INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING _______________________________ GOD OF OUR FATHERS

1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
   Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
   Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
   Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
   In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
   Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
   Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

Text: 10 10 10 10; Daniel Crane Roberts, 1841–1907.

FIRST READING _________________________________ Acts 19:1-8

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior of the country and down to Ephesus where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They answered him, “We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” He said, “How were you baptized?” They replied, “With the baptism of John.” Paul then said, “John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling
the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. Altogether there were about twelve men. He entered the synagogue, and for three months debated boldly with persuasive arguments about the Kingdom of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ___________________________ Ps 68:3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab

R/. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.
God arises; his enemies are scattered, and those who hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so are they driven; as wax melts before the fire.

R/. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.
But the just rejoice and exult before God; they are glad and rejoice. Sing to God, chant praise to his name; whose name is the LORD.

R/. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.
The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

R/. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ___________________________ Colossians 3:1

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, Where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

GOSPEL ___________________________________________ John 16:29-33

The disciples said to Jesus, “Now you are talking plainly, and not in any figure of speech. Now we realize that you know everything and that you do not need to have anyone question you. Because of this we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you believe now? Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived when each of you will be scattered to his own home and you will leave me alone. But I am not
alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS ________________________ MASS OF RENEWAL

COMMUNION ANTIPHON ____________________________ John 14: 18, 16: 22

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come to you again, and you heart will rejoice, alleluia.

COMMUNION ________________________________ BLEST ARE THEY

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.
   Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

   Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
   Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.
   Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill.

3. Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.
   Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God!

4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
   Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.

5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
   Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

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A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.
CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

CLOSING ______________________________ AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

2. O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife, Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine.