

RORATE CAELI MASS

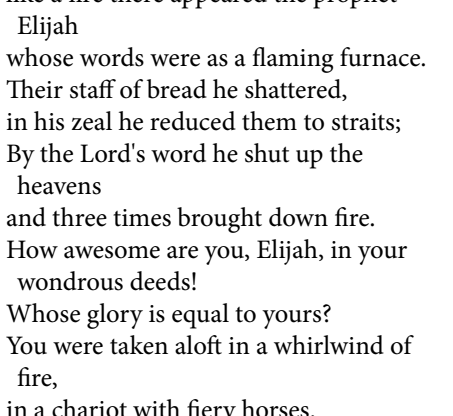
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St. Michael Catholic Church

A 'Rorate Caeli' Mass is a Votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The title refers to the first words of the introit (Latin and translation below). This candlelit Mass usually occurs before dawn in Advent. As sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter and we are reminded of the coming of Christ as the Light of the World.

Introit

Rorate caeli



Ro-ra - te cae-li de - su-per, —
et nu-bes plu - ant jus - tum.

Drop down, ye heavens from above and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Penitential Act

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11

In those days,
like a fire there appeared the prophet Elijah
whose words were as a flaming furnace.
Their staff of bread he shattered,
in his zeal he reduced them to straits;
By the Lord's word he shut up the heavens
and three times brought down fire.
How awesome are you, Elijah, in your wondrous deeds!
Whose glory is equal to yours?
You were taken aloft in a whirlwind of fire,
in a chariot with fiery horses.
You were destined, it is written, in time to come
to put an end to wrath before the day of the LORD,
To turn back the hearts of fathers toward their sons,
and to re-establish the tribes of Jacob.
Blessed is he who shall have seen you
and who falls asleep in your friendship. In those days,
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The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
From your throne upon the cherubim,
shine forth.
Rouse your power.

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
Take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

As they were coming down from the mountain,
the disciples asked Jesus,
"Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"
He said in reply, "Elijah will indeed come and restore all things;
but I tell you that Elijah has already come,
and they did not recognize him but did to him whatever they pleased.
So also will the Son of Man suffer at their hands."
Then the disciples understood
that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory

Ave Maria (Arcadelt)

Preface Dialogue

(Stand)
Pray, brothers and sisters... almighty Father.

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.

Sanctus

San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus
Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - ba - oth.
Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra
glo - ri - a tu - a. Ho-san-na in
ex-cel-sis. Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit
in no-mi-ne Do-mi-ni. Ho-san - na
in ex-cel - sis.

Memorial Acclamation

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord,
and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion
un - til you come a - gain.

Amen

A-men, a - men, a - men.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord... Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Lamb of God

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-
ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.
A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-
ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Communio

Isaiah 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

Prayer After Communion

Blessing and Dismissal

St. Michael Prayer

**Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection 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,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits,
who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.**

Amen.

Antiphon to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sal-ve, Re-gi-na, ma-ter mi-se-ri-
cor-di-ae: Vi-ta, dul-ce - do
et spes no-stra, sal - ve. Ad te
cla-ma-mus, ex-su-les fi-li-i Hevae.
Ad te sus-pi-ra-mus, ge-men-tes
et flen-tes in hac la-cri-ma-rum
val-le. E-ia er-go, ad-vo-ca-ta
no-stra, il-lus tu-os mi-se-ri-cor-
des o-cu-los ad nos con-ver-te.
Et Je-sum, be-ne-di-ctum fructum
ven-tris tu-i, no-bis post hoc
ex - si - li - um o - sten - de.
O cle-mens, O pi - a,
O dul - cis Virgo
Ma-ri - a.

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