

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem, where they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Entrance Hymn

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby, in a manger for His bed. Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little Child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all. And his shelter was a stable and His cradle was a stall. With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy.
3. And through all His wond'rous childhood He would honour and obey love and watch the lowly mother in whose gentle arms He lay. Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as He.



Greeting

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

All: AMEN

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

C: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Pause for silent reflection. After a brief silence all say:

All: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault 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.

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

P: AMEN

The Kyrie

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria

All: 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, help us to live as the holy family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

1:20–22. 24–28

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel is made over to the Lord for the whole of his life.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel "since" she said "I asked the Lord for him."

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, "Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever."

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, "If you please,

my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I had asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord."

There she left him, for the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 83:2–3. 5–6. 9–10. R. v.5

R. They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. R.
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. R.
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. R.

Second Reading

3:1–2. 21–24

A reading from the first letter of St. John

We are called God's children, and that is what we are.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Acts 16:14

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel

2:41–52

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the doctors.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, "My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you." "Why were you looking for me?" he replied. "Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?" But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

1. We offer you, O Lord Divine,
our humble gifts of bread and wine;
we place them on your altar, Lord, today.
Make them worthy of your love,
send your blessings from above,
sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray.
*O, take our hearts, take our minds.
Take all we have, make them Thine, O Lord;
take all we have, O Lord.*

The Offering

(If no song is sung, then the people may make the responses to the prayer of offering given here.)

- C:** 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.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** 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.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- P:** 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.

Prayer over the gifts

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.
- C:** Lift up your hearts.
- P:** We lift them up to the Lord.
- C:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- P:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Acclamation

All: Holy, 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.

Memorial Acclamation

- C:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- P:** Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Communion Rite

- C:** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:
- All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.
- C:** 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 Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- All:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Breaking of the Bread

- All:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.
- C:** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
- All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among men.

Communion Hymn

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Prayer After Communion

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

Concluding Rite

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.
- C:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
- P:** Amen.
- C:** The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- P:** Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

1. Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why our joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song.
3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

