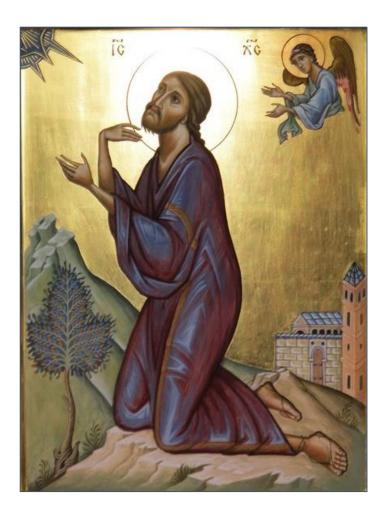
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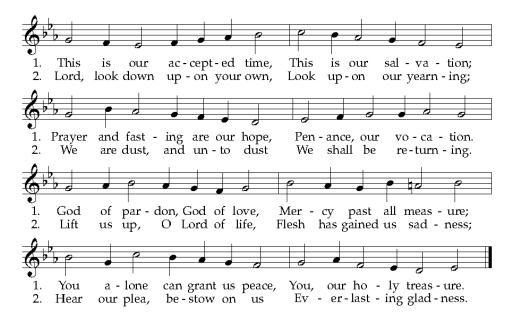
"He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him."

(Cycle B)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

This is Our Accepted Time



Greeting

V. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

V. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

R. And also with you.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.

V To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our faults and failings and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy for his healing and forgiveness.

Pause for silent reflection.

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have sinned in my thoughts and in my words in what I have done and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

W May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.



Gloria

The Gloria is not said

Opening Prayer

ŷ. Let us pray at the beginning of Lent for the spirit of repentence.

Pause for silent prayer.

Lord our God, you formed mankind from the clay of the earth and breathed into us the spirit of life, but we turned from your face and sinned.

In this time of repentance we call out for your mercy.
Bring us back to you and to the life your Son won for us by his death on the cross, for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (Gn 9:8-15)

A reading from the Book of Genesis

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark.

I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."
God added:
"This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come,

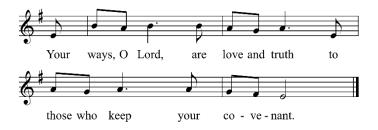
of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you:

I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps* 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9)



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.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.

In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Reading 2 (1 Pt 3:18-22)

A reading from the first letter of Peter:

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once. the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh. he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Mt 4:4b)



One does not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



Gospel (Mk 1:12-15)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

The celebrant and the people trace the cross on their foreheads (mind), their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them to his Word.

R. Glory to you Lord.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."

- V. This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.



Homily

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit

he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

General Intercessions

The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several prayer intentions. Each concludes, "We pray to the Lord."

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

The celebrant concludes the intercessions with a final short prayer ending with "... through Christ, our Lord."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering of the Gifts

If an Offertory Hymn is played or sung, omit the following.

V. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

R. Blessed be God for ever.

V. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

R. Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

V. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

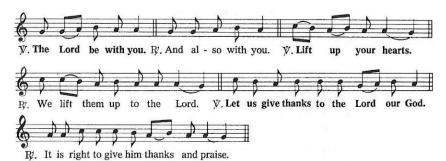
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Lord, make us worthy to bring you these gifts. May this sacrifice help to change our lives.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R. Amen.

Preface and Sanctus (Lent I)



Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

In you we live and move and have our being. Each day you show us a Father's love; your Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, gives us on earth the hope of unending joy.

Your gift of the Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead, is the foretaste and promise of the paschal feast of heaven...

With thankful praise, in company with the angels we glorify the wonders of your power:



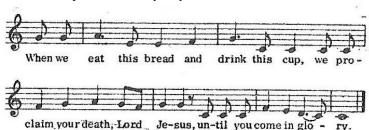
Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer (III)

The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:

V. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

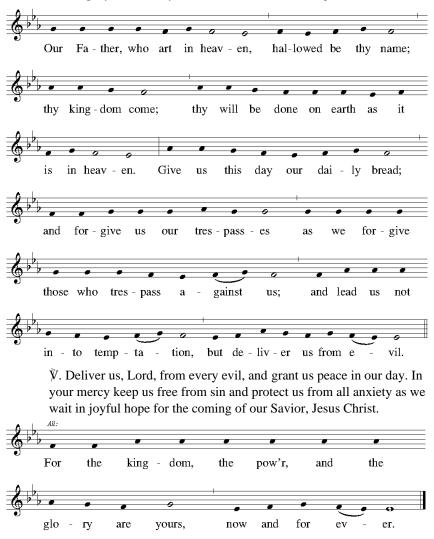
Through him, with him and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father Forever and ever.



COMMUNION LITURGY

The Lord's Prayer

V. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



V. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

Exchange of Peace

- V. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- R. And also with you.
- V. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:



 \tilde{V} . This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

R. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

To those receiving Communion, the celebrant says:

 \dot{V} . The body of Christ.

Communion Hymn

Tree of Life

(Verses 1-3)



Prayer after Communion

V. Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

Father,
you increase our faith and hope,
you deepen our live in this communion.
Help us to live by your words
and to sek Christ, our bread of life,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing 5 (for the Passion)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

The Father of mercies has given us an example of unselfish love in the sufferings of his only Son.

Through your service of God and neighbor may you receive his countless blessings.

R. Amen.

You believe that by his dying Christ has destroyed death for ever. May he give you everlasting life.

R. Amen.

He humbled himself for our sakes. May you follow his example and share in his resurrection.

R. Amen.

V. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

Dismissal



Closing Hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

(Verses 1-3)

