

St. Brendan Church
SIMBANG GABI
Saturday, December 17, 2005

- Rituals for the day:
1. Incensing of the Gospel Book with the Palayok (clay pot)
 2. Presentation of personal gifts of different families
 3. “Mano Po” – Lector goes to the Presider for a blessing before reading and used as the Sign of Peace.

PRELUDE

(Just before the Liturgy a commentator will read the introduction to the use of the Palayok for incensing)

Commentator:

One of the Filipinos’ most ancient arts is pottery, most specifically the palayok, which combines design and function. The palayok is a distinctly round-bottomed pot made of clay and baked in high heat to withstand a lifetime use for cooking tasty Filipino dishes.

From its humble origins, the palayok with its simple and globular shape is now seen around the world in different sizes with elaborate border or body designs and made of different materials like gold or other metals, wood and glass. In addition to its original use for cooking, the palayok has also been used as a candle holder, a vase, a table ornament, a floral pot, and a Filipino piñata, among others. In some religious retreats, the priest uses the palayok as the vessel wherein all the papers written with personal intentions are burned. The smoke rising from the palayok is a symbol of their prayers going up to God for His consideration.

This morning, before our Presider reads the Gospel, he will be incensing the Gospel Book and the Altar using our simple palayok. May the smoke rising from this palayok symbolize our humble offerings and our loving welcome to Jesus Christ into our lives and homes during these Advent Novena Masses.

I. INTRODUCTORY RITE

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

Greeting:

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

All: Amen.

Presider: **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)

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

All: Amen

Opening Prayer

Presider: **God of life, in the child who was born of the Virgin Mary You revealed to the world the radiance of your glory. Grant that we may celebrate with full and reverent faith this great mystery of the Word made flesh, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.**

All: Amen

II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

First Reading: Gn 49:2, 8-10

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
(Sung by Choir)

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.

Response: **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.

Response: **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.

Response: **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.

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

**Gospel
Acclamation**

(Sung by choir)

**Incensing of the Gospel Book and the Altar with the
“palayok “by the Presider while acclamation is being
sung.**

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**

III. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song: *(Sung by Choir)*

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

**Prayer over
the Gifts:**

Presider: **Look mercifully, Lord, on the gifts we lay
upon your altar and by your power
consecrate what we bring to you in our
weakness.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen.

**Preface of
Advent** (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 in the *Mano po* manner
Presider says to each one who does the Mano Po:
"May God show you mercy")

Breaking of the Bread: (Lamb of God to be *sung by Choir*)

Communion:

Announcements:

Prayer after communion:

Presider: **Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gifts You have bestowed. Create in us a desire for blessings yet to come, that we may welcome the birth of Christ our Savior with free and devoted hearts. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord.**

All: Amen

V. CLOSING RITE

Greeting

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

All: And also with you

Blessing

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: