

Catholic Bible Institute – December 17, 2016
Opening Prayer – Mark Group

Opening Song: (vv. 1-3)

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be-got-ten, Ere the worlds be-
 2. Bless-ed was the day for ev-er When the Vir-gin,
 3. This is he whom seers in old time Chant-ed of with
 4. O ye heights of heav'n, a-dore him; An-gel hosts, his
 5. Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther, Glo-ry be to

1. gan to be, He is Al-pha and O-me-ga,
 2. full of grace, By the Ho-ly Ghost con-ceiv-ing,
 3. one ac-cord, Whom the voic-es of the proph-ets
 4. prais-es sing; All do-min-ions, bow be-fore him,
 5. God the Son, Glo-ry to the Ho-ly Spir-it,

1. He the source, the end-ing he, Of the things that
 2. Bore the Sav-ior of our race, And the child, the
 3. Prom-ised in their faith-ful word; Now he shines, the
 4. And ex-tol our God and King; Let no tongue on
 5. Per-sons three, yet God-head one. Glo-ry be from

1. are, that have been, And that fu-ture years shall see,
 2. world's Re-deem-er, First re-vealed his sa-cred face,
 3. long-ex-pect-ed; Let cre-a-tion praise the Lord,
 4. earth be si-lent, Ev-'ry voice in con-cert ring,
 5. all cre-a-tion While e-ter-nal a-ges run,

Final

1-5. Ev-er-more and ev-er-more. 5. A-men.

Text: 87 87 87 7; verses 1–4, *Corde natus ex parentis*; Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413;
 tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, and Henry W. Baker, 1827–1877, alt.; verse 5, Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889.
 Music: *Sanctus* trope, 11th cent.; Chant, Mode V; adapt. fr. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582.

Gospel Reading (John 1:1-18)

Leader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.

What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race;

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world,
and the world came to be through him,
but the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own,
but his own people did not accept him.

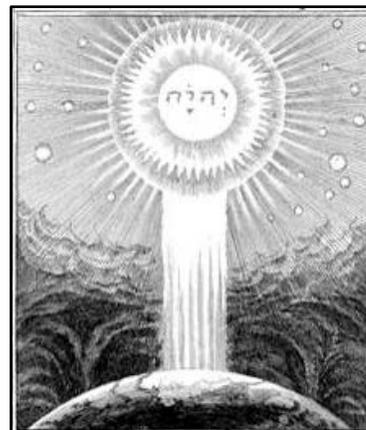
But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God,
to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation
nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.

And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.

John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said,
the one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." From his fullness we have
all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through
Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

The Gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



Responsorial Psalm (Ps 119:129-136)

ALL: The revelation of your words sheds light.

Women: *Wonderful are your testimonies; therefore I keep them.
The revelation of your words sheds light, gives understanding to the simple.*

ALL: The revelation of your words sheds light.

Men: *I sigh with open mouth, yearning for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious, according to your judgment for those who love your name.*

ALL: The revelation of your words sheds light.

Women: *Free me from human oppression, that I may observe your precepts.
Steady my feet in accord with your promise; do not let iniquity lead me.*

ALL: The revelation of your words sheds light.

Men: *Let your face shine upon your servant; teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not observed.*

ALL: The revelation of your words sheds light.

Intercessions

Leader: John 3 reminds us that *God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.* The response to our petitions is, “**Lord, let us reflect your light on earth.**”

For the Holy Catholic Church, Francis our pope, for all bishops, priests, deacons, and religious, that they may teach God’s truth and be his light as they shepherd the Church. We pray to the Lord... *(Response)*

For the leaders of all nations, that they may hear God’s truth, and work for the dignity of all persons. We pray to the Lord... *(Response)*

For those who are deprived of freedom and all who are oppressed because of what they believe or what they are. We pray to the Lord... *(Response)*

For those who lack adequate shelter or are hungry. We pray to the Lord... *(Response)*

For our Advent and Christmas celebrations; that they be a time of reflection on the coming of Christ, and that they be filled with prayer, repentance, and love for God and neighbor, We pray to the Lord... *(Response)*

For our world; that all people may come to know Jesus as the Savior and enjoy the freedom of being God’s children. We pray to the Lord... *(Response)*

The Magnificat

Leader: In this Advent season, let us recall our Blessed Mother and her words of praise to God by praying together:

ALL: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my savior,
for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm,
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel,
for He has remembered His promise of mercy,
the promise He made to our fathers,
to Abraham and His children forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



Closing Prayer (from John 1:6-9; 12-14)

ALL: Living Word Incarnate, God's one and only, revealed in glory, abounding in grace and truth.

This child of God ponders your glory and lingers to worship you.

O Light who desires to shine through me, make me aware of when my sheen's grown dull.

Then take me into your kind hands, and polish me to a luster. Amen.

Closing Song: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (vv 4 and 5)

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Call to Prayer

Leader: God our Father, you revealed the mysteries of your Word through John the Apostle. Through study, reflection, and prayer, may your Word take root in our hearts. Make us faithful disciples who keep your commandments and generously share the light of your Gospel with all we encounter.

Lord God, we pray for each one of us to lead a stronger, Christ-centered life. May we be made worthy to be ever united with Jesus as faithful disciples and Mary's devoted children, now and eternally. May we never stray from the path of goodness but seek you in all we do. We have been washed in the Blood of Christ. If we live our lives in you, do not renounce us. Therefore, purify our hearts: this is our hope, and this hope does not disappoint.

St. John, intercede for us before God that we may be blessed and understand the Lord's wisdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **ALL:** Amen.

Gospel Reading (John 3:16-18)

Leader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 32:1b-6a, 10)

Men: Blessed is the one whose fault is removed, whose sin is forgiven.
Blessed is the man to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no deceit.

Women: Because I kept silent, my bones wasted away; I groaned all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength withered as in dry summer heat.

Men: Then I declared my sin to you; my guilt I did not hide.
I said, "I confess my transgression to the LORD," and you took away the guilt of my sin.

Women: Therefore every loyal person should pray to you in time of distress.
Many are the sorrows of the wicked one, but mercy surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Concluding Prayer

ALL: Father, you sent your only Son to extend your infinite mercy to us while we merited condemnation. May we eternally praise and thank you. Enliven our minds and hearts to know your Word. Grant us the courage to share your Good News of mercy and love in all circumstances. In Jesus's name, we pray. **Amen**

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn

WE WALK BY FAITH

Marty Haugen



1, 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight: No
2. We may not touch his hands and side, Nor
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, And
4. That when our life of faith is done In



1, 5. gra - cious words we hear Of him who spoke as
2. fol - low where he trod; Yet in his prom - ise
3. may our faith a - bound; To call on you when
4. realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you



1, 5. none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve him near.
2. we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
3. you are near, And seek where you are found:
4. as you are In full and end - less sight.