly with joined hands:

CLEANSE my heart and my lips, almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of Isaiah the prophet with a live coal: so of thy gracious mercy vouchsafe to cleanse me, that I may worthily proclaim thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bid, Lord, a blessing. The Lord be in my heart and on my lips: that I may worthily and fitly proclaim his Gospel. Amen.

All stand, then he says:

℣. The Lord be with you. *℟*. And with thy spirit.

✠ The Continuation of the holy Gospel according to Luke. *℟*. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Luke 2, 15–20

AT that time: The shepherds said one to another: Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to

pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste: and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered: at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. *℟*. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Then the Priest kisses the Gospel, saying: Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be blotted out.

All kneel, and the Priest in the midst of the Altar says:

IBELIEVE 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 his 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: by 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, and 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.

Then the Priest announces the intentions of the Mass and anniversaries; then he kisses the Altar, and turning to the people, says:

The Lord be with you. ℞ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Offertory. Ps. 93, 2–3. 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

The Priest takes the Paten with the Host, which he offers, saying secretly:

RECEIVE, O holy Father, almighty Everlasting God, this spotless host, which I, thine unworthy servant, offer unto thee, my living and true God, for my numberless sins, offences, and negligences, and for all who stand here around, as also for all faithful Christians, both living and departed: that to me and to them it may avail for salvation unto life everlasting. Amen.

Then making a cross with the same Paten, he places the Host upon the Corporal. The Priest pours in wine and water in the Chalice, and

bleses with the sign of the Cross the water to be mixed in the Chalice, saying:

O GOD, who didst wondrously create, and yet more wondrously renew the dignity of human nature: grant that by the mystery of this water and wine we may be made co-heirs of his divinity, who vouchsafed to be made partaker of our humanity, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God: world without end. Amen.

Then he offers the Chalice, saying secretly:

WE offer unto thee, O Lord, the cup of salvation, humbly beseeching thy mercy: that in the sight of thy divine majesty it may ascend as a sweet-smelling savour for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. Amen.

Then he makes the sign of the cross with the Chalice and places it upon the Corporal, and covers it with the Pall: then with hands joined upon the Altar, he says secretly, bowing slightly:

IN a humble spirit, and with a contrite heart, may we be accepted of thee, O Lord: and so let our sacrifice be offered in thy sight this day, that it may be pleasing unto thee, O Lord God.

Standing, he says:

COME, O thou Fount of holiness, almighty, Eternal God: and bless this sacrifice, made ready for thy holy name.

The Priest washes his hands, saying secretly:

I WILL wash my hands in innocency, O Lord: and so will I go to thine altar:

That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

O shut not up my soul with the sinners, nor my life with the blood-thirsty:

In whose hands is wickedness: and their right hand is full of gifts.

But as for me, I will walk innocently: O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.

My foot standeth right: I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

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

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

Then bowing slightly in the middle of the Altar, he says secretly:

RECEIVE, O holy Trinity, this oblation which we offer unto thee in memory of the passion, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ: and to the honour of blessed Mary ever Virgin, of blessed John Baptist, of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of these and of all the Saints: that it may avail for their honour, and for our salvation: and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we keep on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he kisses the Altar, and turning to the people, he says, raising his voice a little:

PRAY, brethren: that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father almighty. *℞* The Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, both to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.

The Priest in a low voice says: Amen. Then he adds the secret Prayers:

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that these our gifts may be worthy of the mysteries of this day's Nativity, and may evermore shed forth thy peace upon us: that even as he who was born in our manhood did shew forth therein the Godhead, so we in these thy earthly creatures may be made partakers of that which is heavenly. Through the same.

ACCEPT, we beseech thee, O Lord, the gifts which we duly offer: that, by the merits and intercession of blessed Anastasia thy Martyr, they may be profitable to the advancement of our salvation. Through.

Which ended, he says in a clear voice:

℣ Throughout all ages, world without end. *℞* Amen.

℣ The Lord be with you. *℞* And with thy spirit.

℣ Lift up your hearts. *℞* We lift them up unto the Lord.

℣ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. *℞* It is meet and right so to do.

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: Because

through the mystery of the Word made flesh, the light of thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind: that as we acknowledge God made visible to man, we may through him be caught up to love of things invisible. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the company of the heavenly host, we sing the

majesty of thy glory, evermore praising thee, and saying:

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.

The mass continues with the Canon, on the next page.

THE CANON OF THE MASS

MOST merciful Father, we humbly pray thee through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, and we ask that thou accept and bless these gifts, these presents, these holy and unspoiled sacrifices. We offer them unto thee, first, for thy holy catholic Church: that thou vouchsafe to keep it in peace, to guard, unite, and govern it throughout the whole world: together with thy servant N. our Pontiff and N. our Bishop and all the faithful guardians of the catholic and apostolic faith.

Commemoration for the Living

REMEMBER, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids N. and N. and all who here around us stand, whose faith is known unto thee and their steadfastness manifest, on whose behalf we offer unto thee: or who themselves offer unto thee this sacrifice of praise, for themselves, and for all who are theirs; for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their salvation and safety: and who offer their prayers unto thee, the eternal God, the living and the true.

Infra Actionem

UNITED in one communion, we celebrate the most sacred day, whereon the undefiled virginity of blessed Mary brought forth the Saviour to this world: we venerate moreover the memory, first, of the same glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ: as also of thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James,

Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus: Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian: and of all thy Saints; grant that by their merits and prayers we may in all things be defended with the help of thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here the Minister rings the warning bell.

WE beseech thee then, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation from us thy servants, and from thy whole family: order our days in thy peace, and bid us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered in the fold of thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

VOUCHSAFE, O God, we beseech thee, in all things to make this oblation blessed, approved and accepted, a perfect and worthy offering: that it may become for us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

WHO the day before he suffered, took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes lifted up to heaven unto thee, God, his almighty Father, giving thanks to thee, He blessed, brake and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, and eat ye all of this.

For this is my Body

Having uttered these words, he genuflects and adores the consecrated Host: rises, shews it to the

people, replaces it on the Corporal, and again genuflects and adores: Uncovering the Chalice, he says:

LIKEWISE after supper, taking also this goodly chalice into His holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to Thee, He blessed, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and drink ye all of it.

For this is the Chalice of my Blood, of the new and eternal testament: the mystery of faith: which shall be shed for you and for many for the remission of sins

Having uttered these words, he sets down the Chalice on the Corporal, saying secretly:

As oft as ye shall do these things, ye shall do them in remembrance of me.

He genuflects and adores: rises, shews it to the people, sets it down, covers it and again adores. Then with hands extended he says:

WHEREFORE, O Lord, we thy servants, and thy holy people also, remembering the blessed passion of the same Christ thy Son our Lord, as also his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven: do offer unto thine excellent majesty of thine own gifts and bounty, the pure victim, the holy victim, the immaculate victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the ✠ Chalice of everlasting salvation.

VOUCHSAFE to look upon them with a merciful and pleasant countenance: and to accept them, even as thou didst vouchsafe to accept the gifts of thy servant Abel the Righteous,

and the sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham: and the holy sacrifice, the immaculate victim, which thy high priest Melchisedech offered unto thee.

WE humbly beseech thee, almighty God: command these offerings to be brought by the hands of thy holy Angel to thine altar on high, in sight of thy divine majesty: that all we who at this partaking of the altar shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of thy Son, may be fulfilled with all heavenly benediction and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commemoration for the Departed

REMEMBER also, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids N. and N., who have gone before us sealed with the seal of faith, and who sleep the sleep of peace.

He joins his hands and prays awhile for those departed for whom he intends to pray, then with extended hands proceeds:

To them, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, we beseech thee to grant the abode of refreshing, of light, and of peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

He strikes his breast with his right hand, saying in a slightly louder voice:

TO us sinners also, With hands extended as before, he proceeds secretly: thy servants, who hope in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe 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: within whose fellowship, we beseech thee, admit us, not weighing our merit, but granting us forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord.

THROUGH whom, O Lord, thou dost ever create all these good things, dost sanctify, quicken, bless, and bestow them upon us.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God the Father almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory are thine.

He replaces the Host, covers the Chalice with the Pall, genuflects, rises, and says:

Throughout all ages, world without end.
℞ Amen.

LET us pray: Commanded by saving precepts, and taught by divine institution, 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.

The Priest says secretly: Amen. Then he takes the Paten, and holding it upright upon the Altar says secretly:

DELIVER us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and at the intercession of the blessed

and glorious ever 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.

He puts the Paten under the Host, uncovers the Chalice, genuflects, rises, takes the Host, and holding it with both hands over the Chalice, breaks it in the middle, saying:

Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

Then he breaks a particle from the part in his left hand, saying:

Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God.

Retaining the small particle in his right hand over the Chalice, he says in an audible voice:

Throughout all ages, world without end.
℞ Amen.

With the particle itself he signs thrice over the Chalice, saying:

∞ The peace of the Lord be alway with you.
℞ And with thy spirit.

He puts the particle into the Chalice, saying secretly:

MAY this mingling and hallowing of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ avail us who receive it unto everlasting life. Amen.

He covers the Chalice, genuflects, rises, and bowing to the Sacrament, joins his hands, and beating his breast thrice, says in an audible voice:

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 bowing, with hands joined upon the Altar, he says secretly the following Prayers:

O LORD Jesu Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: regard not my sins, but the faith of thy Church: and vouchsafe to grant her peace and unity according to thy will: Who livest and reignest God, throughout all ages; world without end. Amen.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father, and the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, hast through thy death given life unto the world: deliver me by this thy most sacred Body and Blood from all mine iniquities, and from every evil: and make me ever to cleave unto thy commandments, and suffer me never to be separated from thee: Who with the same God the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

LET the partaking of thy Body, O Lord Jesu Christ, which I, unworthy, presume to receive, turn not to my judgment and

condemnation: but of thy goodness let it avail unto me for protection of soul and body, that I may receive thy healing: Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

He genuflects, rises, and says:

I WILL receive the bread of heaven, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Then bowing slightly, and beating his breast three times, he says thrice, raising his voice a little:

LORD, I am not worthy, *And he proceeds secretly:* that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

And bowing himself, he takes both parts of the Host. Then he uncovers the Chalice, genuflects, collects the fragments, if there be any, and cleanses the Paten over the Chalice, saying meanwhile:

WHAT reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord which is worthy to be praised, so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

He takes the Chalice in his right hand and signing himself with it says:

THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Taking the Paten, and one particle, which he holds somewhat raised above the Paten: and turning to the people in the midst of the Altar, he says in a clear voice:

∴ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sins of the world. ℞. Lord, I am not worthy, that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed. [*Repeated thrice*]

Then the Priest administers the Sacrament saying to each person:

THE Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Afterwards, he says secretly:

GRANT, O Lord, that what we have taken with our mouths we may receive in purity of heart: and let this temporal gift avail for our healing unto life eternal.

Meanwhile he presents the Chalice to the minister, who pours into it a little wine, saying:

LET thy Body, O Lord, which I have taken, and thy Blood which I have drunk, cleave unto my members: and grant; that no stain of sin may remain in me, whom thou hast refreshed with these pure and holy sacraments: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

He washes and wipes his fingers, and takes the ablution: he wipes his mouth and the Chalice,

which he covers and places on the Altar as before: then he proceeds:

Communion. Zech. 9, 9. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion, shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh, the holy one and the Saviour of the world

Then he kisses the Altar in the midst, and turning to the people, says:

The Lord be with you. ℞. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

OLORD, who by the wondrous Nativity of thy Son hast put off from us the old nature of our manhood: grant that by this Sacrament of his new Birth we may ever be inwardly restored in our souls. Through the same. ℞. Amen.

Let us pray.

OLORD, who hast satisfied this thy family with sacred gifts: we beseech thee, that we may at all times be comforted by the intercession of her whose festival we celebrate. Through. ℞. Amen.

Then he kisses the Altar in the midst, and turning to the people, says:

The Lord be with you. ℞. And with thy spirit.

∴ Ite, Missa est. ℞. Deo gratias.

The Priest bows himself before the midst of the Altar, and with hands joined thereon, says secretly:

LET this my bounden duty and service be pleasing to thee, O holy Trinity: and

grant; that the sacrifice, which I, unworthy, have offered before the eyes of thy majesty, may be acceptable to thee, and may through thy mercy obtain thy gracious favour for me and for all for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he kisses the Altar: and raising his eyes, extending, raising, and joining his hands, and bowing his head to the Cross, he says: May God almighty bless you, and turning to the people, blessing them once only, he proceeds: the Father, the Son ☩ and the Holy Ghost. ☩ Amen.

All stand, then the Priest at the Gospel corner says with hands joined:

The Lord be with you. ☩ And with thy spirit.

And signing with the sign of the Cross first the Altar or book, then himself on forehead, mouth and breast, he says:

☩ The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John. ☩ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

John 1, 1-14

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 anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, 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, which 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. *Here genuflect:* And the Word was made flesh, *Here rise:* and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. ☩ Thanks be to God.

Flowers and Greens are given to the glory of God and with the following intentions:

Dave Davis & Andy Alamia	In memory of Family & Loved Ones
The Rev'd & Mrs. Thomas E. Beran	In memory of Family & Loved Ones
Will Sears Bricker II	In memory of Thomas G. Santoro & Julia Anna Bricker
The Glinkowski Family	In memory of Family & Loved Ones
Fred & Patti Manuel	In memory of E. Dean Taitt, Simon Lovell Manuel, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Manuel, Ira & Ruth Hoffman, Gary Persinotti, Jeff Persinotti, Lucy Smith, Joe Doherty
Joseph & Hillary Nicholson	In memory of Virginia Nicholson

Parish Notes

We welcome all those who are worshipping with us, and extend our best wishes to you for a blessed and happy Christmas.

The new Gold Frontal on the High Altar is the generous gift of L. Curt Mangel, III, in the acquisition last year of a set of gold vestments and some extra vintage fabric, and was made by Dr. John T. Lilley. The former gold frontal in use for the past 30 or so years has worn to the point where it is no longer usable. It was acquired years ago in the Church Goods Shop at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, and was originally made for the High Altar of the Chapel of the Community of the Holy Name, Malvern, England, a building designed by Ninan Comper. The Frontal itself may also be Comper, as it is contemporary with the building and is made of 'Strawberry blossom' fabric of his design. It is being stored and preserved in our vestment cabinet.

Anniversaries

- 19 December Joseph W. McGuire, Birth
Sister Beatrice Anne, CSM, RIP (1984)
- 20 December Madeline Kennedy Bean, Benefactress, RIP (1976)
- 21 December Helen Haedrich Fritz, Benefactress, RIP (1950)
- 22 December Benjamin Stewart Bert, Priest, RIP (1942)
- 23 December Elizabeth Livingston Kelley, Benefactress, RIP (1928)
Edward Fredrick Lindley Wood, Viscount Halifax, RIP (1959)
Anne Ashburn, Benefactress, RIP (1967)
William Hampton Brady, Bishop, RIP (1996)
- 24 December Daniel Ingalls Odell, Priest, RIP (1925)
- 25 December Josephine Gertrude Barron, Benefactress, RIP (1984)

Kalendar

- 20 December Vigil; *Feria*
- 21 December S. THOMAS, AP.; *Feria*
- 22 December S. Frances Cabrini; *Feria*
- 23 December *Feria*
- 24 December Vigil
- 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY
- 26 December S. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR; *Of the Octave*



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