TV Mass Guide

December 6 to 27, 2026



A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.

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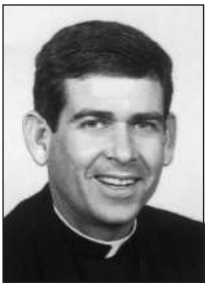
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Fr. Scott's Corner



One of the things that makes the Christmas season so special is that it is a time when the beautiful mystery of God comes into sharper focus. I know there are many people who devote their lives to achieving a better understanding of God. In the quest for this understanding, we may try to compare him to other things we know. But the truth is that there is no sufficient comparison.

Then we get to December 25 and realize the mystery of God is most fully revealed in the human life that began at Jesus's birth. God's fullest self-revelation is the person of Jesus. He is revealed through his life and actions.

Of course, Christmas doesn't tell the whole story. We also need to look at Easter, and all that comes before and after it. But, to recall a child who was born in a stable and placed in a manger among animals would one day allow himself to be nailed to a cross for our sins is to begin to understand the mysterious love of God.

In the Gospels this Advent season, we hear a lot about John the Baptist. This is fitting as a symbol for why we celebrate. Initially, John was mistaken for the messiah. But instead, he shows us the true purpose of Advent, which is to prepare the way for Jesus. Advent is a time to prepare our minds and hearts for the Lord who came before and will come again in judgment. John's voice is needed just as much today as it was 2,000 years ago.

From the very beginning, Christ's coming turned the world upside down. It's important for us to strive to be like the lowly shepherds, who were often despised and mistrusted in their day, yet proved themselves to be exemplary disciples who did not hesitate or doubt. Instead, they rushed to share what they heard and believed about Jesus. On this day of light, we must reflect on the miracle of God among us. Do not hesitate to announce it with the faith and awe of those first witnesses!

This Christmas season, I pray that the generosity of spirit dwells within each of us. Know that you and your loved ones are in my most heartfelt prayers this holiday season. And from all of us here at Mercy Home, I wish you a very merry Christmas!

Partners in Prayer

Many of Mercy Home's children grew up longing for a home where they would be safe and cared for. But due to circumstances beyond their control, this dream seemed to always remain out of reach.

That is how Thomas felt growing up. His home life was chaotic and he never knew a normal childhood. As a result, Thomas was struggling when he came to Mercy Home.

Thomas's home life was not traditional, to say the least. His father was never in the picture, and his mother died of a drug overdose when he was very young. The only family Thomas had left was an adult half-sister. She raised him despite being very young herself and having limited parenting skills.

Life wasn't easy. Thomas's sister moved around a lot, and they often lived in run down, dirty apartments in dangerous neighborhoods. It was all they could afford. There was never enough food in the house. Sometimes his sister's friends would move in to share rent, but they weren't always the best people to have around. Some of them did drugs in the house, and others had ties with gangs.

His sister did her best, but she was not ready to be a parental figure to Thomas. She worked several jobs to make ends meet, but it was never enough. She couldn't always be around to make sure Thomas was fed, had clean clothes, or did his homework. He fell behind in school, and there was nobody able to dedicate the time to helping him catch up.

As Thomas grew older, he became aware of the violence in his neighborhood. Many of the streets were controlled by gangs. He had no interest in becoming involved in a gang, but was still exposed to what came with that lifestyle. More than once, Thomas witnessed shootings on his street. Thinking about leaving the house at all made him very anxious. He often ended up skipping school and staying home most of the time.

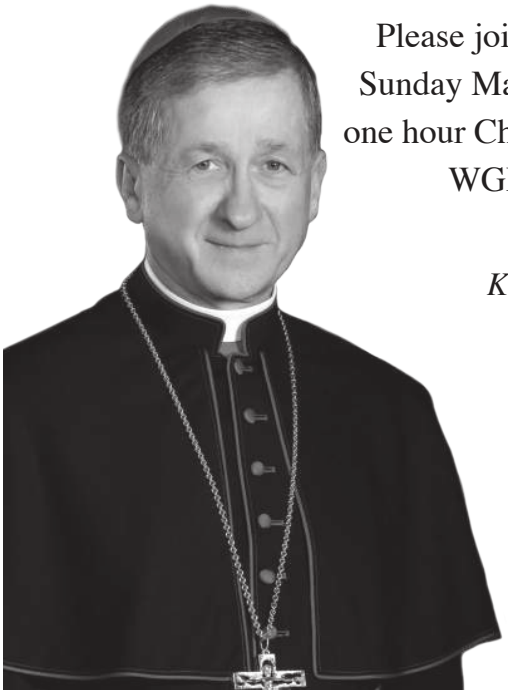
Finally, Thomas's sister realized that this living situation was not working for her or Thomas. She wanted him to have a safer place stay where he could receive the structure and support that a boy his age needed. After finding out about Mercy Home, she told Thomas about us.
He couldn't wait to move in!

When Thomas arrived at Mercy Home, he was a shy, nervous boy having a hard time in school and lacking confidence. He had a hard time speaking to the other boys and staff. He often struggled to even make eye contact. He asked why any of us would care about him when nobody else did. My heart broke for this young man who my coworkers and I saw so much potential in.

It took some time, but I eventually began to see changes in Thomas. At first, the changes were small: he would say hello to others in the hallway or join in conversations with the other boys at dinner. But little by little, these small changes became big changes. Thomas worked hard to improve his grades, and went from failing nearly all of classes to getting Bs and Cs. He learned that he could depend on staff to take care of him. He began to gain confidence in himself and his abilities. Thomas finally found a place where he felt safe.

I am truly grateful to friends like you for making life-changing differences like those Thomas experienced possible at Mercy Home. Thank you!

A Blessed Christmas



Please join Cardinal Blase Cupich for Sunday Mass at Mercy Home's special one hour Christmas Mass on Channel 9, WGN from **8:00 am to 9:00 am**

Daniel Riley - Cantor
Kecia Waldschmidt - Co-Cantor
Tom McNamara - Piano
Steve Winkler - Violin
Owen Waldschmidt - Cello

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***Christmas Mass at Mercy Home** airs at*
***8:00 am to 9:00 am** on WGN-TV, Channel 9*

Communion Hymn

All Will Be Well

Refrain
All will be well, and all will be well,
All manner of things shall be well.

Our Lord said that all will be well, all manner of things would be well.
Refrain

With all the sadness wrought in our world, the good shall always prevail.
Refrain

Give us the faith to trust in your love, when things are concealed from our view.
Refrain

And so we pray to trust in the hope that all manner of things shall be well.
Refrain

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Christmas Communion Hymn
THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS

Prayer for the Children of Mercy Home

Our Lady of Mercy,
We pray that you will guide, protect and bless all boys and girls who this day have a home called Mercy.

May they find the Father's mercy as we offer them our hearts in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

May they see God's mercy in action
through our love, prayers and sacrifices.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least 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

Intentions of our TV Mass Parishioners

Please pray...

"For peace in our families, for peace in this world, and for peace and love in our hearts."
Sarah

"For those separated from their loved ones as they prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, may they feel the comfort and love of our heavenly Father during this blessed season."
Mary Anne

"For Mercy Home's children, may their hearts be filled with joy this Christmas season."
Magdalena

"For our Holy Father's intentions, and for all those who share the good news of Christ's birth as our Lord and Savior, may their message of hope be heard throughout the world."
Joseph

Please pray for these and all of the intentions of our Sunday Mass at Mercy Home Parish!

The intentions on this page are selected randomly from the intention slips found in the center of the TV Mass Guide.

Weekly Mass Schedule



December 6- Second Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Fr. James Wallace,
Pastor, St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Park Ridge

Lector: Joyce McGuiggan

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Thomas McNamara



December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Fr. Carl Morello, Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish, and Ascension and St. Edmund Parish, Oak Park

Lector: Maudette Carr

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Thomas McNamara



December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Fr. James Wallace,
Pastor, St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Park Ridge

Lector: Joyce McGuiggan

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Thomas McNamara

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- DIRECTV Channel: 9 or 964
- DISH Network Channel: 9 or 8494

WGN HD 9.1 CW (WGNtv.com)
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December 25 – Nativity of the Lord

A Blessed Christmas

Celebrant: Cardinal Blase Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

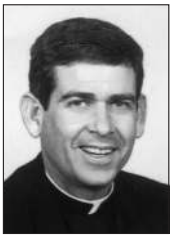
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Pianist: Thomas McNamara **Violin:** Steve Winkler

Cello: Owen Waldschmidt

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Celebrant: Fr. Scott Donahue
President, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls

Lector: Ian McBride

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Thomas McNamara

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ORDER OF THE MASS
INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE CHANT

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Or:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or:

The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.

GLORY TO GOD

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.

COLLECT PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to__.
People: Glory to you, O Lord.
Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Sunday, December 6
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B

FIRST READING
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her service is at an end,
her guilt is expiated;
indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low;
the rugged land shall be made a plain,
the rough country, a broad valley.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain,
Zion, herald of glad tidings;
cry out at the top of your voice,
Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out
and say to the cities of Judah:
Here is your God!
Here comes with power
the Lord GOD,
who rules by his strong arm;
here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;
in his arms he gathers the lambs,
carrying them in his bosom,
and leading the ewes with care.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved,
that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years
and a thousand years like one day.
The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay,"
but he is patient with you,
not wishing that any should perish
but that all should come to repentance.
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,

and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,
and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way,
what sort of persons ought you to be,
conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion,
waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,
because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames
and the elements melted by fire.
But according to his promise
we await new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells.
Therefore, beloved, since you await these things,
be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him,
at peace.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths."
John the Baptist appeared in the desert
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins.
People of the whole Judean countryside
and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem
were going out to him
and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River
as they acknowledged their sins.
John was clothed in camel's hair,
with a leather belt around his waist.
He fed on locusts and wild honey.
And this is what he proclaimed:
"One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sunday, December 13
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul rejoices in my God.

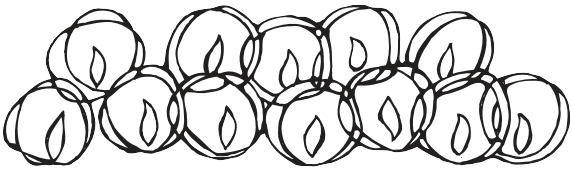
SECOND READING

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians 5:16-24

Brothers and sisters:
Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
Do not quench the Spirit.
Do not despise prophetic utterances.
Test everything; retain what is good.
Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will also accomplish it.

The word of the Lord.



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God.
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.
He was not the light,
but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John.
When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him
to ask him, "Who are you?"
he admitted and did not deny it,
but admitted, "I am not the Christ."
So they asked him,
"What are you then? Are you Elijah?"
And he said, "I am not."
"Are you the Prophet?"
He answered, "No."
So they said to him,
"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us?
What do you have to say for yourself?"
He said:
"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"
as Isaiah the prophet said."
Some Pharisees were also sent.
They asked him,

"Why then do you baptize
if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"
John answered them,
"I baptize with water;
but there is one among you whom you do not recognize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."
This happened in Bethany across the Jordan,
where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sunday, December 20
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B

FIRST READING
A reading from the second Book of Samuel
7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

When King David was settled in his palace,
and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies
on every side,
he said to Nathan the prophet,
"Here I am living in a house of cedar,
while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"
Nathan answered the king,
"Go, do whatever you have in mind,
for the LORD is with you."

But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:
"Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD:
Should you build me a house to dwell in?'

'"It was I who took you from the pasture
and from the care of the flock
to be commander of my people Israel.
I have been with you wherever you went,
and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.
And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.
I will fix a place for my people Israel;
I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place
without further disturbance.
Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did
of old,
since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.
I will give you rest from all your enemies.
The LORD also reveals to you
that he will establish a house for you.
And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors,
I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins,
and I will make his kingdom firm.
I will be a father to him,
and he shall be a son to me.
Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me;
your throne shall stand firm forever.'"

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:
To him who can strengthen you,
according to my gospel and the proclamation of
Jesus Christ,
according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret
for long ages
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,
according to the command of the eternal God,
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience
of faith,
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ
be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God
to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,
of the house of David,

and the virgin's name was Mary.
And coming to her, he said,
"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."
But she was greatly troubled at what was said
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
Then the angel said to her,
"Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.
He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,
and the Lord God will give him the throne of David
his father,
and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever,
and of his kingdom there will be no end."
But Mary said to the angel,
"How can this be,
since I have no relations with a man?"
And the angel said to her in reply,
"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.
Therefore the child to be born
will be called holy, the Son of God.
And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,
has also conceived a son in her old age,
and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;
for nothing will be impossible for God."
Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word."
Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord



Sunday, December 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: CHRISTMAS DAWN - Year B

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 62:11-12

See, the LORD proclaims
to the ends of the earth:
say to daughter Zion,
your savior comes!
Here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
They shall be called the holy people,
the redeemed of the LORD,
and you shall be called "Frequented,"
a city that is not forsaken.

The word of the Lord.

[Christmas Vigil Mass – Isaiah 62:1-5; Christmas Mass at Night – Isaiah 9:1-6; Christmas Mass during the Day – Isaiah 52:7-10]

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

[Christmas Vigil Mass – Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a); Christmas Mass at Night – Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Luke 2:11); Christmas Mass during the Day – Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)]

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus 3:4-7

Beloved:
When the kindness and generous love
of God our savior appeared,
not because of any righteous deeds we had done
but because of his mercy,
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
whom he richly poured out on us
through Jesus Christ our savior,
so that we might be justified by his grace
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

[Christmas Vigil Mass – Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25; Christmas Mass at Night –Titus 2:11-14; Christmas Mass during the Day – Hebrews 1:1-6]

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:15-20

When the angels went away from them to heaven,
the shepherds said to one another,
"Let us go, then, to Bethlehem
to see this thing that has taken place,
which the Lord has made known to us."
So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph,
and the infant lying in the manger.
When they saw this,

they made known the message
that had been told them about this child.
All who heard it were amazed
by what had been told them by the shepherds.
And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.
Then the shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God
for all they had heard and seen,
just as it had been told to them.

The Gospel of the Lord

[Christmas Vigil Mass – Matthew 1:1-25; Christmas Mass at Night – Luke 2:1-14; Christmas Mass during the Day – John 1:1-18]



Sunday, December 27

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - Year B

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Sirach3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them.
When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.

Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;
revile him not all the days of his life;
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
firmly planted against the debt of your sins
—a house raised in justice to you.

The word of the Lord.
[Optional Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3]

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

SECOND READING
A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters:
Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness,
and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.
And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one body.
And be thankful.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.
And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

[Longer Version: Colossians 3:12-21]
[Optional Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19]

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22, 39-40

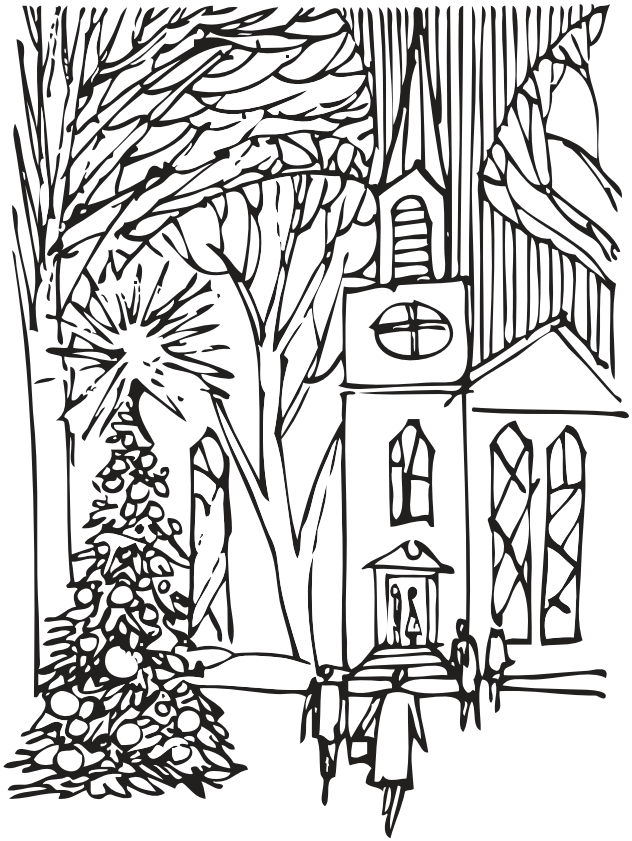
When the days were completed for their purification
according to the law of Moses,
they took him up to Jerusalem
to present him to the Lord.
When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions
of the law of the Lord,



The Lord is near

they returned to Galilee,
to their own town of Nazareth.
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord
[Longer Version: Luke 2:22-40]



PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

Or:

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

**The Apostles Creed may be used in place of the Nicene Creed especially during Lent and Easter time.*

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

PREPARATION OVER THE GIFTS

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

People: 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right and just.

People: 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.

MEMORIAL (ACCLAMATION)

Priest: The mystery of faith.
People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Or:

Save us, Savior of the world,
or by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

CONCLUDING ACCLAMATION

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: At the Savior'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.

Amen.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

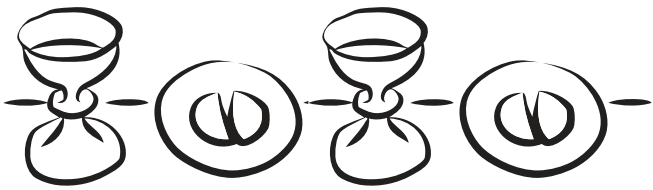
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ…for ever and ever.
People: Amen.
Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And with your spirit.
Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.



COMMUNION

Priest: 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.
People: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Communion minister: The Body of Christ.
Communicant: Amen.
Communion minister: The Blood of Christ.
Communicant: Amen.

PRAYER OF SILENCE OR SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
Go in peace.
People: Thanks be to God

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