

St. Brendan Church
SIMBANG GABI
Wednesday, December 21, 2005

- Rituals for the day:
1. Preparation of the Altar by two (2) couples
 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: Giving and showing respect to our parents is one of the enduring Filipino values that remain to this day. In the preparation of the altar by two couples, we highlight the important role of our parents who lead us in among others, the observance of religious traditions with the semblance of preparing a “special dinner” for the community. We also look up to the experience and examples of our parents in many aspects of true hospitality and family service to our Lord, the church and community.

Today, we continue our practice of “Mano Po” to show respect for our elders and our Priest.

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** *(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: **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
(Sung by Choir)

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.

Response 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:**

III. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song: (*Sung by Choir*)

**Preparation of
the altar and gifts:** Preparation of the altar by two couples, they precede the presenters of the gifts. (*Presentation of gifts different families, collection will happen at this time*)

**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: (*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:** (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)