

St. Brendan Church
SIMBANG GABI
Friday, December 23, 2005

- Rituals for the day:
1. Preparation of the Altar by 2 Couples (parents)
 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 explanation of the significance of four parents preparing the altar)*

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, lector and 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: **Almighty and everlasting God, as the nativity
of Your Son according to the flesh draws
near, grant our humble prayer, that we may
know the mercy of the Word incarnate, Who
took flesh of the Virgin Mary and came to
dwell among us.**

**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: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Lector: Thus says the Lord God: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the Lord. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the Lord, as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

Lo, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and terrible day, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with doom.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14
(Sung by Choir)

Lector/Response: Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Lector: Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

All: Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Lector: Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, he teaches the humble his way.

All: Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Lector: All the paths of the Lord are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the Lord is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.

All: Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

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

Gospel Lk 1:57-66

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John."

But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed.

Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be? For surely the hand of the Lord was with him."

Homily

**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: **Lord God, let the sacrifice You have given as the full expression of the Church's worship establish us firmly in Your peace, that we may celebrate with untroubled hearts the coming birth of our Savior, Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

All: Amen.

Preface of Advent (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 Choir*)

Communion:

Announcements:

Prayer after communion

Presider: **Grant pardon and peace, O Lord, to those You have fed with heavenly gifts, so that, at the coming of Your beloved Son, we may hasten to greet Him with lamps alight in our hands.
We ask this through Jesus Christ 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)