

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

FREDERIKSTED, ST. CROIX, USVI

REDEDICATION OF THE CHURCH AND ALTAR (PRIVATE)



HOLY MASS

Thursday, December 24, 2020 @ 7:30A.M.

Celebrant

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Assisted by

Deacon Emith Fludd

I. INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn: Enter into Jerusalem

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house

With the healthy and the sick

With the worker and the weak

Let us go to God's house.

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house

Come and run with the wind

With the God who reigns in peace, Let us go to God's house.

Chorus:

We go celebrate, we go celebrate, we go celebrate, O Israel

Praise the name of the Lord on high, Praise his name in song

Praise the Lord, with a heav'nly song,

With a heav'nly song, with a heav'nly song, Praise the Lord

Enter into Jerusalem, mek we walk-a-down there,

With the young and the old, With the little and the large

Mek we walk-a-down there.

Enter into Jerusalem, mek we walk-a-down there,

Swaying to the breeze,

With the God who reigns in peace; Mek we walk-a-down there.

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house,

With yu papa and yu mama, With yu uncle and yu aunt

Let us go to God's house.

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house,

Run and catch the breeze,

With the God who reigns in peace; Let us go to God's house.

Greeting:

Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this solemn rite of dedication, let us ask the Lord our God to bless this water created by his hand. It is a sign of our repentance, a reminder of our baptism and a symbol of the cleansing of these walls and this altar. May the grace of God help us to remain faithful members of his Church, open to the Spirit we have received.

All pray in silence for a brief period. The Celebrant then continues:

Celebrant: God of mercy, you call every creature to the light of life, and surround us with such great love that when we stray you continually lead us back to Christ our head. For you have established an inheritance of such mercy, that those sinners, who pass through water made sacred, die with Christ and rise restored as members of his body and heirs of his eternal covenant.

Bless this water; sanctify it. As it is sprinkled upon us and throughout this Church make it a sign of the saving waters of baptism, by which we become one in Christ, the temple of your Spirit.

May all here today, and all those in days to come, who celebrate your mysteries in this church, be united at last in the holy city of your peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

The Celebrant passes through the main body of the church, sprinkling the people and the walls with the holy water; then, he sprinkles the altar. Meanwhile the short hymn is sung.

Kyrie :

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison – Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie, Kyrie Elieson – Kyrie, Elieson

Christe, Eleison – Christe, Eleison – Christe Eleison

Christie, Christe, Eleison- Christe Eleison

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison – Kyrie, Kyrie, Eleison

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison – Kyrie, Eleison

After the sprinkling the Celebrant returns to the chair and says:

Celebrant: May God, the Father of mercies, dwell in this house of prayer. May the grace of the Holy Spirit cleanse us, for we are the temple of his presence.

All: Amen.

Gloria: Narcisse Mass

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 sin of the world, Have mercy on us.
You take away the sin 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 Amen, Amen.

Collect:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, pour out your grace upon this place and extend the gift of your help to all who call upon you, that the power of your word and of the Sacraments may strengthen here the hearts of all the faithful. 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.

All: Amen.

II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 (Jeanne Garcia)

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 façade 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.”

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

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

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 waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High

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

Reading II: 1 COR 3:9C-11, 16-17

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.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

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 moneychangers 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 moneychangers 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 answered and 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 he 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.

Homily: Celebrant

III. THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE ANOINTINGS

Invitation to Prayer:

Celebrant: Let us ask the saints to support our prayers to God the Father almighty, who has made the hearts of his people faithful temples of his Spirit.

Litany of the Saints

Cantor: Lord, have mercy. **All:** Lord have mercy
Christ, have mercy. **All:** Christ have mercy
Lord, have mercy. **All:** Lord have mercy

Cantor: Holy Mary, Mother of God, Saint Michael, **All:** pray for us

- Holy Angels of God, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Joseph,
- Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Saint Andrew,
- Saint John,

- Saint Mary Magdalene, Saint Stephen,
- Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Saint Lawrence,
- Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity, Saint Agnes,
- Saint Gregory, Saint Augustine, Saint Athanasius, Saint Basil,
- Saint Martin, Saint Benedict,
- Saint Francis and Saint Dominic Saint Francis Xavier,
- Saint John Vianney, Saint Catherine, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Saint Bernadette
- Saint Damian the Leper Saint Therese of Lisieux Saint Mary of the Cross
- Saints John XXIII & John Paul II
- All holy men and women, Saints of God, **All:** Pray for u

Cantor: Lord, be merciful, **All:** Lord, deliver us, we pray.

- From all evil,
- From every sin,
- From everlasting death,
- By your Incarnation,
- By your Death and Resurrection,
- By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,

Cantor: Be merciful to us sinners,

All: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

- Govern and protect your holy Church,
- Keep the Pope and all the ordained in faithful service to your Church,
- Bring all peoples together in peace and true harmony,
- Comfort with your mercy the troubled and the afflicted,
- Strengthen all of us and keep us in your holy service,
- Make this church holy and consecrate it to your worship.
- Jesus, Son of the living God,

Cantor: Christ, hear us. **All:** Christ, graciously hear us.

Christ, hear us **All:** Christ, graciously hear us.

Celebrant: Lord, may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints make our prayers acceptable to you. May this

building, which we dedicate to your name, be a house of salvation and grace where Christians gathered in fellowship may worship you in spirit and truth and grow together in love. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Celebrant: Father in heaven, source of holiness and true purpose, it is right that we praise and glorify your name.

For today we come before you, to dedicate to your lasting service this house of prayer, this temple of worship, this home in which we are nourished by your word and your sacraments.

Here is reflected the mystery of the Church.

The Church is fruitful, made holy by the blood of Christ: a bride made radiant with his glory, a virgin splendid in the wholeness of her faith, a mother blessed through the power of the Spirit.

The Church is holy, your chosen vineyard: its branches envelop the world, its tendrils, carried on the tree of the cross, reach up to the kingdom of heaven.

The Church is favored, the dwelling place of God on earth: a temple built of living stones, founded on the apostles with Jesus Christ its corner stone.

The Church is exalted, a city set on a mountain: a beacon to the whole world, bright with the glory of the Lamb, and echoing the prayers of her saints.

Lord, send your Spirit from heaven to make this church an ever-holy place, and this altar a ready table for the sacrifice of Christ.

Here may the waters of baptism overwhelm the shame of sin; here may your people die to sin and live again through grace as your children.

Here may your children gather around your altar, to celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Lamb, and be fed at the table of Christ's word and Christ's body.

Here may prayer, the Church's banquet, resound through heaven and earth as a plea for the world's salvation. Here may the poor find justice, the victims of oppression, true freedom.

From here may the whole world clothed in the dignity of the children of God, enter with gladness your city of peace.

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

All: Amen.

Anointing of the Altar and the walls of the Church

The Celebrant proceeds to anoint the altar. He says:

Celebrant: We now anoint this altar and this building.
May God in his power make them holy,
visible signs of the mystery of Christ and his Church.

The priest anoints the crosses on the walls. Meanwhile the short hymn is sung.

Hymn: The church's one foundation

The church's one foundation- is Jesus Christ, our Lord
we are a new creation, by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and taught us, what perfect love can be
through life and death, he sought us, and rose to set us free.

The church in ev'ry nation, is one through all the earth
our charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth
one name together blessing, one holy food we share,
to one hope ever pressing, at one in work and prayer.

Yet we on earth have union, with God, the Three in One,
and mystic, sweet communion, with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones and holy, God, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

Incensation of the Altar and the Church

After the rite of anointing, a brazier is placed on the altar for burning incense. The Celebrant lights it and puts incense into the brazier, saying:

Celebrant: Lord, may our prayer ascend as incense in your sight.
As this building is filled with fragrance So may your Church
Fill the world with fragrance of Christ.

Then the Celebrant puts incense into some censers and incenses the altar and the Crucifix; he returns to the chair, is incensed, and then sits.

Deacon walking through the church, incenses the people and the walls. Meanwhile, the short hymn is sung:

Hymn: The church's one foundation or any alternative...

Lighting of the Altar and the Church

After the incensation, a few ministers wipe the table of the altar with cloths. They arrange in a suitable manner the candles needed for the celebration of Mass.

Then the Celebrant gives to the Deacon a lighted candle, and says:

Celebrant: Light of Christ, shine forth in the Church And bring all nations to the fullness of truth.

Then the Celebrant sits. The Deacon goes to the altar and lights the candles for the celebration of the Eucharist and then lights the candles beneath the crosses on the walls.

IV. THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

Offertory Hymn: Bearing Gifts

We come to you, Lord
Bearing gifts of bread and wine
Recalling how Lord,
You gave your gift of love divine
Before your table, right now we stand,
O please Lord, accept these presents from our hands

Take these our gifts Lord,
Sanctify them make them thine
Pronounce the words Lord,
that makes your flesh and blood of bread and wine
then to our Father, who reigns above,
show these our gifts Lord, tell Him of our love.

Chorus

*We know that your love for all mankind
Did make the earth yield this bread and wine
You who shared our humanity
Gave us this life-giving mystery
So that through it we may share in your Divinity*

With these our gifts Lord
We bring our hearts, our minds, our souls
In memory dear Lord,
Of how you gave your life to save the world
We pray that you will accept today
The gifts we offer, each in our own special way

Sanctus

Sanctus, sanctus,
Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in excelsis

Benedictus, Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini, Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini, Hosanna in excelsis, Hosanna in excelsis

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your death O Lord,
And profess your resurrection
Until you come again

Great Amen:

Pater Noster:

Agnus Dei

Qui tollis peccata mundi miserere, miserere nobis
Agnus Dei, Qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona nobis pacem
Dona nobis, nobis pacem
Dona nobis pacem
Dona nobis pacem

Communion Hymn: Let us enter into Covenant

Let us enter into covenant with Christ
Celebrating the eucharist of love
Take a little bread wine
Lift up the chalice of the king

Chorus:

*Alleluia! It's a sign of love, Alleluia It's a sign of peace
Alleluia It's the mystery of faith, Alleluia Amen*

Take the Body and the Blood of Christ
In divine revelation of His love
Be transformed, O my people, from your sins
And eat and drink and live!

He is lifted to the throne on high
And twill come again to rule all the world
The saints who sleep in Christ shall arise
Rejoice, O Zion, and be glad

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God
Who takes away the sins of the world
He who comes to me, I shall not turn away

Come you faithful to the paradise of God
To the marriage feast of the lamb
Eat manna from the tree of life
You are washed in the Blood of Christ

Meditation Hymn: All is well with my soul

CONCLUDING RITE

Solemn Blessing

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and for ever.

Celebrant: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

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

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional: The right hand of God is writing

The right hand of God is writing in our land,
writing with power and with love,
our conflicts and our fears,

our triumphs and our tears
are recorded by the right hand of God.
The right hand of God is pointing in our land,
pointing the way we must go,
so clouded is the way,
so easily we stray,
but we're guided by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is striking in our land,
striking out at envy, hate, and greed.
Our selfishness and lust,
our pride and deeds unjust,
are destroyed by the right hand of God.

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