

# **SIMBANG GABI**

## **Sunday, December 19, 2004**

- 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:

Among 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**

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

**Son of David, Long Awaited Savior, Lord have mercy.**

All: Lord have mercy.

Presider: **Jesus Messiah, Anointed One, Christ have mercy.**

All: Christ have mercy.

Presider: **Son of God, life of the world, 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: **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 do *mano po* before proceeding to the ambo. **Presider says: "May God show you mercy"**)

**First Reading:** Is 7: 10- 14

Lector: Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the nether world, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then he said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary men, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Lector/Response: **Let the Lord enter; He is King of glory.**

Lector: The LORD' s are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Response: **Let the Lord enter; He is King of glory.**

Lector: Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place? One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.

Response: **Let the Lord enter; He is King of glory.**

Lector: He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior. Such is the race that seeks for him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

Response: **Let the Lord enter; He is King of glory.**

**Second Reading:** Rom 1: 1-7

Lector: Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel  
Acclamation**

*(To be 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: 18-24

**Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, <sup>2</sup> but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit.**

**Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of**

**the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."**

**All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."**

**When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.**

**Homily:**

**General  
Intercession**

Presider : **Longing for the day when the Lord will come again, bring our prayers before the Holy One. Let our response be:  
Holy One hear us**

All: Holy One hear us.

Lector: That the Church continue to proclaim the wonders that God promises, we pray to the Lord.

All: Holy One hear us.

Lector: That every nation in the world prepare the way for justice and peace, we pray to the Lord.

All: Holy One hear us.

Lector: That the prophets and witnesses to Christ in our time proclaim Him with out fear, we pray to the Lord.

All: Holy One hear us.

Lector: That all gathered here learn to recognize the wonders that lead to God, we pray to the Lord.

All: Holy One hear us.

Presider: **Holy God, your glory fills creation with light and life. Stay with us and make us ever brighter signs of your presence. This we ask, through Jesus Christ, your Son and the Holy Spirit, God without end.**

All: Amen

### **III. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Offertory Song:** (Sung by Choir)

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