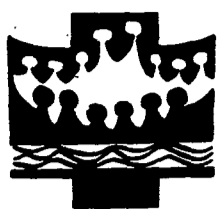


Insights  
In Liturgy

By John Kubiniec



The 'Lord Have Mercy' And 'Gloria'

The Lord Have Mercy, a litany to Christ the Victor, was first introduced into the liturgy in the fourth century. At that time it was a much longer litany than we know today. Presently the Lord Have Mercy follows the penitential rite, if it has not already been incorporated into it. (Article 30, General Instruction) It takes its form from an ancient manner of welcoming the Emperor. The cantor would intone some praise of the Emperor and the people would respond with some acclamation of praise and homage. The Christians took this form of welcome and addressed it to Christ.

The Gloria is an ancient hymn of praise through which the Church "... assembled in the Spirit, praises and prays to the Father and the Lamb." (Article 3, General Instruction) Originally it was the Easter hymn at dawn and in the sixth century it was incorporated into the Easter Vigil liturgy. It was not until the 11th century that the Gloria was incorporated into the Sunday liturgies. Today it is sung or recited at all Sunday liturgies outside of Lent and Advent and on all feast days (Article 31, General Instruction).

By its nature a litany is meant to be sung, but unfortunately the common practice is to recite the Lord Have Mercy. Instead of a rhythmic prayer of praise it

is turned into something of a check-off list. Similarly, the Gloria, a hymn of praise, is often recited, thus destroying the poetic beauty and meaning of the text. When the Lord Have Mercy and Gloria are sung, the true meaning of the texts is allowed to emerge in a fuller sense than that of mere recitation.

The Lord Have Mercy translated from the Greek, Kyrie Elieson, means "Lord you are merciful, show us your mercy." So, when the Lord Have Mercy is sung the music should not be a mournful cry but a proclamation of the Lord's mercy. Also, the litany form is allowed to emerge when the Lord Have Mercy is combined with the third form of the penitential rite. The Gloria can be sung in a number of ways: the choir or cantor singing the verses with the assembly joining in on the refrain, or in a hymn style setting which is sung by the entire assembly. Whether sung or recited, the assembly should be involved in both.

The Lord Have Mercy

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and the Gloria are just two of the many sections of the Introductory Rites. These rites are designed to gather those assembled into a worshipping community, so all parts must be planned in relation to those around them. Planners must be careful not to overload this area with too much music. If the Lord Have Mercy and Gloria are sung, it would be better to have a silent entrance procession and let these songs be the means to gather the assembled.

Public Invited To NFP Session

A Natural Family Planning Information Session will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Lakeside Hospital, Brockport.

Sponsored by NFP Education of Rochester, the session is free and open to the public.

For more information on the session or NFP itself, the telephone number is (716) 464-8705.

Day of Prayer

A day of prayer on the theme, "Journey: Call and Response," will be 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Retreat Center at Nazareth College. The program is for single women (high school seniors or older). An offering of \$3 covers the cost of lunch. Further information and registration are available by contacting Sister Pat Fitzpatrick, SSND, 266-8193, before Nov. 8.

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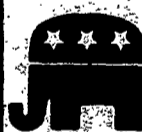


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