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4th Sudday of YearCatholic Centee
Broadcast

Good morning to you, from the chapel at the Catholic Centre. In a few moments the Mass for today will be beginning here, and we would like to invite all of you listening to your radio to join with us in our prayer and worship of God this Sunday morning. Especially if you are sick, or at home and unable to share with your fellow-Christians in their community celebration of Christian life today, this broadcast of Mass is intended to give you a chance to join in spirit with the people here, to help you in your own prayer to God./ After the Christmas season and all the 'special' Sundays we've been having recently, today is just an ordinary Sunday of the year; and the scripture readings for today's celebration of the Lord are from this year's semi-continuous reading of St Luke's gospel (with an O.T. passage selected to match the gospel), and from St Paul's Letters to Corinth -- today's extract happens to be the famous chapter 13, on God's greatest gift, of Love. But first, to prepare ourselves for a fruitful listening to the word of God, the Mass begins now with a service of prayer, repentance and praise to God. An entry song is sung as the celebrant Fr Cyril Barrett, with thée assistants, enters the sanctuary area of the chapel.

CHOIR

Intro.: Kyrie: Gloria: ORATIO

The Assembly Prayer for today's celebrant

All now sit down, to listen to the first of the readings of scripture, which is followed by a responsory from Ps 71.

CREED:

After the scripture readings and the homily by the celebrant of this Mass, Fr Cyril Barrett, a profession of faith is now recited in common, the Nicene Creed

OFFERT.: The Prayers of General Intercession which you've just been listening to conclude the first part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word. At the altar now, the priest begins the preparation for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, receiving from the assistants the bread and wine offered in the name of all of us which will be used in the sacrifice and sacrament of the Eucharist.

CHOIR

Preface: The formal Prayer over the Gifts we've offered completes the preparatory rite of the Offertory. And now, the action and Prayer of the Eucharist, beginning with an invitation to take part, and then the special Preface for Sundays of the Year.

PER IPSUM: The Prayer and Action of the Eucharist ends, as always, with that hymn of praise and glory to God. As immediate preparation now for the sacrament of the Eucharist, we pray together the Lord's prayer, Our Father...

COMMUNION: It's Communiontime now; at the altar, the priest first receives in Holy Communion the Body and Blood of Christ. Then in a moment or two, he will go to the altar-rail, to give this Holy Communion also to the people in the congregation here who wish to share this Eucharist and who are now filing up to the front of the chapel. As they go, and return to their places, there is some little time for personal, private prayer now; you may like to use this time for your own prayer, as a communiontime hymn is sung..

CHOIR

While the priest continues and finishes giving Holy Communion to the people here, there's a little time left in which you might like to join me in some reflection on this Eucharist and

the readings of scripture we've listened to. What St Paul wrote about the gift of God's love is particularly apt for the Eucharist, which is in a special sense the Sacrament of Divine Love. Here Christ gives himself to each one, so that we may share His giving of Himself for the world on Calvary, share His risen life and love. The Eucharist is for now; it's also a pledge and beginning of the future, for Christ's life and love will never pass away, and He invites us to share with and through Him the eternal life of God. It is the same gift of which St Paul speaks, which we don't really grasp or understand yet, but which has begun. The qualities St Paul describes (Love is always patient and kind..never jealous, boastful, conceited, rude, selfish).. this is to be Christ-like and that's really the transformation which the Eucharist shd. bring about in us now. But the gospel has reminded us that Christ's love was for everyman, something that his own townspeople weren't able to accept; and in practice we too find it difficult.... perhaps it's because our hearts aren't open enough to others, to all others, that the transformation which Christ's gift of Himself to us in the Eucharist shd. be making in our Christian lives isn't yet so complete. The love of Christ comes to us, a gift for others; sharing His love with people, not just our own likings, we receive His gift more deeply. This Holy Communion, then, is never solely something between an individual and Christ; it eventually involves us in all of mankind, as we re-live in the Eucharist Christ's giving of Himself on His cross for every man. So let us pray that we may truly receive this gift of God with open hearts, and receiving, be open to sharing God's gift with everyone we meet

and ~~spea~~ speak with. May all of us be the prophets to our world which sharing Christ's life calls us to be, with Him. And in keeping with that, may we learn more and more to give as He has given to us. May we learn to understand His giving, and to be grateful and graceful in receiving and in sharing what we receive.

PRIEST : Almighty God, give the joy of coming salvation to your servants who grieve for the guilt of their sins. We make our prayer through our Lord. ALL : Amen. (Sit)

Prayer Over the Gifts

P. Lord, may the gift we offer in faith and love be a continual sacrifice in your honour, and truly become our eucharist and our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ALL : Amen.

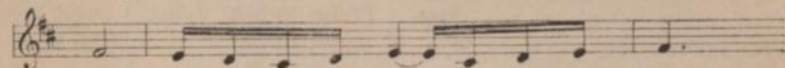
Communion Song

READER : Say to the fainthearted, "Take courage and fear not. Behold, our God will come and will save us."

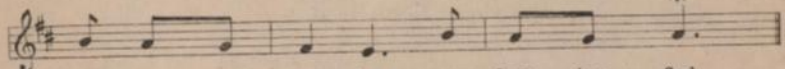
ALL SING :



1. My peo- ple, my peo- ple, for- get your
2. The Lord is nigh, pre- pare the way, make straight the
3. Your sin- stained hearts shall fair- er be than whit- est
4. Re- joice, re- joice, pro- claim your joy, O Ka- - -



1. grief; I will come to you, be not a- afraid,
2. paths, for your King shall come, the day draws near,
3. snow, and he will re- fresh each bur- dened soul.
4. ry, Mo- ther of your God and Queen of Heav'n,



1. I am your Sav- iour, your lov- ing God.
2. keep con- stant vig- il with ea- ger hearts.
3. New life a- waits you, re- deemed from sin.
4. man- kind's sal- va- tion has come through you.

Prayer After Communion

P. God of mercy, may this eucharist bring us your divine help, free us from our sins, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL : Amen.

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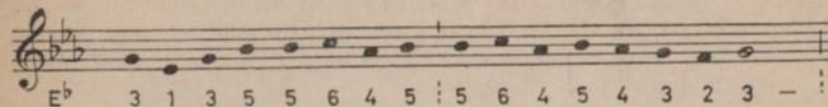
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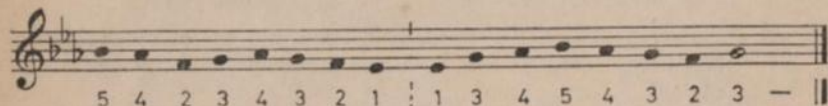
Entry Song

READER : Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.

ALL SING : (Hymn book No. 48)



1 O Lord of Light, who made the stars, O Dawn by whom we see the Way,



O Christ, Re-deem-er of all men, Make haste to lis- ten as we pray!

- 2 In lowliness you came on earth
To rescue man from Satan's snares;
O wondrous Love that healed our wounds
By taking on our mortal cares!

Opening Prayer

P. Let us pray.

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ALL : Amen. (Sit)

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah (3:14-18a)

(Them: The Lord will exult with you, over you, he will renew you by his love)

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The

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King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival." — This is the word of the Lord.

ALL : Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Isaiah 12)

READER : "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." With you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

ALL : Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy one of Israel.

READER : "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name; make known his deeds among the nations, proclaim that his name is exalted."

ALL : Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy one of Israel.

READER : "Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

ALL : Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy one of Israel.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (4:4-7)

(Theme: The Lord is near)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. — This is the word of the Lord. ALL : Thanks be to God.

Proclamation (All stand)

READER SINGS : Alleluia, Alleluia.

ALL : (Repeat Alleluia)

READER : The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

ALL : (Repeat Alleluia)

Gospel

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (3:10-18)

(Theme: What, then, must we do?)

ALL : Glory to you, Lord.

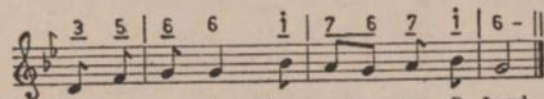
The multitudes asked John, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than is appointed you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people. — This is the gospel of the Lord.

ALL : Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

General Intercessions

PRIEST : Christ is near us today, since where two or three are gathered in his name he is there. Knowing this we ask confidently for what we need.

READER : May the coming of your Son bring hope, peace and joy to Christians everywhere. Lord, hear us.



ALL : Hear your peo-ple, have mer- cy, O Lord.

READER : Through the work we do each day, help us to contribute to the progress of our society and to share with others the money we have earned. Lord, hear us.

Help those who are oppressed and set them free through the coming of your Son. Lord, hear us.

Give us the grace of repentance and help us to grow in the fullness of your love. Lord, hear us.