

CHRISTMAS SEASON

ST STEPHEN'S DAY 26th Dec

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The gates of heaven were opened for blessed Stephen, who was found to be first among the number of the Martyrs and therefore is crowned triumphant in heaven.

COLLECT

Grant, Lord, we pray, that we may imitate what we worship, and so learn to love even our enemies, for we celebrate the heavenly birthday of a man who knew how to pray even for his persecutors..

FIRST READING *Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59*

"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM from P31

R. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

GOSPEL *Matthew 10:17-22*

...do not worry about how you are to speak...

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these offerings of our devotion today, be acceptable to you, we pray, O Lord, for they are prompted by the glorious commemoration of Saint Stephen the Martyr.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Acts 7: 58*

As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

For the many mercies which surround us we give thanks to you, O Lord, who save us through the Nativity of your Son and gladden us with the celebration of the blessed Martyr Stephen.
Through Christ our Lord...

Key Ideas and Words

To follow the Christ (child) means we must be open to martyrdom. It is an all or nothing following.

Martyrdom is surest way to share God's glory
Stephen is first

Live what we worship
To love our enemies is a learning curve because of Stephen's example
we must pray for enemies.
Persecutors....link to beatitudes

As Stephen offered himself
we offer these gifts in the same spirit.

Same words of Jesus from the Cross

Abundant mercy is cause of thanksgiving

Nativity and Martyrdom juxtaposed

ST JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

This is John, who reclined on the Lord's breast at supper, the blessed Apostle, to whom celestial secrets were revealed and who spread the words of life through all the world.

Or: Sir 15: 5

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

COLLECT

O God, who through the blessed Apostle John have unlocked for us the secrets of your Word, grant, we pray, that we may grasp with proper understanding what he has so marvelously brought to our ears.

FIRST READING *1 John 1:1-4*

Beloved: What was from the beginning,

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12*

R. Rejoice in the Lord, you just!

GOSPEL *John 20:1a, 2-8*

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify the offerings we have made, O Lord, we pray, and grant that from the banquet of this supper we may draw the hidden wisdom of the eternal Word, just as, from this same source, you revealed it to your Apostle John.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Jn 1: 14, 16*

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,
and from his fullness we have all received.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that the Word made flesh,
proclaimed by the blessed Apostle John,
may, through this mystery which we have
celebrated, ever dwell among us.

Key Words and Ideas

Evangelization and indwelling
Unity of Word and Sacramental Meal

John the beloved disciple
John reveals (evangelization as revelation)
Gospel, Good news, Words of life
Everywhere, unlimited.

Evangelists proclaim in a community and are
divinely inspired
God wisdom.
Share his glory through mission

Focus on the Logos theology
Unlocked...nothing hidden
Desire to understand what we hear

The Banquet we share is a revelation is a mode
of evangelization.
The Word and the Sacramental meal are of
God's wisdom.

Flesh (Sarkx) Dwells among us (Emmanuel)
We have partaken of his completeness

This dynamic of the catabatic The Word
dwelling among us is continued in the Eucharist.

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The innocents were slaughtered as infants for Christ; spotless, they follow the Lamb and sing forever: Glory to you, O Lord.

COLLECT

O God, whom the Holy Innocents confessed and proclaimed on this day, not by speaking but by dying, grant, we pray, that the faith in you which we confess with our lips may also speak through our manner of life.

FIRST READING *1 John 1:5-2:2*

God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8*

R. Our soul has been rescued like a bird from a fowler's snare..

GOSPEL *Matthew 2:13-18*

"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt,

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your devoted servants and purify us as we faithfully serve these, your mysteries, by which you grant justification even to those who lack understanding.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Rev 14: 4*

Behold those redeemed as the first fruits of the human race for God and the Lamb, and who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, abundant salvation to your faithful as they receive your holy gifts on the feast day of these, your Saints, who, though still unable to profess your Son in speech, were crowned with heavenly grace on account of his birth.

Key Words and Ideas

Following Christ makes us vulnerable to persecution, misunderstanding and the evil of Others.

A simple recollection of the feast and the hope of Glory

Profession of faith in Blood not words

May our profession of faith be as profound and vibrate with our way of living.

Devoted servants (slaves have been emptied out [kenosis])

May this offering justify us through faith through service

Your justification is even available for those who lack understanding (babies)

1st fruits. Jesus is the first fruit (linkage to Genesis) the innocents are the first to follow to God.

Even without words the innocents speak louder and more eloquently of the holy gifts of the incarnation.

HOLY FAMILY 2nd Sunday of Christmas

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Luke 2: 16*

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph
and the Infant lying in a manger.

COLLECT

O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds
of charity,
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.

FIRST READING (Alt, Year B) *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*

Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *105:*

Blessed are those who fear the Lord & walk in his ways.

SECOND READING (Yr B: *Hebrews 11:8,11-12 17-19*)

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility...

GOSPEL *Luke 2:22-40*

for my eyes have seen your salvation ,...
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,
humbly asking that, through the intercession of the
Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may
establish our families firmly in y'r grace and y'r peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Baruch 3: 38*

Our God has appeared on the earth,
and lived among us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,
most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the
example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of
this world, we may share their company for ever.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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. Amen.

Key Words and Ideas

Family is the primary mode of faith of Church

Jesus born into a human family

Holy Family is seen as the archetype to be copied
H F is a family of virtue practiced in charity
The Family Home we should pre-eco of the
heavenly home

We associate our families with that of JMJ through
celebrating the Mass where Mary and Jospheh
intercede for us. And bring grace an peace.

Prophetic oracle of Emmanuel.

This Eucharistic meal is a family meal that unites us to
the Holy Family in Christ. And A foretaste of the
heavenly home and banquet.

God's Care our metanoia and growth in fidelity make
us good members of the Family of God.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD 1st January

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,
who rules heaven and earth forever.

Or: *Is 9: 1, 5;*

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born
for us; and he will be called Wondrous God,
Prince of peace, Father of future ages:
and his reign will be without end.

COLLECT

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed
Mary bestowed on the human race
the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray,
that we may experience the intercession of her,
through whom we were found worthy
to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son.

FIRST READING *Numbers 6:22-27*

The Lord bless you and keep you...

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *67:2-3, 5, 6, 8*

R. (2a) May God bless us in his mercy.

SECOND READING *Galatians 4:4-7*

born of a woman, born under the law,

GOSPEL *Luke 2:16-21*

And Mary pondered these things in her heart.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in your kindness begin all good things
and bring them to fulfillment, grant to us,
who find joy in the Solemnity of the holy Mother of
God, that, just as we glory in the beginnings of
your grace, so one day we may rejoice in its
completion.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Heb 13: 8*

Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with
joy, O Lord: grant, we pray,
that it may lead us to eternal life, for we rejoice
to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary
Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church.

Key Words and Ideas

THEOTOKOS : Mother of God.

Mary exulted with her royal son.

The great titles of Messiah.

Eternal Reign / Kingdom.

Virgin mother theology

Mary's Fiat is a great benevolence for all.

She is the great intercessor.

We hope to be like her and be worthy to bare
receive Christ into our hearts and bare him as
witness to the world.

Alpha and Omega dynamic of God gift of grace
through his kindness.

All of history in covered in God's benevolent
grace because Mary said yes and bore Jesus.

We proclaim Mary as Mother of Of Jesus and of
the Church .

Foot of the Cross theology (Mary and John
given to each other)

FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Phil 2: 10-11*

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

COLLECT.

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race on the Incarnation of your Word, give your peoples the mercy they implore, so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of your Only Begotten Son.

FIRST READING *Philippians 2:1-11*

Rather he emptied himself taking the form of a slave,

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

GOSPEL *Luke 2:21-24*

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus,

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Bringing you these offerings from what your bounty bestows on us, we pray, O Lord, that, just as you have given to Christ, obedient even until death, the Name that saves, so you may grant us protection by its power.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 8: 2*

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the sacrificial gifts offered to your majesty, O Lord, to honor Christ's Name and which we have now received, fill us, we pray, with your abundant grace, so that we may come to rejoice that our names, too, are written in heaven.

Key Words and Ideas

Recognize the high power position and authority of Jesus. And all to believe and proclaim Him.

Salvation comes from the Word made flesh God's mercy is craved and we do so in the power of the Name.

Link to absolution . I absolve you in the name...

The power of the name saves. As will these gifts when exchanged in communion. As the Body and Blood of Christ.

The royal splendor of the Name of Jesus is for all to hear and know.

We do all this to Honor the name of Jesus and the gifts sacred meal we've just eaten only benefit us because of the grace freely given as we called upon His Name. To know someone's name is to know them and have a relationship with them and share with them.

EPIPHANY: VIGIL MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Bar 5: 5*

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East
and see your children gathered from the rising to
the setting of the sun.

COLLECT.

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray,
shed its light upon our hearts,
that we may pass through the shadows of this
world and reach the brightness of our eternal
home.

READINGS

FIRST READING *Isaiah 60:1-6*

The glory of the Lord shines on you

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13*

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

SECOND READING *Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6*

...That the gentiles are coheirs ...

ALLELUIA *Mt 2:2*

GOSPEL *Matthew 2:1-12*

...and they went home a different way.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept we pray, O Lord, our offerings,
in honor of the appearing of your Only Begotten
Son and the first fruits of the nations,
that to you praise may be rendered
and eternal salvation be ours.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Rev 21: 23*

The brightness of God illumined the holy city
Jerusalem,
and the nations will walk by its light.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by sacred nourishment,
we implore your mercy, O Lord,
that the star of your justice
may shine always bright in our minds
and that our true treasure may ever consist in our
confession of you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Key Words and Ideas

New Light Shines For all and forever

Look to the East. Always seen as the direction of
the Promised Land and thus the direction from
where our salvation will come.

The Light of the incarnation is to shine on us and
we (The Church) are to be a conduit of this eternal
light to the whole world. Our witnessing to the
light of Christ is dispel shadows and the dark.

We offer the gifts in response to the incarnation,
to praise God and to hopefully receive eternal
salvation.

The light of Christ saves us and all the nations.

Salvation, redemption is linked to Justice shining
out.

EPIPHANY: MASS DURING THE DAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Mal 3: 1; 1 Chr 29: 12*

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and
dominion.

COLLECT

O God, who on this day revealed
your Only Begotten Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy,
that we, who know you already by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty of your
sublime glory.

READINGS

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Look with favor, Lord, we pray,
on these gifts of your Church,
in which are offered now
not gold or frankincense or myrrh,
but he who by them is proclaimed,
sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Mt 2: 2*

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord,
always and everywhere,
that we may perceive with clear sight
and revere with true affection
the mystery in which you have willed us to
participate..

Key Words and Ideas

A bit more than "all Hail to the chief"!!!

God's light revealed to all no exclusivity. A
universalism that is rooted in faith and
aspires to glory.

The Kings gifts (Which the holy, royal and
prophetic nature of Christ) are now replaced
by ours which when changed into the Body
and blood of the Lord brings us favor and
power.

Ever Eastwards

God's light leads
Gives us clarity
Helps us enter the mystery
By participating in it.

Epiphany

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father,
almighty and eternal God.

For today you have revealed
the mystery of our salvation in Christ
as a light for the nations,
and, when he appeared in our mortal nature,
you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

Preface 1 of the Blessed Virgin Mary

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father,
almighty and eternal God,

and to praise, bless, and glorify your name.
on the Solemnity of the Motherhood
of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit
she conceived your Only Begotten Son,
and without losing the glory of virginity,
brought forth into the world the eternal Light,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him the Angels praise your majesty,
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven
and the blessed Seraphim
worship together with exultation.
May our voices, we pray,
join with theirs in humble praise, as we acclaim:

Key ideas and Words

- Today - Now in our time too
- Reveal - nothing is hidden
- Mystery of Salvation
- The mystery is now known in the person of Jesus Christ and our relationship with him is salvific
- Light
- All nations
- His appearing in Mortal flesh (The word was made flesh) INCARNATE ONE OF US EMMANUEL
- We are connected to his glory and thus his immortality.
- Catabasis and Anabasis

- Note the Liturgy is always about the Glory of God
- But this is done through the lens of the feast of Mary's Motherhood. Theotokos, Mother of God not just of Jesus the human
- This is the work of God's initiative, Part of the Catabasis, through the Holy Spirit at Annunciation
- Virgin Mother
- Human agency chosen by God to do this bring forth into the world
- Light here is described as eternal

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