

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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THE BLESSING OF CANDLES AND THE PROCESSION: SECOND FORM, THE SOLEMN ENTRANCE

The faithful take their places in the pews before Mass, with their candles beside them. Father's intention to bless candles will extend to any candles brought for that purpose. At the beginning of the liturgy, the priest goes to the place of blessing, while the antiphon below is sung.

ANTIPHON *Ecce Dominus noster* *Behold, our Lord will come with power, to enlighten the eyes of his servants, alleluia.*

After the candles are lit, the priest addresses the faithful and blesses the candles in the church. At the conclusion of the blessing, he says: "Let us go forth in peace.", to which *all* respond "In the name of Christ. Amen."

ANTIPHON *Lumen ad revelationem*

LUKE 2:32

A Light for revelation to the gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel..

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Suscepimus, Deus*

CF. PSALM 48:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple.

The procession moves to the sanctuary; the Penitential Act and Kyrie are omitted. The Gloria is sung, followed by the collect.

GLORIA

MASS VIII

Gloria in excélsis Dé-o. Et in térra pax homí-nibus bónae vo-lun-tá-tis.
Lau-dá-mus te. Benedí-cimus te. Ado-rá-mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti-as á-gi-
mus tí-bi prop ter mágnam gló-ri-am tú-am. Dómine Dé-us, Rex caeléstis, Dé-us Pá-
ter omní-po-tens. Dómine Fí-li uni-géni-te Jésu Chrís te. Dómine Dé-us, Agnus
Dé-i, Fí-li-us Pá-tris. Qui tollis peccá-ta mún-di, mi-se-ré-re nóbis. Qui tollis

pecá-ta mún-di, súscipe de pre-ca-ti-ónem nós-tram. Qui sédes ad déx te-ram Pá-tris,
 mi-se-ré-re nóbis. Quó ni- am tu só-lus sánctus. Tu só-lus Dómi-nus. Tu só-lus Al-tís-simus,
 Jésu Chrí-ste. Cum Sáncto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri- a Dé- i Pá- tris. A-
 men.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON *Diffusa est gratia*

PSALM 45:3

Graciousness is poured out upon your lips, for God has blessed you forevermore, from age to age.

SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI

MASS VIII

Sanc-tus, * Sanc-tus, Sanc-tus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sába-oth. Pleni sunt cæ- li et
 terra gló-ri- a tu- a. Hosán-na in ex célsis. Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dó-mi-ni.
 Hosán-na in ex célsis.

Agnus De- i, * qui tollis peccá-ta mun-di: mi-seré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, *
 qui tollis peccá-ta mun-di: mi-seré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tollis peccá-ta mun-
 di: dona nobis pa- cem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Responsum accepit Simeon*

LUKE 2:26; PSALM 48

Simeon had received a revelation from the Holy Spirit, that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.