



EUCHALETTE

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Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran

We Are God's Living Temples

The anniversary of the dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran – the cathedral church of the Pope in Rome – is an invitation to show our love for the Holy Father and renew our union with him. It is also an opportunity to reawaken our awareness that God's temple is not just the place of worship made of stones and cement, but especially the community of believers who are the "living stones" that constitute it.

Today, therefore, is also the feast of our parish community, God's family and living temple in this area. At no other time is this reality more obvious than when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. Let us be aware of this wonderful reality of which we are a part. With all our hearts, let us worship the Lord in unison with all those who share our faith and hope, especially those who are suffering in whatever way.



INTRODUCTORY RITES



Entrance Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. *(Cf. Rv 21:2)*

Greeting

P –The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All –And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

P –Gathered together as God's family, let us realize our unworthiness and ask the Lord for pardon and strength. *(Pause)*

P –For the times we have taken for granted our member-

ship in the Church and have failed to live up to its demands, Lord, have mercy.

All –Lord, have mercy.

P –For the times we have behaved disrespectfully in church and may have been a source of scandal to others, Christ, have mercy.

All –Christ, have mercy.

P –For the times we have given priority to material structures to the detriment of the spiritual welfare of our brothers and sisters, Lord, have mercy.

All –Lord, have mercy.

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

All –Amen.

Gloria

All –Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you,

we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. 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.

Collect (Opening Prayer)

P –O God, who from living and chosen stones prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty, increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed, so that by new growth your faithful people may build up the heavenly Jerusalem.

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Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. *All—Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD



1st Reading *Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12*
The prophet Ezekiel had a heart-warming vision of streams of water, which were flowing from the Temple and quickened to life even the deadest of the seas. This life-giving water symbolizes divine grace which flows from the sacramental life of the Church, God's living temple.

R —A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

The angel brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the facade of the temple was toward the east. The water flowed down from the southern side of the temple, south of the altar. He led me outside by the north gate, and around to the outer gate facing the east, where I saw water trickling from the southern side.

He said to me, "This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah, and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh. Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. Every month they shall bear fresh fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine."

The Word of the Lord.
All—Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

R —*The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High.*

R. M. Velez

Eb Gm/D Cm Cm/Ab Ab

The wa-ters of the ri-ver glad-

Eb/G Bb Ab

den the ci-ty of God, the ho-

Bb Eb

ly dwelling of the most High!

* **God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Therefore we fear not, though the earth be shaken and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea.** **R.**

* **There is a stream whose runlets gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed; God will help it at the break of dawn.** **R.**

* **The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. Come! behold the deeds of the Lord, the astounding things he has wrought on earth.** **R.**

2nd Reading

1 Cor 3:9-13, 16-17

The community of believers which St. Paul had founded in Corinth was plagued by factionalism and different forms of perversion. In his first letter to them, the Apostle reminds them and us that every Christian community is a living temple of God. No one should destroy its unity and holiness through irresponsible behavior.

R —A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

The Word of the Lord.
All—Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All—Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there forever.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 2:13-22

The expulsion of the traders from the temple area, as reported in today's Gospel passage, reveals the very high regard Jesus had for the sacredness of the house of prayer. This is an ever-timely reminder to all those who behave disrespectfully in it or promote church activities mostly for material gain.

P —The Lord be with you.

All—And with your spirit.

P —A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All—Glory to you, O Lord.

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the **temple** area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there.

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

At this the Jews said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for

forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?"

But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)

All—I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *(bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.** For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look

forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

P —We are in the house of God, a house of prayer where everything is meant to help us raise our minds and hearts to Him in praise, adoration, thanksgiving and petition. Having in mind the needs of all mankind, we pray:

All—Lord, graciously hear us.

C —That the entire Catholic Church may ever more be for the whole world a clear sign of dedication to the Lord and a constant reminder of the value of worship, let us pray. **R.**

C —That the Holy Father, the bishops and all spiritual leaders may see the fruits of their campaigns in defense of the sacredness of the human person and of religious freedom, let us pray. **R.**

C —That those responsible for financial matters in parishes and religious organizations may find honest ways to raise funds which do not give the impression that they are "selling" the sacraments, let us pray. **R.**

C —That all the church goes may be always aware of the sacredness of all places of worship and behave with respect and dignity, let us pray. **R.**

P —Lord God, look with kindness on this congregation which You have consecrated to Your service and assembled here for the offering of the holy Eucharist. Preserve us from all evil and constantly enable us to offer You every day the worship of an honest life. You who live and reign for ever and ever.

All—Amen.



Preparation of the Gifts

P —Pray, brethren . . .

All—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.

Prayer over the Offerings

P —Accept, we pray, O Lord, the offering made here and grant that by it those who seek your favor may receive in this place the power of the Sacraments and the answer to their prayers.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen.

Preface: The Mystery of the Church, the Bride of Christ and the Temple of the Spirit

P —The Lord be with you.

All—And with your spirit.

P —Lift up your hearts.

All—We lift them up to the Lord.

P —Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All—It is right and just.

P —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 in your benevolence you are pleased to dwell in this house of prayer in order to perfect us as the temple of the Holy Spirit, supported by the perpetual help of your grace and resplendent with the glory of a life acceptable to you.

Year by year you sanctify the Church, the Bride of Christ, foreshadowed in visible buildings, so that, rejoicing as the mother of countless children, she may be given her place in your heavenly glory.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints, we praise you, as without end we acclaim:

All—Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. 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.

GLOSSARY: The Temple: The temple that had been constructed magnificently by Herod the Great in place of the one built by those who had come back from the Exile in Babylon. The original temple had been planned by David and constructed by Solomon. For centuries it had been the pride of the Israelite nation until it was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 587 BC. The temple constructed by Herod was the one in which Jesus taught, and whose destruction he foretold. His prophecy came true in 70 AD when the Romans razed it to the ground.

Memorial Acclamation

P –The mystery of faith.

All—Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE



All—Our Father . . .

P –Deliver us, Lord . . .

All—For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

All—Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion

P –Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

All—Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.)

Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood. (Cf. 1 Pt 2:5)

Prayer after Communion

P –O God, who chose to foreshadow for us the heavenly Jerusalem through the sign of your Church on earth, grant, we pray, that, by our partaking of this Sacrament, we may be made the temple of your grace and may enter the dwelling place of your glory.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES



P –The Lord be with you.

All—And with your spirit.

P –Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. *(Pause)*
May the Lord keep you united in authentic Chris-

tian love under the guidance of the Spirit of Love.

All—Amen.

P –And may almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All—Amen.

P –Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All—Thanks be to God.

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