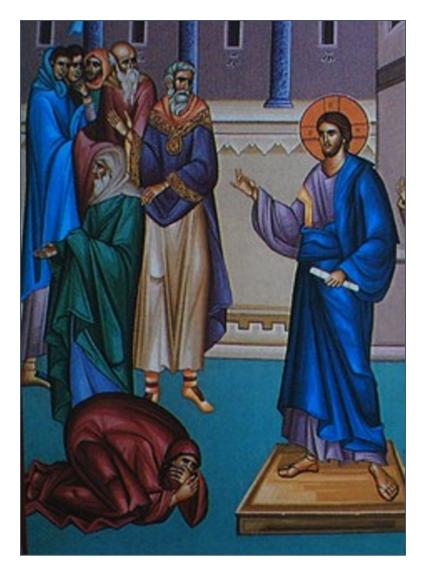
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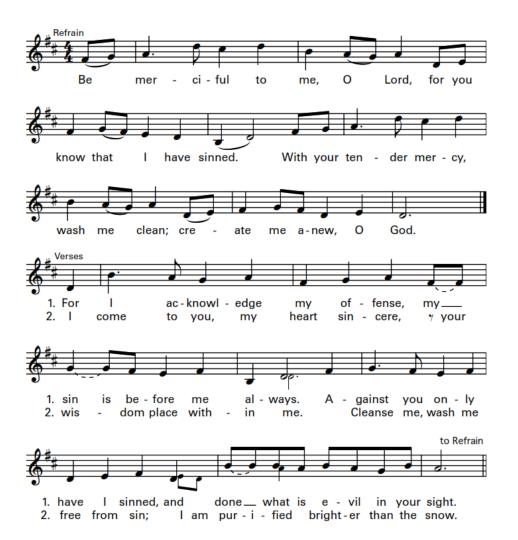
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(Cycle C)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

Miserere: Prayer of Repentance



Greeting

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

R. Amen.

\(\bar{V}\). 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 (A VI)

Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.

\$\tilde{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.

(Kyrie Pro Defunctis)



Gloria

The Gloria is not said

Opening Prayer

V. Let us pray to the Father and ask him to form a new heart within us.

Pause for silent prayer.

Father in heaven.

the love of your Son led him to accept the suffering of the cross that his brothers and sisters might glory in new life.

Change our selfishness into self-giving.

Help us to embrace the world you have given us, that we may transform the darkness of its pain into the life and joy of Easter.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (*Is 43:16-21*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD,

who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters,

who leads out chariots and horsemen,

a powerful army,

till they lie prostrate together, never to rise,

snuffed out and quenched like a wick.

Remember not the events of the past,

the things of long ago consider not;

see, I am doing something new!

Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

In the desert I make a way,

in the wasteland, rivers.

Wild beasts honor me,

jackals and ostriches,

for I put water in the desert

and rivers in the wasteland

for my chosen people to drink,

the people whom I formed for myself,

that they might announce my praise.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.)



When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Then they said among the nations,

"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us;

we are glad indeed.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Reading 2 (Phil 3:8-14)

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Philippeans

Brothers and sisters:

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of

because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things

and I consider them so much rubbish,

that I may gain Christ and be found in him,

not having any righteousness of my own based on the law

but that which comes through faith in Christ,

the righteousness from God,

depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Jl 2:12-13)



Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful.



Gospel (Jn 8:1-11)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

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

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.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him,

and he sat down and taught them.

Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman

who had been caught in adultery

and made her stand in the middle.

They said to him,

"Teacher, this woman was caught

in the very act of committing adultery.

Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women.

So what do you say?"

They said this to test him,

so that they could have some charge to bring against him.

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger.

But when they continued asking him,

he straightened up and said to them,

"Let the one among you who is without sin

be the first to throw a stone at her."

Again he bent down and wrote on the ground.

And in response, they went away one by one,

beginning with the elders.

So he was left alone with the woman before him.

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her,

"Woman, where are they?

Has no one condemned you?"

She replied, "No one, sir."

Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.

Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

. 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:

All bow at these two lines

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."



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

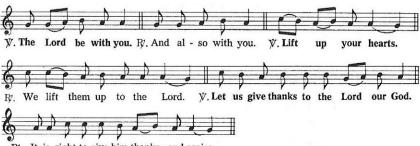
V. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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.

Almighty God, may the sacrifice we offer take away the sins of those whom you enlighten with the Christian faith.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Preface and Sanctus (Passion I)



Ry. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

The suffering and death of your Son brought life to the whole world, moving our hearts to praise your glory. The power of the cross reveals your judgment on this world and the kingship of Christ crucified.

We praise you, Lord, with all the angels and saints in the song of joy::

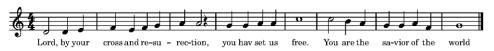




Eucharistic Prayer (I)

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.



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

(Agnus Dei XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:



di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

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

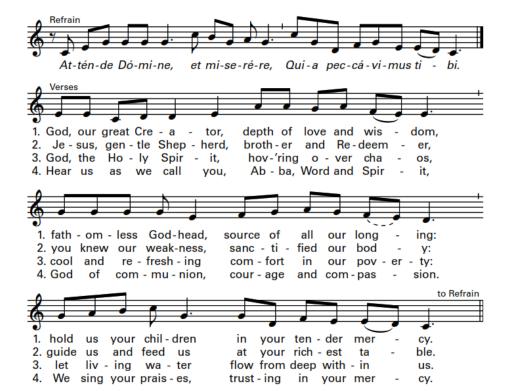
R. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

To those receiving Communion, the celebrant says:

V. The body of Christ.

Communion Meditation

Attende, Domine



Prayer after Communion

V. Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

Almighty Father, by this sacrifice may we always remain one with your Son, Jesus Christ, whose body and blood we share, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Prayer over the People (12)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Lord, protect your people always, that they may be free from every evil and serve you with all their hearts.

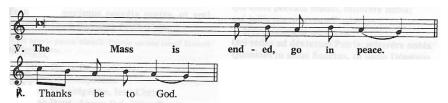
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

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

R. Amen.

Dismissal



Closing Hymn

Have Mercy, Lord, on Us

