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Liturgy of Saint John the Divine

or

Mass of the Seven Seals

This Liturgy of St. John the Divine or Mass of the Seven Seals is not to be seen as a replacement for the Liturgy of the Pleromic Light. Rather, it is an alternate liturgy, based upon Apocalyptic imagery and related to the Alchemical process. As to how the Alchemical process is related to the Mass, please refer to our discourse: "Alchemy of the Eucharist." Concerning how the writings of the Apocalypse of St. John relate to the Alchemical operations, we do not have space here for a full treatment. But we may say a few words concerning the imagery found in some of the passages utilized in this liturgy, especially those concerning the seven seals and the seven angels.

The first seal and the first angel give us a couple of principal symbols. The first is the Crown. This is to us a symbol of the Royal Art: Alchemy. We also see the image of "fire cast upon the earth." This is related to the Calcination of the First Matter.

The second seal and angel yield further symbolic elements related to the Alchemical process. We see herein a "burning mountain, cast into the sea," which is emblematic of the Dissolution of the Calcinated First Matter. We also have here the Sword, symbol of the Separation. We see it separating in thirds, indicative of the three Essentials: Sulphur, Mercury and Salt.

With the third seal and third angel we are presented with symbols of the Conjunction. First we have the balances, representing the Equilibrium of the Conjunction. Next we have the star Wormwood, which is the very Agent of transformation, without which the Conjunction could not occur. Our initiates of a certain degree, within one of our affiliated bodies, will better understand the significance of this. But these are higher teachings that cannot be given in a public and cursory document such as this.

The fourth seal and fourth angel reveal the elements of Putrefaction, the process of decay that indicates the beginning of Fermentation. We have here Death, the darkening of the Sun, Moon and Stars, and other imagery related to the impurities that are brought to the surface - the Caput Mortem - which will be severed in order to continue the Fermentation process.

The fifth seal and angel bring us into the Fermentation proper. We are presented with a robe, made white by being washed in blood. This signifies, in part, the transition from one phase of the work to another. We also read that "no green thing" should be hurt. This refers to the new substance being created through Fermentation.

The sixth seal and angel contain many mysteries, but the one symbol that stands out to us in this particular context is the Moon turning to blood. This is indicative of the process of Distillation, and the emergence of the Philosopher's Stone.

The seventh seal and seventh angel bring Silence, and the completion of the Mystery of God. In other words, it is the full realization of the Lapis Philosophorum, which is represented as a little book that is sweet when eaten, but becomes bitter upon digestion. This is because the Body and Blood of our Lord is indeed sweet to us. But it also initiates the process of enlightenment and self-knowledge, which means that our myriad faults and weaknesses will begin to make themselves known to us. We can no longer live in the darkness of ignorance. And these realities are indeed often bitter when "digested." We must nevertheless continue to partake of this fruit of self-knowledge if we wish for it to eventually transform us into beings worthy of entrance into the new Jerusalem - the Pleroma of Light.

That was a very brief synopsis of how we relate some of the Apocalyptic imagery to Alchemy. In addition to the "Alchemy of the Eucharist" aforementioned, we also encourage you to read our poetic treatment, "Ora et Labora: A poetic exploration of the Royal Art," which addresses Alchemical imagery in a more intuitive way. But all of these things only scratch the surface. It is only through study, practice, and undergoing mystical states through meditation, initiation, and gnostic revelation that will bring you to an inner comprehension of these Mysteries. Part of that practice, though, can be in the performance of this liturgy.

Although there are considerable differences between this present liturgy and the Liturgy of the Pleromic Light, there are also certain key similarities which will make it instantly recognizable to the egregore of the ACP as one of its own. First, the over-all structure and formula of this Mass is the same as the Pleromic Light Mass, which was necessary not only for the sake of consistency, but also in order to maintain the same relationship to the Alchemical phases and operations. Secondly, certain key elements remain which identify it unmistakably as an ACP liturgy.

As we stated in the beginning of this introduction, this is not a replacement for our standard liturgy, and should not be adopted as such by any of our parishes or clergy. But it is a powerful Eucharistic service that may be employed for certain appropriate feast days, for celebration of the Eucharist in addition to the stated Masses, and even as the occasional replacement for the standard liturgy. But as you work with this Mass you will come to realize that it is better suited for special occasions than as the norm.

Should any non-ACP clergy wish to utilize this liturgy, you are certainly free to do so, as is or modified to suit your particular church. We only advise you to consider what we have said so far.

The temple arrangement for this Mass is basically the same as our standard Temple Lay-out found in the ACP Clergy Handbook and elsewhere. There are, however, a couple of modifications worth mentioning. First, if possible, there should be banners posted in the four quarters bearing images of the Bull, Lion, Eagle and Man. These correspond to the four Fixed Signs of the Zodiac and to the four Elements. In the ACP we use the following arrangement:

East - Air - Man (Aquarius)
 South - Fire - Lion (Leo)
 West - Water - Eagle (Scorpio)
 North - Earth - Bull (Taurus)

The other recommended modification is that each of the seven candles in the candelabra upon the Rear Altar have inscribed or affixed to them the initials of each of the seven churches of the Apocalypse:

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Other appropriate decorations could include an image or hanging of the heptagram, or other apocalyptic imagery or appropriate icons, etc. Alchemical images are also appropriate.

The Mass of the Seven Seals begins with the Preliminary Rites and Procession, as given in the Liturgy of the Pleromic Light. They are therefore not reproduced here in the interest of space. Unlike our standard Mass, the PRIEST functions as sole operator in all but a few parts of this liturgy. It is therefore possible, with very slight modification, to perform this as a solitary rite. We always encourage, of course, an open and public Eucharist, but because of the special nature of this Mass it may be suitable to celebrate it as a private, clergy-only, or, again, in a solitary fashion.

We hope that this Mass will prove to be inspiring and transformative for all its celebrants and communicants. We encourage our clergy, colleagues and friends to notify us of the efficacy of this rite and to report to us any particular phenomena associated with its celebration.

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 Patriarch,
 Apostolic Church of the Pleroma
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FIRST PHASE: NIGREDO

CALCINATION

Preliminary Rites

See Liturgy of the Pleormic Light

Procession

See Liturgy of the Pleromic Light

Invocation of the Aeons

PRIEST:

In the Name of the Lord of All Worlds.

Priest and Deacons place right hand over heart.

PRIEST:

I...

1st DEACON:

A...

2nd DEACON:

O...

Priest and Deacons place hands, right over left, over the Solar Plexus.

PRIEST:

I...

1st DEACON:

A...

2nd DEACON:

UM...

Priest & Deacons cross arms across chest, right over left, palms open.

PRIEST:

A...

1st DEACON:

U...

2nd DEACON:

M...

Clergy place hands in front of them, palms together, as in prayer.

PRIEST:

Lord of the Past,

PRIEST & DEACONS: *(As all take one step forward)*
We hail Thee!

PRIEST:

Lord of the Present,

PRIEST & DEACONS: *(As all take one step forward)*
We hail Thee!

PRIEST:

Lord of the Future,

PRIEST & DEACONS: *(As all take one step forward)*
We hail Thee!

CLERGY: *(Kneeling before the Eucharistic Altar)*

O Ineffable Light, Father of Resplendent Glory, Mother of Eternal Wisdom, we, being assembled together on the path of Light to manifest the Power of the Logos, the Christ within, and to participate in the offering of that great sacrifice which was, and is, and is to come, do hail Thee as the Great Architect of the Universe, and the Source of all Light, Life, Love, and Liberty.

Clergy rise and proceed to their stations. Porter places Sword on Rear Altar, pointing North, and proceeds to station at the Temple entrance. Thurifer replaces thurible on Rear Altar and proceeds to station.

PRIEST:

In the Name of the Unknown One who reveals His Mysteries out of the Treasuries of Light to them that call upon Him, and who mercifully bestows His Secrets of Gnosis upon us without measure.

May He always grant to us, through Christ the Eternal Logos, and the Divine Sophia, the revealer of His Gnosis, His eternal blessings that we may worthily perform the mysteries of the Mass. Help us to reveal the greatest Secrets which are lawful for man to know, and use them without offence unto God. Amen.

Come, join us now, O great Luminaries; emissaries of the Most High!

HARMOZEL... OROIAEL... DAVEITHAI... ELELETH...

Come now and witness as we praise the Most High, and prepare for the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Invocation of the Seven Churches

PRIEST:

Extracts a flame from the Perpetual Luminary with a taper; holds lit taper in right hand with arms outstretched before the candelabra, saying:

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars and the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Light the candle of Ephesus while saying:

Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Light the candle of Smyrna while saying:

And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead and is alive; I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Light the candle of Pergamos while saying:

And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold to the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication. Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that

overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Light candle of Thyatira while saying:

And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and then that commit adultery with her into a great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts; and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the Morning Star. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Light candle of Sardis while saying:

And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and thy shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Light candle of Philadelphia while saying:

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth. I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Light candle of Laodicea while saying:

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve; that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Prayer for Peace

PRIEST: *(Again facing the Eucharistic Altar)*

Blessed be the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and from all ages to all ages.

ALL:

Amen.

PRIEST:

The Lord be with you.

ALL:

And with thy spirit.

PRIEST:

Let us pray. For the peace from the Holy Pleroma, and for the regeneration of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

For the peace of the whole world, the stability of the Holy Gnostic, Catholic, and Apostolic Churches of God and for the union of all humanity, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

For this holy House, and for those who enter it with faith and reverence, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

For our Patriarch Tau... and Exarch Tau..., for the venerable episcopate and presbyterate, the diaconate, for all the Clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

For the President of the United States..., and for all the American people, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

For this city and for this Community, for every city and country, and for the Faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

For the seasonable weather, for the abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

For those who travel by water and by land and by air, for the sick, for the afflicted, for the captives, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Help us, heal us, enlighten us and protect us, O God, by Thy Grace.

Intone:

O glorious Godhead of the Aeons, Thou, secret center, Who art surrounded by the radiant presence of the host of holy angels and messengers of Light, hear our prayers and listen to our thoughts which rise from this world of shadows, toward Thy abode of unsearchable, unspeakable, and unending Light. Amen.

Invocation of the Archangels

PRIEST:

Please rise for the Invocation of the Archangels.

ALL: *(Using the forms as previously instructed.)*

Ateh. Malkuth. Ve'Geburah. Ve'Gedulah. Le Olam. A-U-M...

In the Name of ה'הו', we invoke thee, Archangel of the East, RAPHAEL!

In the Name of 'נ'טא, we invoke thee, Archangel of the South, MICHAEL!

In the Name of ה'הא, we invoke thee, Archangel of the West, GABRIEL!

In the Name of א'ל'א, we invoke thee, Archangel of the North, AURIEL!

Ateh. Malkuth. Ve'Geburah. Ve'Gedulah. Le Olam. A-U-M...

Asperges

PRIEST: *(Sprinkles blessed water while reciting...)*

Purify us, O Lord, that in Thy Power we may worthily perform the Great Work. In Thy strength, O Indwelling Lord, do we expel all forces of darkness from this, Thy Holy Altar and Sanctuary, and from this house and our own human temples wherein we worship Thee; and we pray Thee Heavenly Father, that Thou wilt command the Rulers of the Four Regions, your mighty Archangels, Lords of the Air, Water, Fire, and Earth, to build for us a Spiritual Temple through which Thy Strength and Blessing may be poured forth upon Thy people. Through Christ our Indwelling Lord.

ALL:

So mote it be!

Prayer

PRIEST:

When we enter herein with all humility, let God the Almighty One enter into this Sanctuary of the Gnosis by the entrance of an eternal happiness, of a Divine prosperity, of a perfect joy, of an abundant charity, and of an eternal salutation. Let all the demons fly from this place, especially those who are opposed unto this work, and let the Angels of Peace assist and protect this Sanctuary, from which let discord and strife fly and depart. Magnify and extend upon us, O Lord, Thy most Holy Name, and bless our conversation and our assembly. Sanctify, O Lord our God, our humble entry herein, Thou the Blessed and Holy One of the Eternal Ages! Amen.

I beseech Thee, O Lord God, the All Powerful and the All Merciful, that Thou wilt deign to bless this Sanctuary, and all this place, and all those who are herein, and that Thou wilt grant unto us, who serve Thee, and rehaerse nothing but the wonders of Thy Law, a good Angel for our Guardian; remove from us every adverse power; preserve us from evil and from trouble; grant, O Lord, that we may rest in this place in all safety, through Thee, O Lord, Who livest and reignest unto the Ages of the Ages.

O Lord God, All Powerful and All Merciful, Thou who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his ignorance and live; give and grant unto us Thy Grace, by + Blessing and + Consecrating this Altar and this Sanctuary, which is here marked out with the most powerful and holy names of God. And may God bless this place with all the virtues of Heaven, so that no obscene or unclean spirit may have the power to enter into the Sanctuary, or to annoy any person who is therein; through our Lord Jesus, Christos, Soter, Logos, Who liveth eternally

unto the Ages of the Ages. Amen.

ALL:
Amen.

Censing of the Altar

PRIEST:

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering and to conquer. The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up and all green grass was burnt up.

ALL:
Amen.

PRIEST: (*Puts incense into thurible and blesses it...*)

Creature of incense, be thou blessed in the Name of the + Father, and of the + Son, and of the + Holy Spirit.

Priest censes the altar center, left, right.

Purify this place, O Divine and Eternal One, and make of us one mystical Body, growing into the Pleroma of your Gnosis. Make us a Spiritual Temple of living stones, through which you infinite Light may flow. Let the Holy Angels of Light join with us, and assist us in this act of divine transformation. We unite now to celebrate, knowing that we all come from the Original Light, which is the Source of everything visible and invisible.

May the Lord be with you +

ALL:
And with thy spirit.

Confiteor

ALL:

O Lord, that which is mortal cometh not into a body immortal; but that which is immortal cometh into that which is mortal. Thou art Thou, all that is made, and all that is not made. Thou art all things, and there is nothing else Thou art not. I beseech Thee that I may never err from the Knowledge of Thee. For Thou art what I am, Thou art what I do, Thou art what I say. Amen.

PRIEST:

O Lord All Powerful, Eternal God and Father of ALL, shed upon me the Divine Influence of Thy Mercy, for I am Thy Creature. I beseech Thee to defend me from mine enemies, and to confirm in me true and steadfast faith. O Lord, I commit my Body and my Soul unto Thee, seeing I put my trust in none beside Thee; it is on Thee alone that I rely. O Lord my God aid me. O Lord hear me in the day and hour wherein I shall invoke Thee. I pray Thee by Thy Mercy not to put me into oblivion, nor to remove me from Thee. O Lord be Thou my succor, Thou Who art the God of my salvation. O Lord make me a new heart according unto Thy loving Kindness. These, O Lord, are the gifts which I await from Thee, O my God and my Master, Thou who livest and reignest unot the Ages of the Ages. Amen.

DEACONS :
Amen.

ALL:
Amen.

Sign of Peace

PRIEST:

My Brothers and Sisters in the Gnosis, the Lord of Agape binds us with a bond of Love that cannot be broken. Therefore we invoke the indwelling Christos, Who does ever say to Thy disciples: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you." Grant us that peace and unity which are agreeable to Thy Holy Will and Commandment. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Savior and Logos, may the peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL:

And with thy spirit.

Clergy and congregants exchange Sign of Peace.

DISSOLUTION

First Reading

PRIEST:

The First Reading is taken from...

The First Lectionary Reading of the day is read by Priest.

PRIEST:

Give ear unto us, O Indwelling One, while we sing Thy praises. Thou Mystery before all uncontainables and impassables, Who did shine forth in Thy Mystery, in order that the Mystery that is from the beginning be completed in us. Hear us, O Father of boundless Light, Mother of Eternal Wisdom! All has come forth from Thee, and will return unto Thee, when the consummation of all consummations has taken place.

ALL:

Amen.

PRIEST:

And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

ALL:

Amen.

Gnostic Canticle

PRIEST:

Faith is our Earth in which we take root.

ALL:

Amen.

PRIEST:

Hope is the Water with which we are nourished.

ALL:

Amen.

PRIEST:

Love is the Air through which we grow.

ALL:

Amen.

PRIEST:

Knowledge is the Light by which we ripen.

ALL:

Amen.

PRIEST:

It is Christ who standeth at the dorr of every heart. Open ye your heart unto Him that ye may be One. For as the One is in the All, so is the All in the One. Thus the Logos saith: As I am One with the Father, so ye are One with me. Then may ye enter that Supernal Sphere, and dwell in that great celestial mansion whose pillars are WISDOM, STRENGTH, and BEAUTY.

Ring bell three times.

PRIEST & DEACONS: (*Intone*)

Amen.

Epistle

LECTOR:

The Epistle (or Second Reading) is taken from...

The Second Lecitonary Reading of the day is read by Lector.

Here endeth the lesson.

ALL:

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

PRIEST:

He that loveth the Holy Sophia loveth Life; and they that seek her early shall be filled with joy.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law; yea I shall keep it with my whole heart. The path of the just is as the shining light, shining more and more unto the perfect day.

Munda Cor Meum

DEACON:

Cleanse my heart and lips, O God who by the hands of Thy Seraph didst cleanse the lips of Thy prophet Isaiah with a burning coal from Thine altar, and in Thy loving kindness, so purify me that I may worthily proclaim Thy Holy Gospel. Through Christ, our Indwelling Lord. Amen.

PRIEST: *(Blesses Deacon with the following words...)*

May the Lord be in thy heart and on thy lips, that through thy heart the love of God may shine forth, and through thy lips His power be made manifest. Amen.

Gospel

DEACON:

Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

The Lord be with you.

ALL:

And with thy spirit.

DEACON:

The Gospel is taken from...

As the Deacon announces the Gospel all make the sign of the cross with the right thumb successively upon the forehead, lips, and heart.

ALL:

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Deacon censes the Gospel, then Gospel is read.

DEACON:

Here endeth the Gospel.

ALL:

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

DEACON:

Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only.

Deacon bids people to be seated and censes the Priest, then returns to his position.

Homily and Parish announcements are given by Priest or other designated speakers.

Act of Faith

PRIEST:

Please all join me in the Act of Faith.

ALL: *(While placing right hand over heart)*

I believe in the Ineffable, Unknowable Father, Incorruptible Spirit, Lord of All Worlds, Architect of all things visible and all things invisible. Light of Light.

And in the Pure Will of the Father which sends forth the Seed, which is the true Good. Life of Life.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, Sublime Mother of the Aeons, from whose womb all things are made manifest and to which they shall return. Love of Love.

And I believe in the incarnation of our Lorde Jesus Christ, self-generated and alone-begotten; creative essence of the Father; Logos of the Eternal Aeon; the Author of Regeneration, through which we may loosen the bonds of matter and recall our own divine nature, and become one in the fullness of God. Liberty of Liberty.

And I believe in the communion of the Holy Saints and Prophets.

And I believe in the miracle of the Eucharist, whereby the elements of Bread and Wine are transmuted into the Body and Blood of Christ the Logos, giving us Spiritual sustenance, and a visible means of grace.

And I believe in One Universal and Apostolic Church of Light, Life, Love and Liberty.

A-U-M A-U-M A-U-M

Invocation of the Holy Guardian Angel

PRIEST:

An Angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

ALL:

To Thee, O Lord.

PRIEST:

O You, divine Spirit! Spirit of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty; powerful Being of Light, with whom I desire to accomplish the most intimate union!

I call you! I invoke you! Come to my assistance; guide my steps on the Path of Regeneration during this whole day. Vivify me with that Divine Love that enflames you; send me continually your intellect; give me the weapons that I need in order to vanquish my spiritual enemies.

Guide my steps toward the Truth; I abandon myself to your direction with total confidence.

Divine Logos, that have deigned to send Your Angels to guard and guide us, help me profit from their powerful operations; help me be preserved from any fall during this day.

Let me come to know intimately this Spirit, to which you have particularly entrusted me.

I ask this Grace by Your Holy Blood, that has become the sigil of my reconciliation with you. Amen.

SECOND PHASE: ALBEDO

SEPARATION

Offertorium

PRIEST:

And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great Sword.

ALL:

Amen.

PRIEST: *(Removes veil, pall, etc.)*

Come Thou Holy Name of Christ, Name above all names; come power from above and come highest gift; Thou Knower of the Chosen's Mysteries descend; Thou Who dost share in all noble strivers' struggles; Come! Come Thou Who givest joy to all who are at one with Thee; come and commune with us in this Eucharist which we are about to make in Thy Name, in this Sacrament to which we have assembled at Thy call.

Αειτιουω ιαω αωι ωια ψινωθερ θερνοψ νωψιθερ ζογουρη παγουρη νεθμομαωθ
νεψιομαωθ μαραχαχαν ζοροκοθορα ιεου Σαβαωθ.

CONJUNCTION

Priest: *(elevates paten with both hands)*

Blessed are You, O God, who art the Source of all things visible and invisible; the Lord of Light, Life, Love and Liberty. We offer this bread, grain of the Earth, transformed by human hands, as a token of our terrestrial nature. May it transform us and be the BODY OF CHRIST.

ALL:

Blessed be God forever.

Priest returns paten. Acolyte pours wine and a little water into Chalice.

PRIEST:

Remembering the Divine and human natures of the Master Jesus, and our own Divine and human natures, we mix water with this wine, praying that we may abide in His Consciousness and He in us.

Priest elevates Chalice with both hands.

Blessed are you, O God, who art the Source of all things visible and invisible; the Lord of Light, Life, Love and Liberty. We offer this wine, fruit of the Earth, transformed by human hands, as a token of our celestial nature. May it transform us and be the BLOOD OF CHIRST.

ALL:

Blessed be God forever.

PRIEST:

And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood.

ALL:

So mote it be!

THIRD PHASE: RUBEDO
FERMENTATION (PUTREFACTION)

Second Censing

PRIEST: (*Places more incense on charcoal*)

Be thou blessed in the Name of the + Father, and of the + Son, and of the + Holy Spirit.

God the Father, seen of none, God the Co-Eternal Son, and God the Holy Spirit who givest us life, pour forth Thy three-fold power into these our oblations.

As this incense rises before Thee, O Lord, so let our prayer ascend Thy Holy Realms.

Glory be to the Unknown Father + to the Son the Divine Logos + and to the Holy Spirit + our Celestial Mother and Consoler.

Lavabo

PRIEST:

And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

Priest washes hands.

O Heavenly Father, as Your rains cleanse and purify the earth, I wash my hands so that they too may be cleansed of the impurities of this world.

Asperges me hyssopo - et mundabor. Lavabis me aqua et super nivem dealbabor!

Orate Fratres

PRIEST:

My Brothers and Sisters, we have built a temple for the distribution of the power of the Logos. Let us prepare these gifts as a channel for its reception. Receive, O Source of all things visible and invisible, this Sacrifice of bread and wine. And may our lives be forever sanctified in Your service by the power of Christ, our Indwelling Lord. Amen.

Prayer Over the Gifts

PRIEST:

May we who partake of this Holy sacrament receive the power of Your Light and Life and be forever joined in Your Holy Wisdom.

ALL:

Amen.

Preface

PRIEST:

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL:

And with thy spirit.

PRIEST:

Let us lift up our hearts.

ALL:

We lift them up to the Lord.

PRIEST:

Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

ALL:

It is meet and right so to do.

PRIEST:

It is meet and right to hymn Thee, to bless Thee, to praise Thee, to give thanks unto Thee, and to worship Thee in every place of Thy dominion. For thou art God ineffable, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, ever existing and eternally the same, Thou and Thy Only-begotten Son and Thy Holy Spirit. Thou didst bring us into being, and when we had fallen away didst raise us up again, and didst not cease to do all things until Thou hadst brought us back to your Pleroma, and hadst endowed us with Thy Kingdom which is to come. For all these things we give thanks to Thee, and to Thy Only-begotten Son, and Thy Holy Spirit, for all the things we know and we do not know, for the benefits conferred upon us, both seen and unseen. We render thanks to Thee also for this liturgy which Thou dost deign to receive from our hands, although there stand beside Thee myriads of Angels and Archangels, the Cherubim and the Seraphim, six-winged, many-eyed, soaring aloft on wings, chanting, voicing, shouting and saying the triumphal hymn:

Trisagion

ALL:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Benedictus Qui Venit

ALL:

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna + in the Highest.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

PRIEST:

O Holy Spirit, Barbelo, Divine Mother of All, may you receive us with your Glorious Embrace. Thou Who hast made Thyself known to us through your emissaries of Light and Life, of Love and Liberty; Your Aeon Sophia and her daughter Zoe, whose heavenly archetypes have been mirrored here on earth in the persons of Eve, Norea, the Virgin Mary, and Mary Magdalene; and known in the celestial realm as the woman clothed with the Sun; may You open our ears that we may hear Your voice

of Understanding, and open our hearts that we may pour forth Thy Love.

FERMENTATION (PROPER)

Eucharistic Prayer

PRIEST:

O Most High God, You are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives You praise. All life, all holiness comes from You through Christ, our Lord, Logos of the Eternal Aeon. From age to age, You reveal Your perennial Wisdom to Your Holy Elect, and call forth those that might partake of Your Divine Mystery.

Joins hands, holding them outstretched over the offerings.

And so, Most High God, we bring You these gifts. We ask You to make them holy by Your power to bless + to approve + and to ratify + that they may become the Body + and Blood + of Christ, the Logos.

Raises bread slightly.

Following the example set forth by Melchizedek, the eternal High Priest, the Master Jesus, took bread and gave You thanks and praise. He blessed and broke the bread and gave it to His disciples, and said:

Bows slightly.

Take and eat ye all of this, for THIS IS MY BODY.

Shows consecrated host to the people, places on paten and genuflects in adoration.

In like manner, when the supper was ended, he took the noble Chalice.

Raises Chalice a little.

Again he gave You thanks and praise, blessed it and gave it to His disciples, and said:

Bows slightly.

Take and drink ye all of this, for THIS IS MY BLOOD.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Shows Chalice; returns Chalice and genuflects in adoration.

Extends hands.

Father, we celebrate the memory of Christ, the Eternal Logos, the repairer and our restorer of Gnosis. We, Your people and Your Priests offer unto You, O Most High God, this perfect sacrifice: the bread of Life and the cup of eternal Salvation.

Look with favor on these offerings and accept them as once You accepted the gifts of our patriarch in the Gnosis, the bread and wine offered by Your priest Melchizedek.

Almighty God, we pray that this sacrifice be borne to thine altar, there to be offered by Him who, as the eternal High Priest, forever offers Himself as the eternal sacrifice.

And as he has ordained that the heavenly sacrifice shall be mirrored here on earth through the ministry of mortals, to the end that Your holy people may be brought more closely into fellowship with You, we do pray for them who serve at this altar, the rightly celebrating the mysteries of the Most Holy Body + and

Blood + of the Christ, they may be filled + with Your mighty power and blessing,
O Lord of Light, Life, Love, and Liberty.

Litany

PRIEST:

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And white robes were given unto every one of them.

Let us now in due and ancient fashion call upon the powers of the Most High and on all the Holy Ones who were and are and are to come, that united with them we may bravely strive for and ultimately attain to the Gnosis of Light, Life, Love, and Liberty.

All face West and kneel.

PRIEST:

I-A-O

DEACONS:

Shed thy glory upon us.

PRIEST:

Sabaoth

DEACONS:

Shed thy glory upon us.

PRIEST:

Abraxas

DEACONS:

Shed thy glory upon us.

PRIEST:

Sophia

DEACONS:

Shed thy glory upon us.

PRIEST:

All the souls of the Holy Gnostics during the Aeons.

DEACONS:

Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:

Holy Mary Magdalene

DEACONS:

Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:

Holy John the Baptist

DEACONS:

Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:

Holy John the Evangelist

DEACONS:

Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:

Holy Thomas

DEACONS:

Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:

Holy Philip

DEACONS:

Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:

Holy Simon Magus

DEACONS:

Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:

Holy Dositheus

DEACONS:

Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:

Holy Menander

DEACONS:

Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Saturninus

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Basilides

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Valentinus

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us

PRIEST:
Holy Bardaisan

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Clement of Alexandria

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Origen

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Esclaremone & all Cathar Martyrs

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Prophet Joachim

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Jacque de Molay & all the
Blessed Templars

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Martinez de Pasqually

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Louis Claude de Saint-Martin

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Bernard Raymond Fabre-Palaprat

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Tau Valentin II

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Tau Synésius

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Mar Timotheos

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Paolo Miraglia Gulotti

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Jean Sempé

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Abbé Julio

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Tau Jean II

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Tau Harmonius

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Tau Jean III

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Tau Ogdoade Orfeo I

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Tau Ogdoade Orfeo III

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Tau Iohannes Harmonius

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
Holy Tau Johannes XIII

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us.

PRIEST:
All the Apostles, Prophets, Bishops,
Priests & Martyrs of the Gnosis.

DEACONS:
Hear us and be near us, now and forever.

Kyrie

PRIEST:
Kyrie Eleison

ALL:
Kyrie Eleison

PRIEST:
Christie Eleison

ALL:
Christie Eleison

PRIEST & ALL:
Kyrie Eleison

PRIEST:
Welcome into Your kingdom, O Lord, our departed brothers and sisters in the Gnosis.
Mother and Father united as one;
Wisdom and Strength through Your Eternal Son;
We are divided for Love's sake;
That through our union we may make
Ourselves as symbols of Heaven on Earth;
In life, in death, and in rebirth!

O Christ our Lord who gives us all these gifts, bless them and make them holy.

PRIEST:

And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Pater Noster

PRIEST:

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words the Master Jesus gave us.

ALL:

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 debts, as we have also forgiven our debtors.
And leave us not in temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PRIEST: *(With hands extended)*

Deliver us Lord from the evil of ignorance, and grant us peace, love, and light in our day.

DISTILLATION

Breaking of the Bread

PRIEST:

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair; and the moon became as blood; And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the East, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

ALL:

Amen.

PRIEST:

O Divine Light, You show Yourself this day upon countless altars and yet are one and indivisible. In token of Thy great Sacrifice, we rend (*break bread*) this, Thy Holy Body, that we may be as Thou art.

Through this ancient and sacred tradition, all Heaven and Earth are united in Thy Consciousness, Thy Love, and Thy Will. And as the One became many, only to restore all to the Pleroma, so too, in the breaking of this bread, we are one with Thee, as Thou art one with the Father.

Breaks off small piece of bread from the left half, makes sign of the cross over the Chalice, and places piece in Chalice; then blows three crosses of air over Chalice.

Intones...

Through Him, and with Him, and in Him;
In the Unity of the Holy Spirit;
All glory and honor are Yours Almighty Father,
Forever and ever.

ALL: (*intone*)
Amen.

PRIEST:

And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions.

Let us pray. Adoration be to Thee, O most High God, Father of all Fatherhood, and to Thee, O Mother of all, who in the incarnation of Your Logos have mystically provided us with the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, that by partaking of this Mystery, we may reunite within ourselves the fragments of Your Divinity dispersed throughout the Cosmos. Holy, Holy, Holy, are You, the Father and Mother of the Treasury of the Light, now and unto the countless ages. Amen.

Theurgic Consecration

Priest takes Dagger, faces East, and draws the letter YOD in the air with Dagger as it is pronounced, then intones the Holy Name, thus:

By the virtue of ʼ I call forth the power of IAO to join in this Holy Sacrifice.

Priest travels to the South via the North and West, that is, by walking 270° counter-clockwise, draws the letter He, and intones the Holy Name thus:

By the virtue of ʼ I call forth the power of SABAOTH to join in this Holy Sacrifice.

Priest continues 270° counter-clockwise to the West, draws the letter VAV, and intones the Holy Name, thus:

By the virtue of ʼ I call forth the power of ABRAXAS to join in this Holy Sacrifice.

Priest continues 270° to the North, draws the letter HE, and intones the Holy Name, thus:

By the virtue of ם I call forth the power of SOPHIA to join in this Holy Sacrifice.

Priest travels 270° counter-clockwise again to return to the East for the third complete circuit. He faces the Eucharistic Altar, and with arms outstretched and holding the Dagger in the right hand...

The Son would not be the Father without wearing the Father's Name. So by the Power of the Holy Tetragrammaton, and by the virtue of the Tri-Unity of the Holy Letter ם (draws Hebrew letter with Dagger in the air above Chalice), I call forth the power of the Author of Regeneration, the Repairer of Souls, the Destroyer of Death...

Intones while slowly lowering Dagger with both hands into Chalice.

םםםםם to pour forth Thy Powers into this Holy Sacrifice and transmute these elements of bread and wine into the Divine Body and Blood of the Logos.

Makes three cross with Dagger in Chalice.

Communion

PRIEST: (*Elevating the Body and Blood*)

And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings. And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

Behold the Divine Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. May the communion of these Holy Mysteries be to the regeneration of both soul and body. Let us draw nigh and receive this most Holy Sacrament.

Ablutions and silent meditation.

COAGULATION

Post-Communio

PRIEST:

And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty

which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations werer angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

May we, who in this Holy Mystery have entered into the all-pervading strength and love of Christ our Indwelling Lord, be guided by the Divine Presence into the fullness of Truth, that we may attain to that mount of vision whereon we may see the boundless light unveiled in the wholeness of its Divine Glory. Amen.

Dismissal

PRIEST:

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and Morning Star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will,

let him take the water of life freely. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL:

And with thy spirit.

PRIEST:

Ite, missa est.

ALL:

Deo gratias.