

SIMBANG GABI

Friday, December 17, 2004

Rituals for the day: 1. "Mano Po" Lector goes to the Presider for a blessing before the reading. (*Families will give the sign of peace to the presider in the Mano po manner. 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 all are 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**

Presider: **Coming together as God's family, with
confidence let us ask forgiveness as God is
full of gentleness and compassion.**

**Lord Jesus, You came to gather the nations
into the peace of God's kingdom,
Lord, have mercy.**

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: **You come in word and sacrament to
strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy**

All: Christ, have mercy.

Presider: **You will come in glory with salvation for
your people:
Lord, have mercy.**

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Amen

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: Gen 49:2, 8-10

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

Lector: Jacob called his sons and said to them: "Assemble and listen, sons of Jacob, listen to Israel, your father. "You, Judah, shall your brothers praise – your hand on the neck of your enemies; the sons of your father shall bow down to you. Judah, like a lion' s whelp, you have grown up on prey, my son. He crouches like a lion recumbent, the king of beasts – who would dare rouse him? The scepter shall never depart from Judah, or the mace from between his legs, while tribute is brought to him, and he receives the people' s homage."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 72: 1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17

Lector/Response: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Lector: O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king' s son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

All: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for
ever.

Lector: The mountains shall yield peace for the people,
and the hills justice. He shall defend the afflicted among the
people, save the children of the poor.

All: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for
ever.

Lector: Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the
moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the
River to the ends of the earth.

All: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for
ever.

Lector: May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his
name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be
blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

All: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for
ever.

**Gospel
Acclamation**

(Sung by choir)

Gospel

Mt 1:1-17

**The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,
the son of David, the son of Abraham.
Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac
the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of
Judah and his brothers. Judah became the
father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother
was Tamar. Perez became the father of
Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the
father of Amminadab. Amminadab became
the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of
Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose
mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father**

of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king.

David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.

After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary.

Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ. Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Christ, fourteen generations.

Homily

General

Intercessions: *Reader of the petitions should be assigned seats on the left hand side of the church for easy access of the ambo*

Presider : **My brothers and sisters: The coming of our Lord opens the floodgate of graces. Let us manifest to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, our need and that of our neighbors. Let our response be: Lord, show us your light.**

All: Lord show us your light.

Reader: May the Church and all her children be witnesses of humility, justice, generosity and care; so that the memory and life of Christ on earth be made firmer and more steadfast, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord show us your light.

Reader: May all sectors of society answer the call to be faithful, caring and humane, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord show us your light.

Reader: May quarrels and discord among peoples and nations be peacefully resolved. May there no long be shedding of blood specially those of the children and all the innocent, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord show us your light.

Reader: May we fully contemplate Sacred Scriptures. May it be a help to us to have the courage in taking on your work among the neglected ones. Let us pray to the Lord

All: Lord show us your light.

Presider: **Our Loving God, our eagerness and anticipation for the coming of your Son cannot be hidden. But our world is not fully prepared to receive Jesus worthily. Hear our prayer that everyday we may reform with the rest of the world through the help of your Son and the Holy Spirit.**

All: Amen

III. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song: (Sung by Choir)

Preparation of the altar and gifts: *Presentation of gifts 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:

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)

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: