

SIMBANG GABI

Sunday, December 18, 2005

**Rituals for
the day:**

1. Penitential Acclamation to be read by the Presider, a father and a mother.
2. Presentation of personal gifts by 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 Mothers reading the Intercessions)

Commentator:

This morning, the Penitential acclamation will be read by a father, a mother and our Presider. This ritual symbolizes the role of the parents and the clergy in giving the children a better understanding of and participation in the full sacramental life of the Catholic Church. The parents and clergy have the responsibility to keep the faith alive, vital and relevant in the daily lives of the children so that they may grow in the life of Christ.

We are all called to evangelization, conversion, communion and solidarity in Christ. Marriage is the foundation of the family and the family is the foundation of this parish. Let us teach our children to continue the Church’s pastoral ministry to sustain the work of our Savior, Jesus Christ for generations to come.

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: **(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 (Father and Mother should be assigned seats on the left hand side of the church for easy access of the ambo.)

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

Lord Jesus, you sanctified our families as you dwelt in Nazareth with Joseph and Mary growing in wisdom and age.
— Lord have mercy

All Lord, have mercy.

Mother: Christ Jesus, You experienced the human love of Joseph and Mary to be beneficial to your growth and formation. You constantly guide our families to be so.
- Christ have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy.

Father: Lord Jesus, with you in the family, we discover who we are in intimate affection, understanding and prayer. You are the center of our life and faith as we reach out to other families.
- 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: **All powerful God,
We are oppressed and weighed down
By the ancient yoke of sin.
Grant that the birth of your only Son,
So long awaited, yet always new,
May deliver us and set us free.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, 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 do *mano po* before proceeding to the ambo. **Presider says: “May God show you mercy“)**

First Reading: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Lector: 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.”

**Responsorial
Psalm**

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
(Sung by Choir)

Lector/Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Lector: The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all
generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, “My kindness is established forever”;
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

All: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Lector: “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations.”

All: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Lector: “He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior.’
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm.”

All: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Rom 16:25-27

Lector: 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.

**Gospel
Acclamation**

(Sung by choir)

Gospel

Lk 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.

Homily:

**General
Intercessions:**

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: **O Lord, Let the sacrifice to be offered to your
name. Make us acceptable to you that we
may share in the immortal life of your Son,
Who healed our mortal nature by his death.
Grant this through Jesus Christ 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 do the Mano Po as a sign of peace. **Presider says to each one who greets him with the Mano Po: "May God show you mercy"**)

Breaking of the Bread: *(Sung by Choir)*

Communion:

Announcements:

Prayer after communion:

Presider: **In this gathering of your Church
The living temple of your presence,
May we find your mercy, Lord,
And so approach with fitting reverence
the coming feast of our redemption.**

Grant this 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: (To be sung in Tagalog – Medley of Christmas Songs)