

SIMBANG GABI

Tuesday, December 21, 2004

- Rituals for the day:
1. Different languages and Filipino dialects for:
 - a. Prayers of the Faithful
 - b. The Our Father (simultaneous)
 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 offered in different languages and Filipino dialects in the service of active participation by all members of our assembly. We acknowledge the other cultures who join us in solidarity in preparation for the coming of Christ our Savior.

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 in one Church.

I. INTRODUCTORY RITE

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

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

**Jesus present in mystery, you come to bring
us closer to you, Lord have mercy.**

All: Lord have mercy.

Presider: **You call us to open our hearts to you, Christ
have mercy.**

All: Christ have mercy.

Presider: **You show your humble power, Lord have
mercy.**

All: All 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 provident God, when we were sunk in sin and death You turned towards us and rescued us by the incarnation of your only Son.
Grant that we who acknowledge His coming with reverent love may also be one with Him, our Lord and Redeemer, 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: Zep 3: 14- 18

Lector: Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you, he has turned away your enemies; The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.

On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, He will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals. I will remove disaster from among you, so that none may recount your disgrace.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21

Lector/Response: Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.

Lector: Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises. Sing to him a new song; pluck the strings skillfully, with shouts of gladness.

Respons Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.

Lector: But the plan of the LORD stands forever; the design of his heart, through all generations. Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

Response: Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.

Lector: Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield, For in him our hearts rejoice; in his holy name we trust.

Response: Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.

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

Gospel Lk 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary' s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Homily

Profession of Faith

General

Intercessions: *In English, Spanish, Korean and different Filipino dialects. Readers of the petitions should be assigned seats on the left hand side of the church for easy access of the ambo.*

Presider : **With hope and confidence, we bring our needs to the Lord. Let our response be: Lord, make us remain faithful to you.**

All: Lord, make us remain faithful to you.

Tagalog: For Apostles of Christ who bear witness throughout the world, for missionaries in foreign lands, we pray to you.

All: Lord, make us remain faithful to you.

Kapangpangan For men and women in positions of trust, seek justice and peace in all they do, we pray to you.

All: Lord, make us remain faithful to you.

Cebuano For the poor, the sick and the homeless, especially those who have lost hope, we pray to you.

All: Lord, make us remain faithful to you.

Ilokano For those gathered at this table, that they provide hope and support for one another, we pray to you.

All: Lord, make us remain faithful to you.

Korean That this Church and our community be a haven for those in need, we pray to you.

All: Lord, make us remain faithful to you.

Spanish: That this Church and our community be a haven for those in need, we pray to you.

All: Lord, make us remain faithful to you.

English: That this Church and our community be a haven for those in need, we pray to you.

All: Lord, make us remain faithful to you.

Presider: **You took us as your children when Jesus lived with us. Through your eternal love, accept our prayers as we grow in our faith in you and love for the neighbor.**

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, without end.

All: Amen

III. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song: (Sung by Choir)

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

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: **With confidence in your mercy, Lord God, we hasten to place these gifts on your holy altar, that your grace may cleanse us from sin through the very sacrament by which we offer you true worship. 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: (To be prayed together in English, Korean and different Filipino dialects – text provided in the supplementary pamphlet distributed to the attendees.)

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 the Choir)

Communion:

Announcements:

Prayer after communion:

Presider: **Lord, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation; as Christmas draws near make us grow in faith and love to celebrate the coming of Christ our Savior, Who is Lord for ever and ever.**

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)

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