

SIMBANG GABI

Friday, December 24, 2004

- Rituals for the day:
1. Liturgical movement as entrance procession
 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 Liturgical Movement incorporated at the Entrance rite)*

Commentator: Dance is deeply imbedded in the Filipino culture, it is a way and means of expressing their patterns of thinking, feeling, speaking and "memorializing". Liturgical dance movements represent the full, conscious and active participation" in the pastoral ministry of the Church.

Dance in the Filipino culture has been a form of prayer just as in the caracol, ati-atihan, sinulog, turumba and petitions of childless couples in Obando. In these devotional dances we see the religious sense of the Christian people expressed in this forms of piety surrounding the Church's sacramental life where every dancer praises God and prays for his gifts.

Being in eager anticipation of the Lord's coming, dancing the included in the Entrance Procession can truly be an celebratory expression on this last day of our Advent Mass Novena.

I. INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Rite *(With Liturgical Movement at the entrance procession of the 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.**

(**Kyrie** to be sung by the Choir in Tagalog)

Presider: **May almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.**

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer:

Presider: **Come quickly, Lord Jesus, do not delay!
We entrust ourselves to Your love:
Strengthen us by Your coming and raise us
up, You who live and reign with the Father 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: 2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Lector: When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"

Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, "Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?"

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his Kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your Kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.' "

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29

Lector/Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Lector: The favors of the Lord I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Lector: "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Lector: "He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the rock, my savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel
Acclamation**

(Sung by choir)

Gospel

Lk 1:67-79

Zechariah his father, filled with the Holy Spirit, prophesied, saying: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; for he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of his servant David. Through his prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hand of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Homily

General Intercessions:

Presider : **My dear brothers and sisters: Let us ask God for guiding grace so we may fully prepare for Christ's coming. Let our response be: Lord, come and reform the world.**

All: Lord, come and reform the world

Lector: Let us remember the holy Church throughout the world, particularly where she is persecuted or ridiculed because of the truth she proclaims. May her members continue to fearlessly and relentlessly clear for all peoples the path of salvation. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, come and reform the world

Let us pray for those who are weak such as the sick, the elderly and downtrodden, that Christ may give them hope of release from their pain and suffering. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, come and reform the world

Let us pray for those who persevere in the task of spreading the Word of God: the missionaries, catechists and lay leaders. May they, through the power of the Holy Spirit, triumphantly awaken the dormant consciences of those whom they serve. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, come and reform the world

Lector: Let us bring nature and whatever is left of its beauty closer to God. May all of us wake up to the truth that everything in this world comes from God. Therefore we must respect, refine and preserve nature, and never work to destroy it irreparably.

Response: Lord, come and reform the world

Presider:

Lord, our God and Father of Love, give us the strength of faith and love like those of St. John the Baptist. In our daily existence, may we always have joy as we search for your truth and attempt always to do your will. 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 different families, (collection will happen at this time)*

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider:

Graciously accept, O Lord, the gifts we offer, that our partaking of them may free us from sin and purify our hearts for the glorious coming of Your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

Preface of Advent II

(please use the sacramentary)

Eucharistic Prayer

(please use the sacramentary)

IV. COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer: (To be sung by Choir)

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: (Agnus Dei to be sung by the Choir)

Communion:

Announcements:

Prayer after communion:

Presider:

You have renewed us, Lord, by these wonderful gifts. As we prepare for the mystery of Christ's birth, grant that we may rejoice in His gift of eternal life. We ask this 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: