



## Milan Cathedral

### **THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

#### **Annual cycle A**

#### **Ambrosian Rite**

*The Dean and Chapter welcome you to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Santa Maria Nascente, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Milan. The Cathedral welcomes you to the Holy Mass celebrated according to the Milanese Rite, also named Ambrosian after its main Patron, St. Ambrose (bishop of Milan from 374 to 397). This Rite has its own Calendar and the readings of this leaflet are taken from the Ambrosian Lectionary.*

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## Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore  
you, we glorify you, we give you thanks  
for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty  
Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-  
ther,

you take away the sins of the world, have  
mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, re-  
ceive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone  
are the Lord, you alone are the Most  
High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in  
the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

Nm 20: 2. 6-13

### **A reading from the Book of Numbers**

In those days. Since the community had no water, they held an assembly against Moses and Aaron.

Moses and Aaron went away from the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting, where they fell prostrate. Then the glory of the Lord appeared to them, and the Lord said to Moses: "Take the staff and assemble the community, you and Aaron your brother, and in their presence command the rock to yield its waters. Thereby you will bring forth water from the rock for them, and supply the community and their livestock with water." So Moses took the staff from its place before the Lord, as he was ordered.

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Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly in front of the rock, where he said to them, "Just listen, you rebels! Are we to produce water for you out of this rock?" Then, raising his hand, Moses struck the rock twice with his staff, and water came out in abundance, and the community and their livestock drank.

But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron: "Because you did not have confidence in me, to acknowledge my holiness before the Israelites, therefore you shall not lead this assembly into the land I have given them." These are the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites quarreled with the Lord, and through which he displayed his holiness.

The word of the Lord.

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## Psalm

Ps 94 (95)

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;  
cry out to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him  
with a song of praise,  
joyfully sing out our psalms. **R**

Enter, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the Lord  
who made us.

For he is our God,  
we are the people he shepherds,  
the sheep in his hands. **R**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
“Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on the day of Massah in the desert.  
There your ancestors tested me;  
they tried me  
though they had seen my works.” **R**

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## Second Reading (Epistle)

Rom 8: 22-27

### **A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brethren: we know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees for itself is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.

In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the

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Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel

Jn 2: 1-11

### **A reading of the holy Gospel according to John**

In that time. There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."

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Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*In the Ambrosian Liturgy the Rite of peace comes before the offertory (presentation of the gifts), according to the teaching of Our Lord: «If you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift» (Matthew 5: 23-24). The Creed follows the offertory.*

## The Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the 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, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

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For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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## Sanctus

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

## Pater noster

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.

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*The Holy Church celebrates the Risen Lord. The Cathedral keeps magnificent works of art and treasures the relics of many holy bishops; we mention here only St. Carlo Borromeo (1538-1584), and the Blessed Archbishops Andrea Carlo Ferrari (1850-1921) and Alfredo Ildefonso Schuster (1880-1954).*

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