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OFFERT.: The Prayers of General Intercession conclude the first part of the Mass. Going now to the altar, the priest begins the preparation for the second part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist. He takes the offerings of bread and wine brought to him by the assistants, which are symbolic of our lives and our giving of ourselves to God in union with Christ whose sacrifice of Himself for us on the cross we are about to participate in and join ourselves to in the action and sacrament of the Eucharist.

CHOIR

PREFACE: The Offertory Rite is concluded by that formal Prayer over the Gifts for this Sunday's celebration. And now the central prayer and action of the Eucharist begins with an introductory dialogue and the Sunday preface: we're using the Eucharistic Prayer here this morning.

PER IPSUM: The Eucharistic Prayer ~~ends~~ as always with that very old offering and praise to God our Father. And now, in preparation for sharing in the sacrament of the Eucharist, we pray together the prayer given us by Christ, 'Our Father'.

COMMUNION: At the altar now, the priest receives in Holy Communion the Body and Blood of Christ, taking first the sacred host and then drinking from the consecrated chalice. Meanwhile, people in the congregation here who wish to share in this Holy Communion together and with Christ, begin to make their way up to the altar-rail where in a moment or two the priest will come to share with them Christ's sacrament of his Life and Love and union with us. While the giving of Holy Communion proceeds, there's a time now in the order of the Mass for our own personal, private prayer to Christ in our

Welcome to the chapel at the Catholic Centre, to join us in the celebration of Mass this Sunday morning, the 3rd ^{ordinary} Sunday of the Year. Especially if you are sick, at home or in hospital, or for some reason cannot take part in your own Christian community celebration and worship this morning, we hope this broadcast will give you a chance to join in spirit with the people here now in their prayer and worship to God. The first part of our celebration centres on the Word of God in the scriptures: you'll hear today a reading from the OT ^{Book of prophet} ~~Isaiah~~ ^{Nehemiah}, from St Paul's first letter to Corinth (which is read each year in the Sunday liturgies at this time), and from St ^{Luke} ~~Matthew~~'s gospel which is the gospel being read on most of the ordinary Sundays of this year ¹⁹⁸⁶ ~~1975~~. But before the scripture readings, as a preparation to listening fruitfully to the Word of God, there's an introductory rite of repentance, prayer and praise to God. And first, as the celebrant of this morning's Mass, Fr ^{Marciano Baptista} ~~Harold Naylor~~, comes to the altar-area of the chapel, an Entry Song is sung by the choir ^{John Collins} ~~(from Pui Tak College, Aberdeen)~~

CHOIR

Intro.: Kyrie: Gloria: ORATIO The formal Assembly Prayer for today's celebration. And now everyone sits down to listen to the first of the Scripture readings; and this is followed by part of Ps ¹⁸ 27 recited as a responsoary.

Creed: After the Word of God in scripture and the homily given by Fr ^{John Collins} ~~Harold Naylor~~, all now stand to recite together a profession of faith, the Nicene Creed.

communion with Him. You might like at this time to make your own prayer, in union of spirit with the people here making their Holy Communion; in a couple of moments, the choir will be singing a communiontime song, but meantime we might also reflect awhile on the scriptures we listened to earlier, and on this Eucharist we share. [St Matthew, you remember, describes the beginning of Jesus' teaching and miracles, in Galilee, a land that had seen division, capture, oppression (and still a disputed area); and St Matthew present Christ as the Light promised to those who lived in darkness, the salvation and presence of God for those oppressed without hope or protection. And Christ chose simple men, like Peter and Andrew and James and John, to be His agents in bringing men together to share His light, His life and salvation. In the Eucharist too, Christ comes into our lives, in a very special way: it is both very personal, and very much because of our being united together in a community with each other, with those first disciples and with Christ Himself. He who is the Light and salvation of the world, whom so many people are looking for (unknown perhaps to themselves) in their darkness, uncertainty, loneliness, powerlessness... He is among us, with us, within us to be our light, to make us sharers of His life and love: but not just for our own personal comfort or salvation, but to be, with Him, all together, the Light that all the people of the world can see and look to, the Word of hope, strength and salvation they can hear. Our Holy Communion is meant to be also a sign^{of} and the power for the reconciliation of mankind with itself and with God, the uniting of all men in the family of God our Father through Christ who is brother to us all. CHOIR

The giving of Holy Communion has now ended, and at the altar the priest puts away the remaining consecrated hosts and briefly cleans the chalice and patens used during the Mass. Then after a few moments' silent prayer, he recites the final Thanksgiving Prayer for today's celebration and gives the Blessing.

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The Blessing and Dismissal bring today's Mass to an end. And as the people here begin to leave the chapel we end also this broadcast which has come to you direct from the chapel at the Catholic Centre in Connaught Road, Central.