Solemnity of the Holy Family



"The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

(Cycle C)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

Sing of Mary, Meek and Lowly



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 (C3)

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.

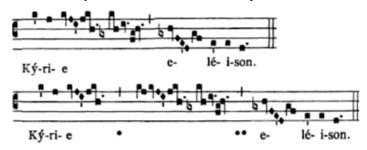
V Lord Jesus, you are Mighty God and Prince of Peace:



V Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:



V Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father:

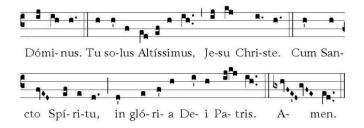


W May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Gloria



se-ré-re no-bis. Quó-ni- am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Father in heaven, creator of all, you ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating our human family. In history's moment when all was ready, you sent your Son to dwell in time, obedient to the laws of this world.

Teach us the sanctity of love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in beace with all that we may share in your life forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (SIR 3:2-6, 12-14)

A reading from the Book of Sirach

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives.

Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9*)



How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD.

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

R. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

Happy they who dwell in your house!
Continually they praise you.
Happy those whose strength you are!
Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

R. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob!O God, behold our shield, and look upon the face of your anointed.

R. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

Reading 2 (Col 3:12-17)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

giving thanks to God the Father through him.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (COL 3:15A, 16A)



Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.



Gospel (Lk 2:41-52)

R. And also with you.

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

The celebrant and the people mark a 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.

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover.

and when he was twelve years old,

they went up according to festival custom.

After they had completed its days, as they were returning,

the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem,

but his parents did not know it.

Thinking that he was in the caravan,

they journeyed for a day

and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances,

but not finding him,

they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them: and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

V. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.



Homily





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,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

General Intercessions

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



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering of the Gifts

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.

√. 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.

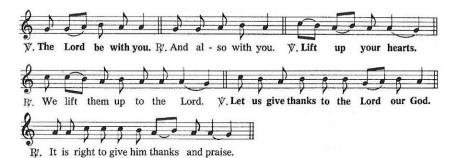
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Lord, accept this sacrifice and through the prayers of Mary, the virgin Mother of God and of her husband, Joseph, unite our families in peace and love.

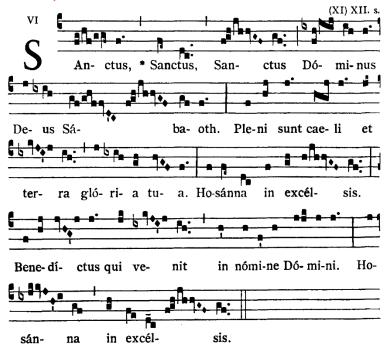
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R. Amen.

Preface and Sanctus (Christmas II)

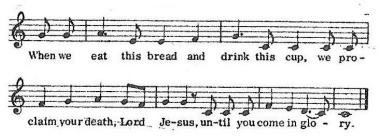


The celebrant recites or sings the Preface. At the conclusion, we sing or say:



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.

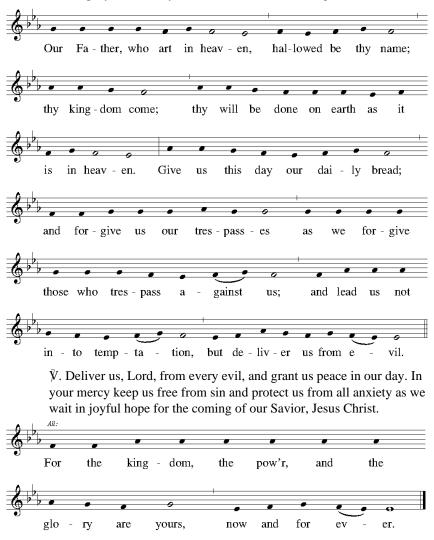
Through him, with him and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father Forever and ever.



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: (Agnus Dei VIII de Angelis)



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 (by intinction), the celebrant says:

 \dot{V} . The body and blood of Christ.

Communion Hymn

What Child is This?



Prayer after Communion

Eternal Father, we want to live as Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in peace with you and with one another. May this communion strengthen us to face the troubles of life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Prayer over the People

R. And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Lord,

you care for your people even when they stray. Grant us a complete change of heart, so that we may follow you with greater fidelity.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

N. And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

Dismissal



Closing Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"