

St. Brendan Church
SIMBANG GABI
Monday, December 19, 2005

- Rituals for the day:
1. Multicultural/regional readers for the Prayers of the Faithful. Praying the Our Father in own language/dialect
 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 about the Filipino rituals)*

Commentator: This morning, the Prayers of the Faithful will be read by parishioners from different cultures and regions as we embrace the multicultural diversity and unity in our Church.

During the Communion rite today, you are encouraged to pray the “Our Father” in your own language or dialect. In the Simbang Gabi pamphlet starting page 20, you will find the Our Father in different dialects should you need assistance. We bring together one family, diverse and united in the one true God. Our different cultures enable us to enrich this country we live in when we worship together as one.

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

First Reading: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Lector: There was a certain man from Zorah, of the clan of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. His wife was barren and had borne no children. An angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, “Though you are barren and have had no children, yet you will conceive and bear a son. Now, then, be careful to take no wine or strong drink and to eat nothing unclean.

As for the son you will conceive and bear, no razor shall touch his head, for this boy is to be consecrated to God from the womb.

It is he who will begin the deliverance of Israel from the power of the Philistines.”

The woman went and told her husband,
“A man of God came to me; he had the appearance of an angel of God, terrible indeed.
I did not ask him where he came from, nor did he tell me his name. But he said to me,
‘You will be with child and will bear a son.
So take neither wine nor strong drink, and eat nothing unclean. For the boy shall be consecrated to God from the womb, until the day of his death.’”

The woman bore a son and named him Samson.
The boy grew up and the LORD blessed him;
the Spirit of the LORD stirred him.

**Responsorial
Psalm**

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
(Sung by choir)

Lector/Response: **My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!**

Lector: Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

Response: **My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!**

Lector: For you are my hope, O LORD;
my trust, O God, from my youth.
On you I depend from birth;
from my mother’s womb you are my strength.

Response: **My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!**

Lector: I will treat of the mighty works of the LORD;
O God, I will tell of your singular justice.
O God, you have taught me from my youth,
and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

Response: **My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!**

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

Gospel Lk 1:5-25

**In the days of Herod, King of Judea,
there was a priest named Zechariah
of the priestly division of Abijah;
his wife was from the daughters of Aaron,
and her name was Elizabeth.
Both were righteous in the eyes of God,
observing all the commandments
and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly.
But they had no child, because Elizabeth was
barren and both were advanced in years.**

**Once when he was serving as priest
in his division's turn before God,
according to the practice of the priestly
service, he was chosen by lot
to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to burn
incense. Then, when the whole assembly of
the people was praying outside
at the hour of the incense offering,
the angel of the Lord appeared to him,
standing at the right of the altar of incense.
Zechariah was troubled by what he saw, and
fear came upon him.**

**But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid,
Zechariah, because your prayer has been
heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a
son, and you shall name him John.
And you will have joy and gladness,**

**and many will rejoice at his birth,
for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.
He will drink neither wine nor strong drink.
He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even
from his mother's womb, and he will turn
many of the children of Israel
to the Lord their God.**

**He will go before him in the spirit and power
of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward
children and the disobedient to the
understanding of the righteous,
to prepare a people fit for the Lord.”**

**Then Zechariah said to the angel,
“How shall I know this? For I am an old
man, and my wife is advanced in years.”**

**And the angel said to him in reply,
“I am Gabriel, who stand before God.
I was sent to speak to you and to announce to
you this good news. But now you will be
speechless and unable to talk until the day
these things take place, because you did not
believe my words, which will be fulfilled at
their proper time.”**

**Meanwhile the people were waiting for
Zechariah and were amazed that he stayed
so long in the sanctuary.**

**But when he came out, he was unable to
speak to them, and they realized that he had
seen a vision in the sanctuary. He was
gesturing to them but remained mute.**

**Then, when his days of ministry were
completed, he went home.**

**After this time his wife Elizabeth conceived,
and she went into seclusion for five months,
saying, “So has the Lord done for me at a
time when he has seen fit to take away my
disgrace before others.”**

Homily:

**General
Intercession**

To be read by parishioners from different cultures and regions. *(those assigned to read the intercessions will be seated near the ambo)*

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: (In different languages and dialects)

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: