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Christmas Eve

“Theme”

Christmas Eve

December 24, 20YY

Processional

**Please stand**

*Selection per Parish or Mission*

Acclamation

The Ministers face the Presider, while the Presider faces the people and proclaims:

**Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;**

*People: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.* ***Amen.***

Collect for Purity

**Presider: Let us pray.**

Clergy face the Altar. Miter off.

**Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,**

**all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts ✠**

**by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love You**

**and worthily magnify Your holy Name;**

**through Christ our Lord.**

***All: Amen.***

Penitential Rite

The Summary of the Law and the Invitation to Confession are spoken by the Deacon in a high mass.

Deacon faces the people.

Summary of the Law

**Deacon: Jesus said, “The first Commandment is this:**

**Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord Your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.**

**Deacon: Dearly beloved, let us come into the presence of the Almighty God, praying together as we bow our hearts:**

Deacon faces the Altar. Deacon leads the prayer, in unison:

Confession

***All: Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I am truly sorry and I humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive me; that I may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.***

Absolution

Presider faces the people.

**Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.**

***All: Amen.***

Kyrie Eleison

**Presider: Lord, have mercy.**

***People: Christ, have mercy.***

**Presider: Lord, have mercy.**

Glory in the Highest (*Gloria in Excelsis*)

The Presider censes the Altar and then the Deacon of the Mass censes the Ministers.

*Arrangement per parish or mission*

Collect of the Day

Presider faces the people.

**Presider: The Lord be with you.**

*People: And with your spirit.*

**Presider: Let us pray.**

Presider and Ministers face the Altar.

**Presider:** *According to designated Proper*

***All: Amen.***

Presider goes to the back of the Altar, kisses it, and goes to his chair.

**Please be seated**

Liturgy of the Word

**Please be seated**

First Proclamation

Proclaimer: A Proclamation of the Word of God from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, chapter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, beginning at verse \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*According to the designated Proper*

Proclaimer: The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God!***

Responsorial Psalm:

*According to the designated Proper*

Proclaimer: Please stand for the Responsorial Psalm, which

1. today is … *(if the entire psalm is read)*
2. is taken from … *(if only a portion of the psalm is read)*

*The Christmas Eve psalm may be chanted by a Lector, with responses by the people*

All stand and the Proclaimer leads the people in the Responsorial Psalm followed by the *Gloria Patri*.

*Gloria Patri* (BCP, Rite II)

The *Gloria Patri* may be spoken or sung in unison. The Proclaimer and Altar Ministers remain in their places, face the Altar, and bow.

***All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:* ✠**

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

A Choral Response may be sung here.

*Selection per Parish or Mission*

**Please be seated.**

**Please be seated**

Second Proclamation

Proclaimer: A Proclamation of the Word of God from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, chapter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, beginning at verse \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*According to the designated Proper*

The proclaimer reads the second appointed lesson of the day.

Proclaimer: The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**Please stand.**

Gradual Verse

Proclaimer: *According to the designated Proper*

Miter On. Bless the Gospel Proclaimer.

Gradual Hymn

*Selection per Parish or Mission*

Gospel Acclamation

Miter Off.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

*People: And with your spirit.*

Deacon: May the Lord be on our **✠** minds, on our **✠** lips, and on our **✠** hearts as we hear **✠** His Holy Gospel.

Deacon: We are reading from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s Gospel chapter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, beginning at verse \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***People: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ!***

Gospel Proclamation

The appointed Gospel is read by a Deacon.

*According to the designated Proper*

*Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*

***People: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ!***

All sit.

Homily

**Please stand**

Nicene Creed

***All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things: visible and invisible.***

***And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds;***

***God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God***

***begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;***

***by Whom all things were made;***

***Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven;***

***and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man;***

***And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;***

***He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures;***

***and ascended into Heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father;***

***and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;***

***Whose Kingdom shall have no end.***

***And we believe in the Holy Spirit the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father;***

***Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;***

***Who has spoken through the prophets.***

***And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;***

***We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;***

***and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.* ✠**

Prayers of the People Form VII (Made from directions in BCP)

*The Deacon stands in the midst of the people and opens the prayer. The minister appointed follows as directed in the Proper.*

**Deacon: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church, and for the world.**

Minister: Almighty Father, we lift before You Your holy catholic Church:

*People: That You would lead us in truth, baptize us in love, and unite us in spirit.*

Minister: We pray for her leaders, especially Bishop Craig and Bishop Ariel:

*People: That they may with one voice minister Your life to Your people and the world.*

Minister: We lift before You the people of this community, this nation, and the world:

*People: That we may honor one another and serve the common good.*

Minister: We pray for our governmental leaders, especially President Marcos:

*People: That You would lead them in the ways of justice and peace.*

Minister: We lift before You all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit:

*People: That You would send Your comfort and grace upon them.*

Minister: Give to the departed eternal rest:

*People: Grant that we may share with them in Your everlasting Kingdom.*

Alternatively, the Prayers of the Faithful included in the Proper for Christmas Eve may be prayed instead.

Refer to the Proper provided.

Concluding Collect

**Presider:** *According to the designated Proper*

Peace

**Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.**

*People: And with your spirit.*

**Presider: Let us offer one another a sign of God’s peace.**

Offertory

Presider gives the Offering Exhortation.

Worship in Psalms,

Hymns,

and Spiritual Songs:

The Sacrifice

of Praise

The Offertory:

The Sacrifice

of Ourselves

*Selection per parish or mission*

The Lesser Doxology may be sung in a high mass, during which time the Presider censes the gifts.

After the Altar and Gifts have been censes by the Presider, the Deacon censes the Ministers, then all of the people.

Then the Presider censes the front of the Altar and the Ministers again.

Lesser Doxology

*(Traditional)*

*(Words and Music By: Thomas Ken)*

*(Attributed To Louis Bourgeois)*

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,*

*Praise Him all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly Host:*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!*

*AMEN!*

Preparation of the Gifts

Standing behind the Altar, the Presider takes the paten with the bread or a large host, and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, says:

**Presider: Blessed are You Lord, God of all creation. For through Your goodness we have received the bread we offer You: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become the Body of Christ.**

*People: Blessed be God forever.*

While pouring a small amount of water into the chalice and flagon, the Presider says quietly:

**Presider: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.**

Then the Presider takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, says:

**Presider: Blessed are You Lord, God of all creation, for through Your goodness we have received the wine we offer You, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become the Blood of Christ.**

*People: Blessed be God forever.*

Then the Presider takes an offering basket or bag, and while holding it slightly raised above the altar, says:

**Presider: Blessed are You Lord, God of all creation, for through Your goodness we bring these tithes and offerings before You. They will be used in Your church for the work You have set before us and the furthering of Your kingdom.**

Presider places the offering below the altar, then washes his hands, quietly saying:

**Presider: Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

Exhortation To Pray (*Orate fratres*)

The Presider returns to the center of the altar, faces the people, and says:

**Presider: Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.**

*People: 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 holy Church.*

***All: Amen.***

Great Thanksgiving

**Presider: The Lord be with you.**

*People: And with your spirit.*

**Presider: Lift up your hearts.**

*People: We lift them up to the Lord.*

**Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

*People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

Preface Christmas I, II, or III, ICCEC

The priest continues the preface with hands extended:

**Presider:** *According to the designated Proper*

Sanctus Benedictus

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Eucharistic Prayer VIII CEC

The presider, with hands extended, says:

**Presider: We give You praise, Father most holy, for You are great and You have fashioned all Your works in wisdom and in love. You formed man in Your own image and entrusted the whole world to his care, so that in serving You alone, the Creator, He might have dominion over all creatures.**

**And when through disobedience he had lost Your fellowship, You did not abandon him to the domain of death. For You came in mercy to the aid of all, so that those who seek might find You. Time and again You offered covenant with man, and through the prophets taught him to look forward to salvation.**

**And You so loved the world, Father most holy, that in the fullness of time You sent Your only begotten Son to be our Savior. Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, He shared our human nature in all things but sin. To the poor He proclaimed the good news of salvation, to prisoners, freedom, and to the sorrowful of heart, joy. To accomplish Your plan, He gave himself up to death, and rising from the dead, He destroyed death and restored life.**

**Presider: And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose again for us, You sent the Holy Spirit, Father, as the first fruits for those who believe, so that, bringing to perfection His work in the world, He might sanctify creation to the full.**

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

The Presider raises his hands above the Altar, then lowers them down above the offerings. While making the sign of the cross once over both the bread and chalice, he says:

**Presider: Therefore, O Lord, we pray: may this same Holy Spirit graciously sanctify these ✠ offerings, that they may become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the celebration of this great mystery, which He Himself left us as an eternal covenant.**

The Presider joins his hands.

Words of Institution

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

**Presider: For when the hour had come for Him to be glorified by You, Father most holy, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. And while they were at supper He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:**

 **“Take, eat: This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”**

The Presider shows the consecrated host to the people, places it on the paten, and bows or genuflects in adoration.

The Presider continues:

**Presider: In a similar way, taking the cup filled with the fruit of the vine, He gave thanks and gave the cup to His disciples, saying:**

**“Drink this, all of you: This is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of Me.”**

The Presider shows the consecrated chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and bows or genuflects in adoration.

Mystery of Faith

Then, with hands extended, the Presider says:

**Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:**

Then all sing or say:

***All: Christ has died,***

***Christ is risen,***

***Christ will come again.***

Prayer for the Church

Then with hands extended, the Presider says:

**Presider: Therefore, O Lord, as we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption, we remember Christ’s death and His descent to the realm of the dead. We proclaim His resurrection and His ascension to Your right hand, and, as we await His coming in glory, we offer You His Body and Blood.**

**Look, O Lord, upon the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which You Yourself have provided for Your church, and grant in Your lovingkindness to all who partake of this one bread and one cup that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of Your glory.**

**Presider: Therefore, Lord, remember now your servant Craig, our Patriarch, Ariel, our Bishop, and the whole order of Bishops. Remember all the clergy, especially those who take part in the offering, as well as your people gathered here before you, seeking you with sincere hearts.**

The Presider prays for them briefly with hands joined. Then, with hands extended, he continues:

**Presider: To all of us, Your children, grant, O merciful Father, that we may enter into a heavenly inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and with Your apostles and saints in Your Kingdom. There, with the whole of creation freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify You through Christ our Lord,**

The Presider joins his hands.

**through whom You bestow on the world all that is good.**

On the high Feast of Christmas Eve, the Great Doxology, Lord’s Prayer, and Pascha Nostrum are all sung.

For Christmas Day, Feast the Holy Name, and the two Sundays of Christmas, they may be sung or spoken according to Parish tradition.

The Presider takes the chalice and the host, and lifting them up, sings:

**The Great Doxology and Great Amen**



The Lord’s Prayer

The Presider continues:

**Presider: And now as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to pray.**

*THE LORD’S PRAYER*

*Our Father, Who art in heaven,*

*Hallowed be Thy Name;*

*Thy kingdom come;*

*Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our trespasses,*

*As we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,*

*But deliver us from evil.*

*For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,*

*And the glory; forever, and ever.*

*AMEN.* ✠

*Arrangement and language per parish or mission*

Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated host in half, then breaks off a small piece and places it in the chalice.

Invitation to Communion

The Presider elevates the host and the chalice together, saying:

**Presider: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

*People*: *Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but say only the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Christ our Passover (*Pascha Nostrum*)

The Christ our Passover (*Pascha Nostrum*) may be spoken or sung in unison, or antiphonally by the Presider and the People.

**Presider: Hallelujah!**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!**

*People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Hallelujah!*

**- or –**

*Pascha Nostrum*

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**Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God:**

**Take them in remembrance that Jesus died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts with thanksgiving.**

The Ministration of Communion

*Selection per parish or mission*

Post-Communion Prayer

**Presider: Let us pray.**

***All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom.***

***And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.***

***To him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

Blessing

Miter on.

**Bishop: The Lord be with you.**

*People: And with your spirit.*

**Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.**

*People: The maker of heaven and earth.*

Deacon: Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

**Presider:** *According to the designated Proper*

Recessional

*Selection per parish or mission.*

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit..

**People: *Thanks be to God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.*** ✠