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INTRODUCTION

Dear brethren, God created us and gave us this world so that we love him, know him and meet him. Today we are reminded that it is time for us to meet him so we are warned to check our worthiness and to choose the right path to reach heaven. Let us accept this truth and participate worthily in this Eucharistic celebration.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place. *(Jer 29:11-12, 14)*

COLLECT

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness or being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Today's 1st reading puts before our eyes the fact that this world will have an end marked by great upheavals and disasters. However, these will be followed immediately by a new and everlasting existence.

A reading from the Book of Daniel

12:1-3

At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 15: 5 & 8, 9-10, 11.

Response: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Response: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in

safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

Response: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

Response: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

SECOND READING

Today's 2nd reading continues to compare the priesthood of Christ with the Jewish priesthood. Jesus has offered once for all a single sacrifice for sins and has sat at the right hand of God to defeat the enemies.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, then to wait until his enemies should be made a stool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

The Word of the Lord

ALLELUIA (Lk 21:36)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake, pray at all time, for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

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GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after the great tribulation, the

sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away before all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

The Gospel of the Lord

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Let us pray to God our Father, whose Son Jesus will soon be coming to take us home to heaven.

Response: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

1. Let us pray for our Holy Father Francis, our Archbishop Peter, Priests and Religious that they may work sincerely at their task of guiding people to our real home heaven. *Our response*

2. Let us pray for all the Leaders of the world that repentance of their sins and love for their brothers and sisters in need may obtain for them a place at Jesus' right hand on the last day. *Our response*

3. Let us pray for those about to die, that they may repent of their sins and put their trust in Jesus who comes to complete their salvation.

Our response

4. Let us pray for the Poor all over the world as we celebrate the World Day of the Poor, that they may be provided everyday with all their basic needs and that the rich all over the world may share their abundance with the poor seeing Jesus in them.

Our response

5. Let us pray for our Parish community and for each one of us that living a true Christian life we may joyfully wait for the coming of Jesus at our death. *Our response*

Celebrant: Father in heaven, help us to receive Jesus with joy at his repeated coming in our life and thus actively prepare for his decisive coming at our death. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE IV (Ordinary)

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 by his birth he brought renewal to humanity's fallen state, and by his suffering, cancelled out our sins; by his rising from the dead he has opened the way to eternal life, and by ascending to you, O Father, he has unlocked the gates of heaven.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

(Ps 72:28)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

REFLECTION

In every culture there are good and bad omens propagated by people. Some people say if the crow crows, guests will come. This is a good sign. Some people also say that if a cat (especially black one) crosses the way or street when you travel or walk, it is a bad sign (omen). These bad omens generate a lot of fear in the people. Similarly, Christ spoke of bad signs like the sun getting darkened and the stars falling, etc. Jesus' intention is not to frighten us with these signs but rather give us signs of hope. This hope is symbolized by the fig tree, which heralds the summer with signs of new and tender leaves. These signs also remind us that we are strangers and pilgrims on this earth and we must be always prepared to go to our home (heaven). Today's 1st reading from the book of Daniel is one of God's ways of reminding the forgetful one of him and their own eternal destiny. He calls us to wake up and take stock of how we stand in relation to God.

We have one life only on earth- a life of a few short years. Our real life, the eternal life of happiness or misery depends on how we spend these years

on earth. We can waste them and arrive empty-handed at the end of the journey, or we can spend them well and hear the welcome words: “Come you blessed of my Father, possess the kingdom prepared for you,” when we die. To which class would we like to belong when our end on earth comes? The choice and the answer is entirely in our hands, no one can make this decision for us. Our dearest and nearest will be helpless in this regard. Generously and happily God will help us but we must cooperate with that help. In baptism he has already given us our passport to heaven. Each day in the sacraments and prayers of his Church he is offering us the necessary travel expenses. Again and again through the ministers he advises us to stay on the right road, but all in vain if we refuse to accept these gifts. The rules of the road to heaven, the regulations which God asks us to keep are not severe sacrifices or tasks beyond our power to fulfill. His ten commandments are not impossible or unreasonable restrictions, but rather rules which make life on earth civilized and happy. Where there are observed there is peace and harmony between people and nations. Where the Fatherhood of God is revered and kept in mind, the brotherhood and sisterhood of human beings is recognized and their rights respected, there is true fraternity on earth. Somebody has said that if God did not exist it would be necessary for us

to create or invent him so as to live in this earth. But the truth is God does exist and in his goodness and mercy he has made life on earth liveable and reasonably enjoyable by laying down the sound rules which should govern our lives as rational creatures.

God is not a persecutor who will take pleasure in punishing those who ignore him and his laws. Rather he is a loving Father who wants all his children to share his eternal happiness. That’s the reason why God send his only Son Jesus into this world. As the 2nd reading rightly says that Jesus who came into this end sacrificed his life for our sins and has opened the door to heaven so that we may one day be with our God to share in his eternal happiness. Therefore, let us be prepared to meet the Lord by keeping in mind that his laws are not imposed on us as restrictions and burdens but as helps to guide us safely to our eternal home.

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