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**SAINT PAUL'S BAY**



## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

All Stand

Archbishop

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly

Amen.

Archbishop

Peace be with you.

Assembly

And with your spirit.

## COLLECT

Archbishop

O God,  
who bring us to participate in the mystery  
of the Passion and Resurrection of your Son,  
grant, we pray,  
that, strengthened by the spirit of adoption  
as your children,  
we may always walk in newness of life.  
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.

Assembly

Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All Sit

### READING I

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

36, 24-28

The Lord God said:

<sup>24</sup> “I shall take you  
from among the nations  
and gather you back from all the countries,  
and bring you home to your own country.

<sup>25</sup> I shall pour clean water over you  
and you will be cleansed;  
I shall cleanse you of all your filth  
and of all your foul idols.

<sup>26</sup> I shall give you a new heart,  
and put a new spirit in you;  
I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies  
and give you a heart of flesh instead.

<sup>27</sup> I shall put my spirit in you,  
and make you keep my laws,  
and respect and practice my judgments.

<sup>28</sup> You will live in the country  
which I gave your ancestors.  
You will be my people and I shall be your God.”

The Word of the Lord.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.

**℟.** The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> In grassy meadows he lets me lie.  
By tranquil streams he leads me  
<sup>3</sup> to restore my spirit.  
He guides me in paths of saving justice  
as befits his name.

**℟.** The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Even were I to walk in a ravine  
as dark as death I should fear no danger,  
for you are at my side.  
Your staff and your crook  
are there to soothe me.

**℟.** The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table for me  
under the eyes of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup brims over.  
<sup>6</sup> Kindness and faithful love  
pursue me every day of my life.  
I make my home in the house of the Lord  
for all time to come.

**℟.** The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

All Stand

℣. Alleluia. ℟. Alleluia.

“No one can enter the kingdom of God  
without being born through water and the Spirit.”

℟. Alleluia.

Deacon/Priest

The Lord be with you.

Assembly

And with your spirit.

Deacon/Priest

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Jn 3, 1-6

The Assembly acclaims:

Glory ✠ to ✠ you, O ✠ Lord.

Now,

<sup>1</sup> there was one of the Pharisees called Nicodemus,  
a leader of the Jews,

<sup>2</sup> who came to Jesus by night and said,

“Rabbi,

we know that you have come from God as a teacher;  
for no one could perform the signs that you do  
unless God were with him.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered:

“In all truth I tell you,  
no one can see the kingdom of God  
without being born from above.



<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said,  
“How can anyone who is already old be born?  
Is it possible to go back into the womb again  
and be born?”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus replied:  
“In all truth I tell you,  
no one can enter the kingdom of God  
without being born through water and the Spirit;  
<sup>6</sup> what is born of human nature is human;  
what is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Assembly**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Then he kisses the book, saying quietly:**  
Through the words of the Gospel  
may our sins be wiped away.

**All Sit**

**HOMILY**

## BAPTISM

All Stand

Archbishop

Dear friends:

let us ask God our Father

to be merciful to our brethren

who are asking for baptism.

He has called them and brought them to this moment.

May he grant them the riches of his light

and strength to follow Christ with resolute hearts

and to profess the faith of the Church.

May he give them the new life of the Holy Spirit,

the Spirit whom we are about

to ask to come down upon this water.

## LITANY

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Saint Michael,  
Saint John the Baptist,  
Saint Joseph,  
Saint Peter and Saint Paul,  
Saint Jude Thaddeus,  
Saint Mary Magdalene,  
Saint Stephen,  
Saint Ignatius of Antioch,  
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity,  
Saint Charles Borromeo,  
Saint Basil,  
Saint Martin,  
Saint Benedict,  
Saint Francis and Saint Domenic,  
Saint Francis Xavier,  
Saint John Mary Vianney,  
Saint George Preca,  
Saint Catherine of Siena,  
Saint Teresa of Jesus,  
Blessed Adeodata,  
Blessed Ignatius,  
All holy men and women,

pray for us.  
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Lord, be merciful.  
From all evil,  
From everlasting death,  
By your coming as man,  
By your death and rising to new life,

Lord, save your people.  
Lord, save your people.  
Lord, save your people.  
Lord, save your people.  
Lord, save your people.

By your gift of the Holy Spirit,  
Be merciful to us sinners.

Give new life

to these chosen ones

by the grace of baptism,

Give your Holy Spirit

to these who are about

to be confirmed in faith,

Lord, save your people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus, Son of the living God,

Christ, hear us,

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ, hear us.

Lord, Jesus, hear our prayer.

## BLESSING OF WATER

Facing the font (or vessel) containing the water,  
the **Archbishop** says the following:

Praise to you,  
almighty God and Father,  
for you have created water  
to cleanse and to give life.

**Assembly**

Blessed be God.

**Archbishop**

Praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father's only Son,  
for you offered yourself on the cross,  
that in the blood and water  
flowing from your side,  
and through your death and resurrection,  
the Church might be born.

**Assembly**

Blessed be God.

**Archbishop**

Praise to you,  
God the Holy Spirit,  
for you anointed Christ at his baptism  
in the waters of Jordan,  
so that we might all  
be baptised in you.

**Assembly**

Blessed be God.

### Archbishop

Come to us, Lord, Father of all,  
and make holy this water which you have created,  
so that all who are baptised in it  
may be washed clean of sin  
and be born again to live as your children.

### Assembly

Hear us, Lord.

### Archbishop

Make this water holy, Lord,  
so that all who are baptised  
into Christ's death and resurrection,  
by this water  
may become more perfectly like your Son.

### Assembly

Hear us, Lord.

The Archbishop touches the water with his right hand and  
continues:

Lord,  
make holy this water which you have created,  
so that all those whom you have chosen  
may be born again by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and may take their place among your holy people.

### Assembly

Hear us, Lord.

The Candidates for Baptism will now be asked to renounce sin and profess their faith

## RENUNCIATION

Archbishop

Do you reject Satan and all his works  
and all his empty promises?

Elect: I do.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Archbishop

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth?

Elect: I do.

Archbishop

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was born of the Virgin Mary  
was crucified, died, and was buried,  
rose from the dead,  
and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

Elect: I do.

Archbishop

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting?

Elect: I do.

### Archbishop

God, the all-powerful Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us a new birth  
by water and the Holy Spirit,  
and forgiven all our sins.  
May he also keep us faithful  
to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

Elect: Amen.

### RITE OF BAPTISM

The elect approach the baptismal font with their Godparents.

Archbishop pours water on the heads of the candidates three times as he says:

N. I baptise you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.



## CLOTHING WITH THE WHITE GARMENT

### Archbishop

Dear brethren, you have become a new creation  
and have clothed yourselves in Christ.  
Take this white garment and bring it unstained  
to the judgement seat of our Lord Jesus Christ  
so that you may have everlasting life.

Newly baptised: Amen.

## PRESENTATION OF THE LIGHTED CANDLE

### Archbishop

Godparents, please come forward  
and give the newly baptised the light of Christ.

### To the newly baptised

You have been enlightened by Christ.  
Walk always as children of the light  
and keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts.  
When the Lord comes,  
may you go out to meet him  
with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

Newly baptised: Amen.

## CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

### Archbishop

My dear friends,  
in baptism God our Father  
gave the new birth of eternal life  
to his chosen daughters.  
Let us pray to our Father  
that he will pour out the Holy Spirit  
to strengthen these newly baptised daughters  
with his gifts  
and anoint them  
to be more like Christ the Son of God

### The newly baptised kneel

### Archbishop (with outstretched hands)

All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by water and the Holy Spirit  
you freed your daughters from sin  
and gave them new life.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon them  
to be their Helper and Guide.  
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of right judgment and courage,  
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.  
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe  
in your presence.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### Assembly

Amen.

Those who are to be confirmed approach the Archbishop accompanied by their Godparent who has his/her right hand on the right shoulder of their Godson/Goddaughter.

The Archbishop dips a cotton bud in the chrism and, with it, makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as he says:

**N.** be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The newly confirmed responds:  
Amen.

The Archbishop says:  
Peace be with you.

The newly confirmed responds:  
And with your spirit.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All sit as the Offertory hymn is sung  
and the altar is prepared for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

### Archbishop

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

### Assembly

Blessed be God for ever.

### Deacon/Concelebrant

By the mystery of this water and wine  
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

### Archbishop

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

### Assembly

Blessed be God for ever.

### Archbishop

With humble spirit and contrite heart  
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,  
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day  
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Archbishop (inaudibly)

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

All stand

Archbishop (to the Assembly)

Pray, brethren,  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

The Assembly rise and reply:

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

Archbishop

O Lord,  
who have graciously gathered into your priestly people  
those you have conformed to the likeness of your Son  
and perfected with the seal of chrism,  
be pleased, we ask you,  
to look upon them as acceptable sacrifices  
and to receive them favourably  
together with the offerings of your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Assembly

Amen.

## PREFACE

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with your spirit.

✠ Lift up your hearts.

✠ We lift them up to the Lord.

✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✠ It is right and just.

### Archbishop

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,  
through Christ our Lord.

For through his Paschal Mystery,  
he accomplished the marvellous deed,  
by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death,  
summoning us to the glory of being now called  
a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, a people for your own possession,  
to proclaim everywhere your mighty works,  
for you have called us out of darkness  
into your own wonderful light.

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

## Assembly

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.

## SECOND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

Archbishop

You are indeed Holy,  
O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Archbishop

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,  
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,  
so that they may become for us  
the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed  
and entered willingly into his Passion,  
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks,  
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT  
FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

All stand

Archbishop

The mystery of faith.



### Assembly

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

### Archbishop

Therefore, as we celebrate  
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,  
we offer you, Lord,  
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,  
giving thanks that you have held us worthy  
to be in your presence and minister to you.  
Humbly we pray that,  
partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,  
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity, together  
with Francis our Pope, me, your unworthy servant,  
Bishop Joseph who assists me,  
Bishop Mario, Bishop elect Anton  
and all the clergy.

Remember also, Lord,  
those who through baptism and confirmation  
have been joined to your Church today.  
Grant that they may follow Christ your Son  
with willing and generous hearts.

Remember also our brothers and sisters  
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,  
and all who have died in your mercy:  
welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray,  
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her spouse,  
with the blessed Apostles,  
and all the Saints  
who have pleased you throughout the ages,  
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,  
and may praise and glorify you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

**Assembly**

Amen.

## Rite of Communion

### Archbishop

These our brothers and sisters  
today received baptism  
and so they may call God their Father.  
Let us therefore, with them,  
pray at the Saviour's command for our salvation:

### All

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

### Archbishop

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### Assembly

For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

## Rite of Peace

### Archbishop

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles,  
peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

### Assembly

Amen.

### Archbishop

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

### Assembly

And with your spirit.

### Archbishop

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

### Assembly

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

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

### Archbishop

May the receiving  
of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ,  
not bring me to judgment and condemnation,  
but through your loving mercy  
be for me protection in mind and body,  
and a healing remedy.

### The Archbishop

takes the host, and holding it slightly raised, says aloud:

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.

### Assembly

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

The Bishop receives the Body and Blood of Christ.  
The communion of the Assembly follows.

The hymns during the procession for communion  
are sung.

All kneel or sit

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### Archbishop

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that, nourished with the Sacrament  
of your Son's Body and Blood,  
we may grow in the communion of his Spirit  
and in love for one another,  
and so, through ardent charity,  
reach the full stature of the Body of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

### Assembly

Amen.

## CONCLUDING RITE

Archbishop

The Lord be with you.

Assembly

And with your spirit.

Archbishop

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Assembly

Now and forever.

Archbishop

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Assembly

Who made heaven and earth.

Archbishop

May almighty God bless you  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

Assembly

Amen.

Deacon/Archbishop

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.



