

We praise you, Father, for that man, the one who has believed to be the father of the Son whom Mary had conceived.

He cared for Jesus as he grew, he led him in your ways; and, as a father, taught your Son to work with wood and blade.

You called him to that narrow road that leads beyond the light, to trust, compassion, gentleness, and patience through the night.

## **Entrance Rites**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

Amen.





At the end of the Collect all respond: ... who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

All SIT.

## Liturgy of the Word

The first reading is taken from the Book of Samuel (7:4-5.12-14.16); The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David.

The word of the Lord.

Amen.

The responsorial is taken from Psalm 88:

His dynasty shall last for ever.

The second reading is taken from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (4:13.16-18.22); Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled, he hoped and he believed.

The word of the Lord.

Amen.

All STAND for the Gospel, taken from Saint Matthew (1:16.18-21.24); Joseph did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do.



The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel all respond:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All SIT for the brief homily, preached by Father Simon.

## All STAND as we profess our faith:

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.

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

After the altar and gifts have been prepared, all STAND.

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

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.

## After the Prayer over the Offerings the Preface begins:

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.

#### At the end of the Preface all sing:



All KNEEL for the Eucharistic Prayer.

#### During the Prayer we acclaim:

The mystery of the Faith:



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your



Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

#### At the end of the Prayer we affirm our belief:

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. **Amen.** 

All STAND.

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare 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 those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

... and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

... Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

#### After Sign of Peace we all sing:



Agnus Dei, qui tol-lis peccá- ta mundi: mi-se- ré- re no- bis. A-



gnus De - i qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi: dona no-bis pa-cem

#### All KNEEL.

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.

All STAND for the Prayer after Communion, at the end of which all respond:

. . . for ever and ever.

Amen.

# Concluding Rites

The Lord be with you.

#### And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,  $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{$^{\bullet}$}}}$  and the Holy Spirit.

## Amen.

Go and announce the gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

#### We conclude by singing together:



Christum exo-ra.