

St. Brendan Church
SIMBANG GABI
Friday, December 16, 2005

Rituals for the day: 1. “Mano Po” Lector goes to the Presider for a blessing before the reading. (*In the Filipino religious culture it is usual practice to ask for a priest’s or an elder’s prayer and blessing before performing any special task as a sign of respect for authority. This is normally done through Mano Po, which consists of taking the priest’s or elder’s hand to one’s forehead, while the priest or the elder says: “May God show you mercy”.*)

2. Presentation of personal gifts by different families.

PRELUDE

(*Just before the Liturgy a commentator will read the introduction to the Mano Po*)

Commentator:

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This morning our lector will do the *mano po* to the Presider before the first reading and you are all encouraged to do the *mano po* as the Sign of Peace.

I. INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Rite

(*entrance procession: cross bearer, parol bearer, altar servers, lector, presider*) Entrance Song.

Greeting:

Presider: **"In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit."**

All: Amen.

Presider: **(Peace be with you)
The grace and peace of God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**

All: And also with you.

**Penitential
Rite**

(Sung by Choir)

Opening Prayer:

Presider: **Creator and Redeemer of the human race, it
was your holy will that your Word should
take flesh in the womb of the ever-virgin
Mary. Look with kindness on our prayers
and grant that your only Son, Who came to
share our human nature, may lead us to
share in his divine life.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in
the unity with the Holy Spirit forever and
ever.**

All: Amen

II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 56: 1-3a, 6-8

(Lector goes up to the Presider and do *mano po* before proceeding to the ambo. **Presider says: “May God show you mercy“)**

Lector: Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. Blessed is the man who does this, the son of man who holds to it; Who keeps the sabbath free from profanation, and his hand from any evildoing. Let not the foreigner say, when he would join himself to the LORD, “The LORD will surely exclude me from his people.”

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
ministering to him, Loving the name of the LORD,
and becoming his servants –
All who keep the sabbath free from profanation
and hold to my covenant, Them I will bring to my holy
mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; Their
burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar,
For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the dispersed of Israel:
Others will I gather to him besides those already gathered.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8
(*Sung by Choir*)

Lector/Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Lector: May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation.

All: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Lector: May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide.

All: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Lector: The earth has yielded its fruits;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God bless us,
and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

All: O God, let all the nations praise you!

**Gospel
Acclamation** *(Sung by choir)*

Gospel [Jn 5:33-36](#)

Jesus said to the Jews:
“You sent emissaries to John, and he testified to the truth. I do not accept testimony from a human being, but I say this so that you may be saved. John was a burning and shining lamp, and for a while you were content to rejoice in his light. But I have testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father gave me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me.”

Homily

**General
Intercessions**

III. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song: *(Sung by Choir)*

**Preparation of
the altar and gifts:** *Presentation of gifts by different families, (collection will happen at this time) presentation of the bread and wine for Eucharist.*

**Prayer over
the Gifts:**

Presider:

**Lord, sanctify the gifts of your Church, that
through these sacred mysteries our life may
be renewed by the true bread from heaven.
We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.**

All:

Amen.

**Preface of
Advent II**

(please use the sacramentary)

**Eucharistic
Prayer**

(please use the sacramentary)

IV. COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer: *(Sung by Choir)*

Sign of Peace: (Families will give the sign of peace to the Presider in the *Mano po* manner **Presider says to each one who greets him the Mano Po to him: "May God show you mercy"**)

**Breaking of the
Bread:**

(Lamb of God to be *sung by Choir*)

Communion:

Announcements:

**Prayer after
communion:**

Presider: **God of power,
You have fed us with heavenly gifts.
Fill us now with this desire:
That, aflame with your Spirit,
We may shine like stars in the heavens
At the coming of Christ your Son,
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

All: Amen

V. CLOSING RITE

Greeting:

Presider: **The Lord be with you.
(Sumainyo ang Panginoon)**

All: And also with you

**Solemn
Blessing**

Presider: **You believe that the Son of God once came to
us;
You look for him to come again.
May his coming bring you the light of his
holiness and free you with his blessing.**

All: Amen.

Presider: **May God make you steadfast in faith,
Joyful in hope, and untiring in love
All the days of your life.**

All: Amen.

Presider: **You rejoice that our Redeemer come to live
with us when He comes again in glory,
May He reward you with endless life.**

All: Amen.

Presider: **May almighty God bless you,
The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit
(Pagpalain kayo ng Makapangyarihang
Diyos Ama, at ng Anak, at ng Espiritu
Santo)**

All: Amen

Dismissal:

Presider: **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

All: Thanks be to God.

**Recessional
Song:**