

## Closing Hymn

### What Child Is This?

Verses

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest On  
2. This child is born the Prince of Peace To  
3. In joy a moth - er lulls her babe, This  
4. A fath - er guards this ho - ly babe Who's  
5. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come

1. Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
2. all whose hearts are bro - ken. To love and heal the  
3. child of hope and prom - ise; An an - gel's call re -  
4. sleep - ing in a man - ger, Pro - tect - ing him from  
5. peas - ant, king, to own him; The King of kings sal -

1. an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
2. wound - ed soul, God's might - y Word is spo - ken.  
3. ceived her yes, God's love poured out up - on us.  
4. earth - ly harm, And keep - ing him from dan - ger.  
5. va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds  
guard and an - gels sing; Haste, haste to  
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

## Feast of the Holy Family



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

(Cycle B)

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Opening Hymn

#### Sing of Mary, Meek and Lowly



1. Sing of Mar - y meek and low - ly, Vir - gin - moth - er  
2. Sing of Je - sus, son of Mar - y, In the home at  
3. \*Sing of Jo - seph, strong and gen - tle, No - bly born of  
4. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther; Glo - ry be to



pure and mild, Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly,  
Naz - a - reth. Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry  
Da - vid's house; Just and up - right man of la - bor,  
God the Son; Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it;



Who be - came her lit - tle child. Fair - est child of  
Love en - dur - ing un - to death. Con - stant was the  
Whom God chose as Mar - y's spouse; Cho - sen, too, as  
Glo - ry to the Three in One. From the heart of



fair - est moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,  
love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,  
Je - sus' guard - ian, Guid - ing him since in - fan - cy.  
bless - ed Mar - y, From all saints the song as - cends,



Word made flesh, our ver - y broth - er,  
Forth to preach, and heal, and suf - fer,  
Ho - ly Child of ho - ly par - ents,  
And the church the strain re - ech - oes



Takes our na - ture by his birth.  
Till on Cal - va - ry he died.  
Ho - ly is their fam - i - ly.  
Un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

## 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 (6)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

**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.

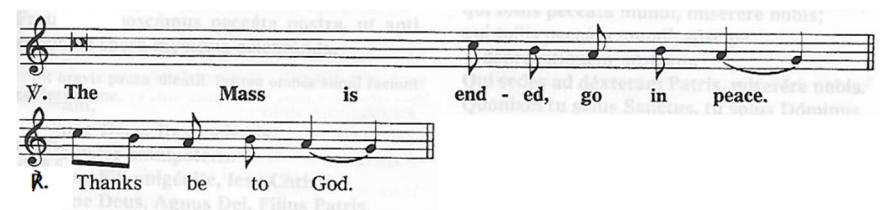
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

Ÿ. 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

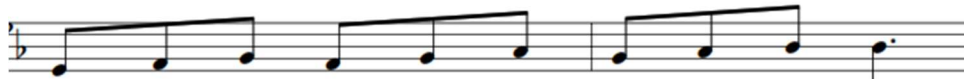


## Communion Meditation

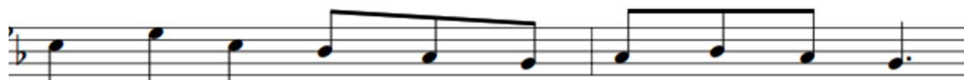
### The Aye Carol



1. Who is the ba - by an hour or two old  
2. Who is the wom - an with child at her breast,  
3. Who is the man who looks on at the door,  
4. Who are the peo - ple come in from the street,  
5. Will you come with me, ev'n though I feel shy,



Looked for by shep - herds far strayed from their fold,  
Giv - ing her milk to earth's heav - en - ly guest,  
Wel - com - ing stran - gers, some rich but most poor,  
Some to bring pres - ents and some just to meet,  
Come to his cra - dle and come to his cry,



Lost in the world though more pre - cious than gold?  
Tell - ing her mind to be calm and at rest?  
Scan - ning the world as if some - how un - sure?  
Join - ing their song to what an - gels re - peat?  
Give him your nod or your "yes" or your "aye,"



This is God with us in Je - sus.  
Mar - y, the moth - er of Je - sus.  
Jo - seph, the fa - ther of Je - sus.  
These are the new friends of Je - sus.  
Give what you can give to Je - sus?

## Greeting

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

**R. Amen.**

Ÿ. 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.*

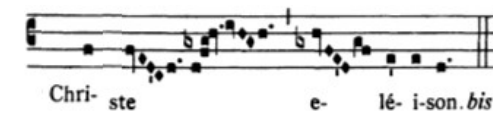
Ÿ To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries,  
let us call to mind our faults and failings  
and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy  
for his healing and forgiveness.

*Pause for silent reflection.*

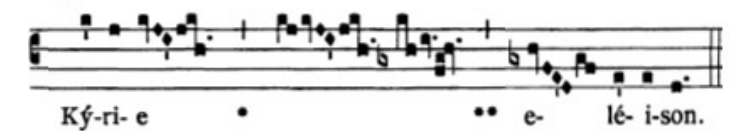
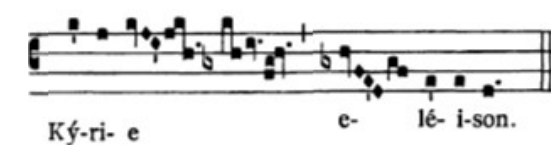
Ÿ Lord Jesus, you are Mighty God and Prince of Peace:



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



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



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

**R. Amen.**

## Gloria

*Priest/cantor:* *Alt:*

**G** Ló-ri-a in excélsis De-o. Et in terra pax homí-  
*Choir:* *Alt:*  
ni-bus bonæ vo-luntá-tis. Laudá-mus te. Bene-dí-cimus  
te. Ado-rá-mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti-as á-gimus  
ti-bi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am. Dó-mi-ne De-us,  
Rex cæ-lé-stis, De-us Pa-ter omní-pot-ens. Dó-mi-ne Fi-li  
u-ni-gé-ni-te, Je-su Chri-ste. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Agnus  
De-i, Fí-li-us Pa-tris. Qui tollis peccá-ta mun-di, mi-se-  
ré-re no-bis. Qui tollis peccá-ta mundi, sú-sci-pe depre-  
ca-ti-ónem no-stram. Qui sedes ad dexte-ram Pa-tris, mi-  
se-ré-re no-bis. Quó-ni-am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus

## Exchange of Peace

Ÿ. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R.** And also with you.

Ÿ. 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)*

*XV. s.*

**A** - gnus De-i, \*qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di : mi-se-  
ré-re no-bis. Agnus De-i, \*qui tol-lis peccá-ta  
mun-di : mi-se-ré-re no-bis. A-gnus De-i, \*qui tol-  
lis peccá-ta mun-di : dona no-bis pa-cem.

Ÿ. 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:*

Ÿ. The body and blood of Christ.

**R.** Amen.

## COMMUNION LITURGY

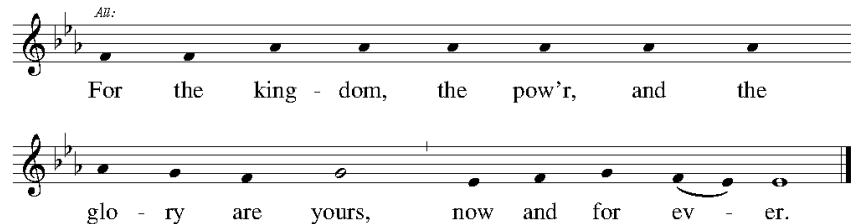
### The Lord's Prayer

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;  
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it  
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;  
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give  
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not  
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

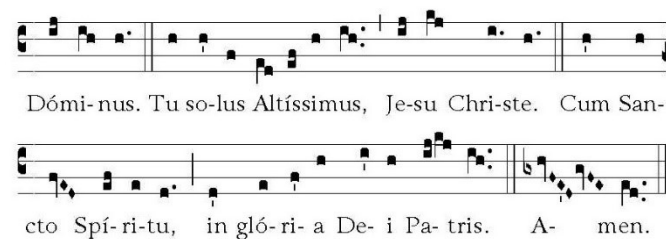
℣. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



*All:*  
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the  
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

℣. 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.

**℟. Amen.**



Dómi - nus. Tu so - lus Altíssimus, Je - su Chri - ste. Cum San -  
cto Spí - ri - tu, in gló - ri - a De - i Pa - tris. A - men.

**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.

**℟. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Reading 1 (Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3)

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying:

“Fear not, Abram!

I am your shield;

I will make your reward very great.”

But Abram said,

“O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be,

if I keep on being childless

and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?”

Abram continued,

“See, you have given me no offspring,

and so one of my servants will be my heir.”

Then the word of the LORD came to him:

“No, that one shall not be your heir;

your own issue shall be your heir.”

The Lord took Abram outside and said,

“Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.

Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.”

Abram put his faith in the LORD,

who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would;

he did for her as he had promised.

Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age,

at the set time that God had stated.

Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his

whom Sarah bore him.

℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

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



Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;

make known among the nations his deeds.

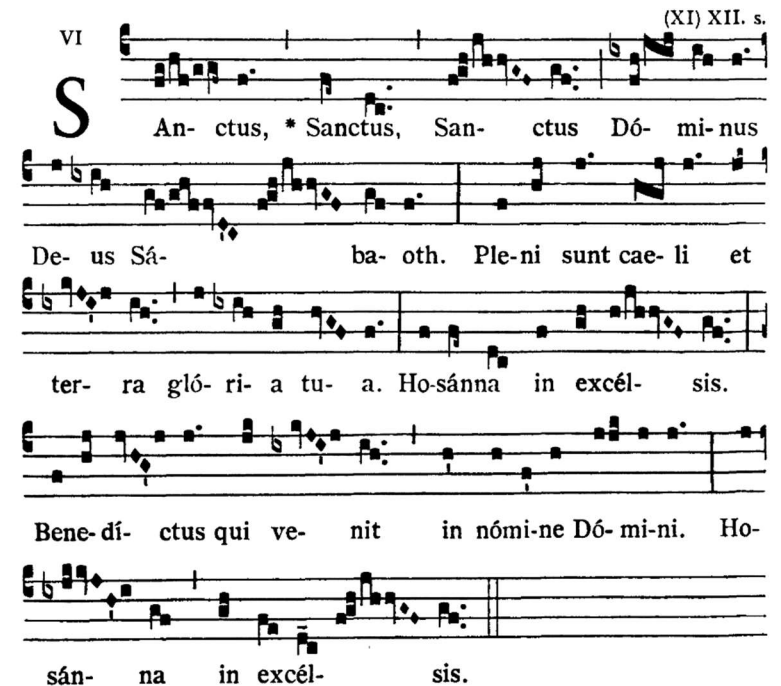
Sing to him, sing his praise,

proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

℟. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

*At the conclusion, we sing or say:*

*(Sanctus VIII de Angelis)*



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

℣. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



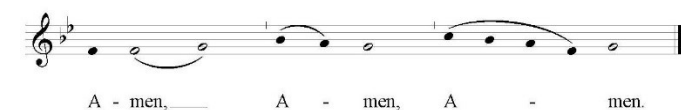
*The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*

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.



## Prayer over the Gifts

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

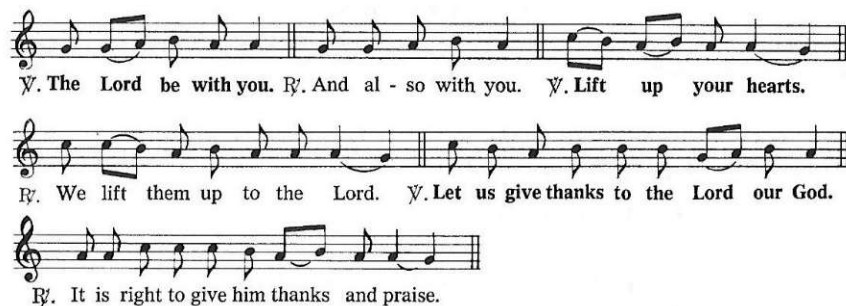
**℟. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

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.

**℟. Amen.**

## Preface and *Sanctus* (Christmas II)



*The celebrant recites or sings the Preface:*

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today you fill our hearts with joy  
as we recognize in Christ the revelation of your love.  
No eye can see his glory as our God,  
yet now he is seen as one like us.

Christ is your Son before all ages,  
yet now he is born in time.  
He has come to lift up all things to himself,  
to restore unity to creation,  
and to lead mankind from exile into your heavenly kingdom.

And so, with all the angels of heaven  
we sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Glory in his holy name;  
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!  
Look to the LORD in his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

**℟. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

You descendants of Abraham, his servants,  
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
He, the LORD, is our God;  
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

**℟. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

He remembers forever his covenant  
which he made binding for a thousand generations  
which he entered into with Abraham  
and by his oath to Isaac.

**℟. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

## Reading 2 (*Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:  
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place  
that he was to receive as an inheritance;  
he went out, not knowing where he was to go.  
By faith he received power to generate,  
even though he was past the normal age  
--and Sarah herself was sterile--  
for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy.  
So it was that there came forth from one man,  
himself as good as dead,  
descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky  
and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac,  
and he who had received the promises was ready to offer  
his only son,  
of whom it was said,  
“Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.”  
He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead,  
and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

**℟. Thanks be to God.**

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



In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;  
in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.



## Gospel (LK 2:22-40)

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And also with you.

℣. 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.*

℟. Glory to you Lord.

When the days were completed for their purification  
according to the law of Moses,  
They took him up to Jerusalem  
to present him to the Lord,  
just as it is written in the law of the Lord,  
*Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,*  
and to offer the sacrifice of  
*a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,*  
in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.  
This man was righteous and devout,  
awaiting the consolation of Israel,  
and the Holy Spirit was upon him.  
It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit  
that he should not see death  
before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

## 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."*

℟. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offering of the Gifts

℣. 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.

℟. 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.

℟. Blessed be God for ever.

**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.**

He came in the Spirit into the temple;  
and when the parents brought in the child Jesus  
to perform the custom of the law in regard to him,  
He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:  
“Now, Master, you may let your servant go  
in peace, according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and glory for your people Israel.”  
The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about  
him;  
and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,  
“Behold, this child is destined  
for the fall and rise of many in Israel,  
and to be a sign that will be contradicted  
—and you yourself a sword will pierce—  
so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”  
There was also a prophetess, Anna,  
the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.  
She was advanced in years,  
having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage,  
and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.  
She never left the temple,  
but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.  
And coming forward at that very time,  
she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child  
to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions  
of the law of the Lord,  
they returned to Galilee,  
to their own town of Nazareth.  
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.

✠. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**℟. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

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**C** Redo in unum De-um, Patrem omni-pot-éntem,  
 factó-rem caeli et terrae, vi-si-bí-li-um ó-mni-um, et in-  
 vi-si-bí-li-um. Et in unum Dómi-num Ie-sum Christum,  
 Fí-li-um De-i uni-gé-ni-tum. Et ex Patre na-tum ante  
 ómni-a saé-cu-la. De-um de De-o, lumen de lámi-ne,  
 De-um ve-rum de De-o ve-ro. Gé-ni-tum, non fa-ctum, con-  
 substanti-á-lem Patri: per quem ómni-a fa-cta sunt. Qui  
 propter nos hómi-nes, et propter nostram sa-lú-tem descén-  
 dit de cae-lis. Et incarná-tus est de Spí-ri-tu Sancto ex  
 Ma-rí-a Vírgi-ne: Et homo factus est. Cru-ci-fí-xus  
 ét-i-am pro no-bis: sub Pónti-o Pi-lá-to passus, et se-púl-

tus est. Et re-surré-xit térti-a di-e, se-cúndum Scri-  
 ptú-ras. Et ascéndit in cae-lum: se-det ad délixte-ram Pa-  
 tris. Et í-te-rum ventú-rus est cum gló-ri-a, iu-di-cá-re  
 vi-vos et mórtu-os: cu-ius regni non e-rit fi-nis. Et in  
 Spí-ri-tum Sanctum, Dómi-num, et vi-vi-fi-cántem: qui ex  
 Patre Fi-li-óque pro-cé-dit. Qui cum Patre et Fí-li-o  
 simul ad-o-rá-tur, et conglo-ri-fi-cá-tur: qui lo-cú-tus est  
 per Prophé-tas. Et unam sanctam cathó-li-cam et a-po-  
 stó-li-cam Ecclé-si-am. Confi-te-or unum ba-ptisma  
 in remissi-ó-nem pec-ca-tó-rum. Et expécto re-surre-  
 cti-ó-nem mortu-ó-rum. Et vi-tam ventú-ri saé-cu-li.  
 A-men.