

**Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite**  
**March 25, 2012 & the First Sunday of the Passion**  
**“Before Abraham came to be, I am...”**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 42. 1, 2.* Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man: for Thou art my God and my strength. (*Psalm 42. 3.*) Send out Thy light and Thy truth: they have led me and brought me unto Thy holy hill, even unto Thy tabernacles. Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause ...

**COLLECT** We beseech Thee, almighty God, mercifully look upon Thy family: that by Thy great goodness it may be governed in body, and by Thy protection be preserved in mind. Through our Lord ...

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 9. 11-15.* Brethren: Christ being come as High Priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is, not of this creation: neither by the blood of goats or of calves, but by His own blood, entered once into the Holies, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and of oxen and the ashes of an heifer, being sprinkled, sanctify such as are defiled, to the cleansing of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who, by the Holy Ghost, offered Himself unspotted unto God, cleanse our conscience from dead works, to serve the living God? And therefore He is the Mediator of the new testament: that by means of His death, for the redemption of those transgressions which were under the former testament, they that are called may receive the promise of eternal inheritance, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 142. 9, 10.* Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies: teach me to do Thy will. *V. (Ps. 17. 48, 49).* Thou art my deliverer, O Lord, from the angry nations: Thou wilt lift me up above them that rise up against me: from the unjust man Thou wilt deliver me.

**TRACT** *Psalm 128. 1, 4.* Often have they fought against me from my youth. *V.* Let Israel now say: often have they fought against me from my youth. *V.* But they could not prevail over me: the wicked have wrought upon my back. *V.* They have lengthened their iniquities: the Lord who is just will cut the necks of sinners.

**GOSPEL** *John 8. 46-59.* At that time Jesus said to the multitudes of the Jews: Which of you shall

convince Me of sin? If I say the truth to you, why do you not believe Me? He that is of God heareth the words of God. Therefore you hear them not, because you are not of God. The Jews therefore answered, and said to Him: Do not we say well, that Thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered: I have not a devil: but I honor My Father, and you have dishonored Me. But I seek not My own glory: there is One that seeketh and judgeth. Amen, amen, I say to you: If any man keep My word, he shall not see death for ever. The Jews therefore said: Now we know that Thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets: and Thou sayest: If any man keep My word, he shall not taste death for ever. Art Thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? and the prophets are dead. Whom dost Thou make Thyself? Jesus answered: If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing: it is My Father that glorifieth Me, of whom you say that He is your God, and you have not known Him: but I know Him: and if I shall say that I know Him not, I shall be like to you, a liar. But I do know Him, and do keep His word. Abraham your father rejoiced that he might see My day: he saw it and was glad. The Jews therefore said to Him: Thou art not yet fifty years old: and hast Thou seen Abraham? Jesus said to them: Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham was made, I am. They took up stones therefore to cast at Him: but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.

**OFFERTORY** *Psalm 118. 17, 107.* I will confess to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: render to Thy servant: I shall live and keep Thy words: enliven me according to Thy word, O Lord.

**SECRET** May these offerings, we beseech Thee, O Lord, loosen the bonds of our wickedness, and procure for us the gifts of Thy mercy. Through our Lord ...

**Preface of the Holy Cross**

**COMMUNION** *I Corinthians. 11. 24, 25.* This is My Body which shall be delivered for you: this chalice is the new testament in My Blood, saith the Lord: do this, as often as you receive it, in commemoration of Me.

**POSTCOMMUNION** Draw near to us, O Lord, our God, and by Thy unfailing help defend those whom Thy mysteries have refreshed. Through our Lord ...