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illuminat omnem hominem venientem in hunc mundum. In mundo erat, et mundus per ipsum factus est, et mundus eum non cognovit. In propria venit, et sui eum non receperunt. Quotquot autem receperunt eum, dedit eis potestatem filios Dei fieri, his qui credunt in nomine ejus, qui non ex sanguinibus, neque ex voluntate carnis, neque ex voluntate viri, sed ex Deo nati sunt. (*Genuflectit dicens*) Et Verbum caro factum est, (*et surgens prosequitur*) et habitavit in nobis: et vidimus gloriam ejus, gloriam quasi Unigeniti a Patre, plenum gratiae et veritatis.

R. Deo gratias.

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Introitus

Sap. 10, 17

Sapientia reddidit justis mercedem laborum suorum, et deduxit illos in via mirabili, et fuit illis in velamento diei et in luce stellarum per noctem. Alleluja, alleluja. *Ps. 126, 1.* Nisi Dominus aedificaverit domum, in vanum laborant qui aedificant eam. **V.** Gloria Patri. Sapientia.

C. Kyrie, eleison.	R. Kyrie, eleison.
C. Kyrie, eleison.	R. Christe, eleison.
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Postea in medio Altaris dicit:

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Deinde osculatur Altare et dicit:

C. Dominus vobiscum. **R.** Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Oratio

Rerum conditor Deus, qui legem laboris humano generi statuisti: concede propitius; ut, sancti Joseph exemplo et patrocinio, opera perficiamus quae praecipis, et praemia

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testimony to the light. The Word was the true Light, which enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world did not recognise him. He came to his own, and his own did not receive him; but to all who did receive him, and who believe in his name, to these he gave power to become children of God, born not of blood, nor by the will of flesh, nor by the will of man, but of God. (*He genuflects, saying*) And the Word became flesh, (*and rising continues*) and dwelt among us; and we saw his glory, the glory of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.

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Introit

Wis. 10, 17

Wisdom gave the just the wages of their work and led them by a wonderful road; during the day she was their shade, at night their starlight. Alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 126, 1.* Unless the Lord build the house, the builders work in vain. **V.** Glory be to the Father. Wisdom.

C. Lord, have mercy.	R. Lord, have mercy.
C. Lord, have mercy.	R. Christ, have mercy.
C. Christ, have mercy.	R. Christ, have mercy.
C. Lord, have mercy.	R. Lord, have mercy.
C. Lord, have mercy.	

Then in the middle of the altar he says:

Glory to God in the heavens, and on earth peace to men of goodwill. We praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son, Lord God, Son of the Father, Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayers; who sittest at the Father's right hand, have mercy on us. For thou alone art holy, thou alone art Lord, thou alone art the most high: Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

He kisses the altar and says:

C. The Lord be with you. **R.** And with you also.

Let us pray.

Prayer

O God, Creator of all things, who hast made labour the law of the human race: mercifully grant that by the example and protection of St Joseph, we may accomplish the work

consequamur quae promittis. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus: per omnia saecula saeculorum. **R.** Amen.

Lectio Epistolae beati Pauli Apostoli ad Colossenses.

Col. 3, 14-15, 17, 23-24

Fratres: Caritatem habete, quod est vinculum perfectionis, et pax Christi exsulet in cordibus vestris, in qua et vocati estis in uno corpore et grati estote. Omne quodcumque facitis in verbo aut in opere, omnia in nomine Domini Jesu Christi, gratias agentes Deo et Patri per ipsum. Quodcumque facitis, ex animo operamini sicut Domino, et non hominibus, scientes quod a Domino accipietis retributionem hereditatis. Domino Christo servite.

R. Deo gratias.

Alleluja, alleluja. **V.** De quacumque tribulatione clamaverint ad me, exaudiam eos, et ero protector eorum semper. Alleluja. **V.** Fac nos innocuam, Joseph, decurrere vitam: sitque tuo semper tuta patrocinio. Alleluja.

Sacerdos, inclinatus in medio, dicit:

Munda cor meum, ac labia mea, omnipotens Deus, qui labia Isaiae Prophetae calculo mundasti ignito: ita me tua grata miseratione dignare mundare, ut sanctum Evangelium tuum digne valeam nuntiare. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Jube, Domine, benedicere.

Dominus sit in corde meo, et in labiis meis: ut digne et competenter annuntiem Evangelium suum. Amen.

Deinde conversus ad librum dicit:

C. Dominus vobiscum. **R.** Et cum spiritu tuo.

C. Sequentia + sancti Evangelii secundum Matthaeum.

R. Gloria tibi, Domine.

Matth. 13, 54-58

In illo tempore: Veniens Jesus in patriam suam, docebat eos in synagogis eorum, ita ut mirarentur et dicerent: Unde huic sapientia haec et virtutes? Nonne hic est fabri filius? Nonne mater ejus dicitur Maria, et fratres ejus Jacobus et Joseph et Simon et Judas? Et sorores ejus nonne omnes apud nos sunt? Unde ergo huic omnia ista? Et scandalizabantur in eo. Jesus autem dixit eis: Non est propheta sine honore nisi in patria sua et

thou dost command and attain the rewards thou dost promise: through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who is God, living and reigning with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **R.** Amen.

Epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Colossians.

Col. 3, 14-15, 17, 23-24

Brethren: Put on charity, which gathers up all virtues to perfection. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, that peace in which you were called to share as members of one body. And be grateful. Whatever you do and whatever you say, let it always be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, and offer your thanks to God the Father through him. And whatever you do, do it with a will, remembering that you are doing it for the Lord rather than for men; and be sure that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward. The Lord whose slaves you are is Christ.

R. Thanks be to God.

Alleluja, alleluja. **V.** Whatever their troubles they have but to cry out to me and I shall answer them and always look after them.

Alleluja. **V.** Help us, Joseph, to live without guilt, safe always under thy protection. Alleluja.

The priest, bowing in the middle of the altar, says:

Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaiahs with a glowing coal: in thy gracious mercy be pleased so to cleanse me, that I may worthily proclaim thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray, Lord, a blessing.

May the Lord be in my heart and on my lips that I may announce his Gospel worthily and well. Amen.

Turning to the book, he says:

C. The Lord be with you. **R.** And with you also.

C. A passage from + the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to thee, O Lord.

Matth. 13, 54-58

At that time: Jesus went to his own town, and taught the people in their synagogue. They were astounded and asked: Where did he get this wisdom and the power to do these miracles? Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother the woman called Mary? Are not James and Joseph and Simon and Jude his brothers? And are not his sisters all living here? Then where did he get all this from? So they had no faith in him. But Jesus said to

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in domo sua. Et non fecit ibi virtutes multas propter incredulitatem illorum. **R.** Laus tibi, Christe.

Sacerdos osculatur Evangelium, dicens:
Per evangelica dicta deleantur nostra delicta.

Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae, visibilium omnium, et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri: per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis. (*Hic genuflectitur*) Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine: et homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis: sub Pontio Pilato passus, et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in caelum: sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos, et mortuos: cujus regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum, et vivificantem: qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur: qui locutus est per Prophetas. Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

Deinde osculatur Altare et dicit:

C. Dominus vobiscum. **R.** Et cum spiritu tuo.
C. Oremus.

Offertorium. Ps. 89, 17. Bonitas Domini Dei nostri sit super nos, et opus manuumstrarum secunda nobis, et opus manuumstrarum secunda. Alleluja.

Sacerdos accipit Patenam cum Hostia, quam offerens dicit:

Suscipe, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeternae Deus, hanc immaculatam hostiam, quam ego indignus famulus tuus offero tibi Deo meo vivo, et vero, pro innumerabilibus peccatis, et offensionibus, et negligentis meis, et pro omnibus circumstantibus, sed et pro omnibus fidelibus christianis vivis atque defunctis: ut mihi, et illis proficiat ad salutem, in vitam aeternam. Amen.

Aquam benedicit signo Crucis, dicens:

Deus, qui humanae substantiae dignitatem mirabiliter condidisti, et mirabilis reformasti: da nobis per hujus aquae et vini mysterium, ejus divinitatis esse consortes, qui humani-

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them: A prophet goes unhonoured only in his own town and in his own family. He did not do many miracles there, because of their lack of faith. **R.** Praise to thee, O Christ.

The priest kisses the Gospel, saying:

Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be forgiven.

I believe in one God, the almighty Father, maker of heaven and earth, and of all thing visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages; God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, one in substance with the Father: through whom all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, (*here all kneel*) took flesh by the Holy Spirit from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate and was buried. On the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead; and his reign will have no end. I believe also in the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified; who spoke through the Prophets. And I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world that is to come. Amen.

He kisses the altar and says:

C. The Lord be with you. **R.** And with you also.
C. Let us pray.

Offertory. Ps. 89, 17. May the fatherly kindness of the Lord our God be with us, bringing prosperity to the work of our hands. Alleluia.

The priest takes the paten with the Host, which he offers, saying:

Holy Father, almighty eternal God, receive the sacrifice of this perfect offering, which I thy unworthy servant make to thee, my living and true God, for my sins and offences and negligences without number, and for all who are present here as well as for all the Christian faithful living and dead: that it may prosper their salvation and mine unto life everlasting. Amen.

He blesses the water with the sign of the Cross and says:

O God, who in a wonderful manner hast formed the noble nature of man and even more wonderfully re-formed it, grant that by the mystery of this water and wine, we may

tatis nostrae fieri dignatus est particeps, Jesus Christus Filius tuus Dominus noster: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus: per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

The priest kisses the Gospel saying:

Accipit Calicem et offert, dicens:

Offerimus tibi, Domine, calicem salutaris, tuam deprecantes clementiam: ut in conspectu divinae majestatis tuae, pro nostra et totius mundi salute cum odore suavitatis ascendat. Amen.

Aliquantulum inclinatus, dicit:

In spiritu humilitatis, et in animo contrito suscipiamur a te, Domine: et sic fiat sacrificium nostrum in conspectu tuo hodie, ut placeat tibi, Domine Deus.

Veni, sanctificator omnipotens aeternae Deus (*benedicit oblata, prosequendo*) et bene ✠ dic hoc sacrificium, tuo sancto nomini praeparatum.

Sacerdos lavat manus, dicens:

Ps. 25, 6-12

Lavabo inter innocentes manus meas: et circumdabo altare tuum, Domine.
Ut audiam vocem laudis, et enarrem universa mirabilia tua.
Domine, dilexi decorem domus tuae: et locum habitationis gloriae tuae.
Ne perdas cum impiis, Deus, animam meam: et cum viris sanguinum vitam meam.
In quorum manibus iniquitates sunt: dextera eorum repleta est muneribus.
Ego autem in innocentia mea ingressus sum: redime me, et miserere mei.
Pes meus stetit in directo: in ecclesiis benedicam te, Domine.
Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Aliquantulum inclinatus, junctis manibus, dicit:

Suscipe, sancta Trinitas, hanc oblationem, quam tibi offerimus ob memoriam passionis, resurrectionis, et ascensionis Jesu Christi Domini nostri: et in honorem beatae Mariae semper Virginis, et beati Joannis Baptistae et sanctorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, et istorum, et omnium Sanctorum: ut illis proficiat ad honorem, nobis autem ad salutem: et illi pro nobis intercedere dignentur in caelis, quorum memoriam agimus in terris. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

have fellowship in his Godhead, who deigned to share our manhood, Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

He takes the Chalice and offers it, saying:

We offer thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching thy gentle mercy, that for our own and the whole world's salvation it may ascend with a sweet fragrance in the sight of thy divine majesty. Amen.

Bowing slightly, he says:

With humble soul and repentant heart may we be received by thee, Lord; and may our sacrifice be so offered in thy sight this day that it may please thee, Lord God.

Come, Sanctifier, almighty eternal God, (*he blesses the offerings and continues*) and ✠ bless this sacrifice, prepared for thy holy name.

Whilst washing his hands, the priest says:

Ps. 25, 6-12

I will wash my hands among the innocent and gather with them at thy altar, Lord;
To hear the song of praise and tell of all thy wonderful works.
Lord, I have loved the beauty of thy house and the place where thy glory dwells.
Let not my soul, O God, be lost among the wicked nor my life with men of blood.
Their hands are steeped in evil; their right hands full of bribes.
For myself, I walk in innocence; redeem me and be merciful to me.
My feet are set in the straight path: where men gather, Lord, I will bless thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Bowing slightly and joining his hands, he says:

Recieve, O holy Trinity, this offering which we make to thee in memory of the passion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ our Lord, and in honour of the blessed Mary ever Virgin, of blessed John the Baptist, of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of those whose relics are here and of all the Saints; that it may bring honour to them and salvation to us: and may they, whose memory we keep on earth, be pleased to intercede for us in heaven: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Postea versus ad populum, voce paululum elevata, dicit:

Orate fratres, ut meum ac vestrum sacrificium acceptabile fiat apud Deum Patrem omnipotentem.

R. Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis, ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui, ad utilitatem quoque nostram, totiusque Ecclesiae sua sanctae. *Sacerdos dicit:* Amen.

Secreta

Quas tibi, Domine, de operibus manuumstrarum offerimus hostias, sancti Joseph interposito suffragio, pignus facias nobis unitatis et pacis. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, (*clara voce dicit*) per omnia saecula saeculorum. **R.** Amen.

C. Dominus vobiscum. **R.** Et cum spiritu tuo.
C. Sursum corda. **R.** Habemus ad Dominum.
C. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.
R. Dignum et justum est.

Praefatio de S. Joseph

Vere dignum et justum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeternus Deus: Et te in Solemnitate beati Joseph debitis magnificare praeconiis, benedicere et praedicare. Qui et vir justus, a te Deiparae Virgini Sponsus est datus: et fidelis servus ac prudens, super Familiam tuam est constitutus: ut Unigenitum tuum, Sancti Spiritus obumbratione conceptum, paterna vice custodiret, Jesum Christum Dominum nostrum. Per quem majestatem tuam laudant Angeli, adorant Dominationes, tremunt Potestates. Caeli, caelorumque Virtutes, ac beata Seraphim, socia exultatione concelebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti jubeas, deprecamur, supplici confessione dicentes:

Jungit manus, et inclinatus dicit:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

CANON MISSAE, UT SUPRA

Sacerdos prosequitur Missam:

Communio. Matth. 13, 54, 55. Unde huic sapientia haec et virtutes? Nonne hic est fabri filius? Nonne mater ejus dicitur Maria? Alleluja.

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He turns to the people, and says in a louder tone:

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may find acceptance with God the Father almighty.

R. May the Lord receive the sacrifice from your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our welfare also, and that of all his holy Church. *The priest says:* Amen.

Secret

We offer thee, Lord, these sacrificial gifts, the work of our hands. Make them, through the intercession of St Joseph, a pledge of our union and peace: through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who is God, living and reigning with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, (*in a clear voice*) for ever and ever. **R.** Amen.

C. The Lord be with you. **R.** And with you also.
C. Raise your hearts. **R.** They are raised to the Lord.
C. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is just and right.

Preface of St Joseph

It is truly just and right, fitting and for our good, always and everywhere to give thanks to thee, Lord, holy Father, almighty eternal God; and in a hymn of due praise to glorify, extol, bless and proclaim thee on this feast of blessed Joseph, that just man, who was given as husband to the Virgin Mother of God: that faithful and prudent servant who was set over thy family to guard as father thine only-begotten Son, conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him thy majesty is praised by Angels, adored by Dominations, revered by Powers. The heavens also, the Virtues and the holy Seraphim in exultant harmony proclaim it. Grant, we implore thee, that our voices also may be joined with theirs, in homage and supplication saying:

Joining his hands, he bows and says:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

NOW TURN TO THE CANON

The priest continues the Mass:

Communion. Matth. 13, 54, 55. Where did he get this wisdom and these miracles? Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother the woman called Mary? Alleluia.

Deinde osculatur Altare et dicit:

C. Dominus vobiscum. R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Postcommunio

Haec sancta quae sumpsimus, Domine: per intercessionem beati Joseph; et operationem nostram compleant, et praemia confirmant. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus: per omnia saecula saeculorum. R. Amen.

C. Dominus vobiscum. R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

C. Ite, missa est. R. Deo gratias.

Sacerdos inclinat se, et dicit, secreta:

Placeat tibi, sancta Trinitas, obsequium servitutis meae: et praesta: ut sacrificium, quod oculis tuae majestatis indignus obtuli, tibi sit acceptabile, mihi que, et omnibus pro quibus illud obtuli, sit, te miserante, propitiabile. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Versus ad populum, benedicens, prosequitur:

C. Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus, Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus. R. Amen.

Sacerdos in cornu Evangelii, dicit:

C. Dominus vobiscum. R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

C. + Initium sancti Evangelii secundum Joannem.

R. Gloria tibi, Domine.

Joann. 1, 1-14

In principio erat Verbum, et Verbum erat apud Deum, et Deus erat Verbum. Hoc erat in principio apud Deum. Omnia per ipsum facta sunt, et sine ipso factum est nihil, quod factum est: in ipso vita erat, et vita erat lux hominum, et lux in tenebris lucet, et tenebrae eam non comprehenderunt. Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Joannes. Hic venit in testimonium, ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine, ut omnes crederent per illum. Non erat ille lux, sed ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine. Erat lux vera, quae illuminat omnem hominem venientem in hunc mundum. In mundo erat, et mundus per ipsum factus est, et mundus eum non cognovit. In propria venit, et sui eum non receperunt. Quotquot autem receperunt eum, dedit eis potestatem filios Dei fieri, his qui credunt in nomine ejus, qui non ex sanguinibus, neque ex voluntate carnis, neque ex voluntate viri, sed ex Deo nati sunt. *(Genuflectit dicens)* Et Verbum caro factum est, *(et surgens prosequitur)* et habitavit in nobis: et vidimus gloriam ejus, gloriam quasi Unigeniti a Patre, plenum gratiae et veritatis.

R. Deo gratias.

He kisses the altar and says:

C. The Lord be with you. R. And with you also.

Let us pray.

Postcommunion

By the intercession of blessed Joseph, Lord, may these mysteries we have received make our work complete and its reward assured: through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, living and reigning with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

C. The Lord be with you. R. And with you also.

C. Go, the Mass is ended. R. Thanks be to God.

The priest bows, and prays silently, saying:

May the homage of my service, O holy Trinity, be pleasing to thee; and grant that the sacrifice, which I, though unworthy, have offered in the sight of thy majesty, may be acceptable to thee, and through thy mercy bring forgiveness to me and all for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Turning to the people, he says in blessing:

C. May Almighty God, Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you. R. Amen.

The priest goes to the Gospel corner, and says:

C. The Lord be with you. R. And with you also

C. + The beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to thee, O Lord.

John 1, 1-14

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 were made through him, and without him was made nothing that was made. In him was life, and life was the light of men, and the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. A man came, sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to give testimony to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but was to give testimony to the light. The Word was the true Light, which enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world did not recognise him. He came to his own, and his own did not receive him; but to all who did receive him, and who believe in his name, to these he gave power to become children of God, born not of blood, nor by the will of flesh, nor by the will of man, but of God. *(He genuflects, saying)* And the Word became flesh, *(and rising continues)* and dwelt among us; and we saw his glory, the glory of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.