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NOVENA

IN HONOR OF

SANTO CRISTO

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NOVENA DAY 1

Antiphon 1

It was our infirmities that he bore.

Who would believe what we have heard? To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

He grew up like a sapling before him, like a shoot from the parched earth.

There was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him, nor appearance that would attract us to him.

He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity;

One of those from whom men hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem.

Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, while we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins.

Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed.

We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way.

But the Lord laid upon him the guilt of all.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 2

He bore the faults of many, and prayed all the time for sinners.

Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth.

Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth.

Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away, and who would have thought any more of his destiny?

When he was cuff off from the land of the living, and smitten for the sin of his people,

A grave was assigned to him. among the wicked and a burial place with evildoers,

Though he had done no wrong, nor spoken any falsehood.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the Lord shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days.

Through his suffering, my

servant shall justify many, and their guilt, he shall bear.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 3

Being God, he became a man like us.

He always had the nature of God, but he did not think that by force he should try to become equal with God.

Instead of this, of his own free will, he gave up all he had, and took the nature of a servant.

He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death: his death on a cross.

For this reason God raised him to the highest place above, and gave him the name that is greater than any other name.

And so, in honor of the name of Jesus, all beings in heaven, on earth and in the world below will fall on their knees;

And all will openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Let us pray to God our Father who is rich in mercy to those who call on him.

Lector: For those who have never heard of God's love for them, so that they may come to know the loving Jesus, *let us pray to the Lord.*

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who once felt love for God in their hearts, but who, for whatever reason, have lost it, *let us pray to the lord.*

For those who love, but love the wrong things and in the wrong way: that their love may always be in accordance with the gospel, *let us pray to the Lord.*

For those who lead loveless lives, with no one caring for them or paying any attention to them: that they may find someone who will

show them kindness and lovingly lead them to God, *let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers. May our share in the cross of Jesus lead us to the joy of his resurrection. He who lives and reigns with you forever and ever.

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NOVENA DAY 2

Antiphon 1

God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our sake.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness; in your compassion blot out my offense. O wash me more and more from my guilt; and cleanse me from my sin.

My offenses truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence and be without reproach when you judge. O see, in guilt I was born, a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed, you love truth in the heart; then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom. O purify me, then I shall be clean; o wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness, that the bones you have crushed may revive. From my sins turn away your face and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create in me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervor sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my helper, and my tongue shall ring out your goodness. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight; burnt offering from me you would refuse. My sacrifice, a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

In your goodness, show favor to Zion; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice, holocausts offered on your altar.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 2

A humble and contrite heart is never spurned by the Lord.

Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me.

Do not banish me from your presence, do not take your holy spirit away from me.

Give me again the joy that comes from your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

Then I will teach sinner your commands, and they will turn back to you.

Spare my life, O God, and save me, and I will gladly proclaim your righteousness.

Help me to speak, Lord, and I will praise you.

You do not want sacrifices, or I would offer them; you are not pleased with burnt offerings.

My sacrifice is a humble spirit, O God, you will not reject a humble and repentant heart.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 3

Lord, keep my soul from death, never let me stumble.

I love the Lord because he hears me; he listens to my prayers.

He listens to me every time I call to him.

The danger of death was all around me, the horrors of the grave closed in on me; I was filled with fear and anxiety.

Then I called to the Lord, "I beg you, Lord, save me!"

The Lord is merciful and good, our God is compassionate.

The Lord protects the helpless; when I was in danger, he saved me.

Be confident, my heart, because the Lord has been good to me.

The Lord saved me from death; he stopped my tears and kept me from defeat.

And so I walk in the presence of the Lord in the world of the living.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: With confidence in his love for us, let us present our petitions to our heavenly Father.

Lector: For those who only remember the Lord when they need something from him: may they understand that the Lord remembers them all the time and longs for their friendship, *let us pray to the Lord.*

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who use religion for temporal advancement and personal aggrandizement: may they realize that God's kingdom is not of this world, *let us pray to the Lord.*

For those who feel anger and disappointment whenever they find a cross on their way: may they know that in the same way that there is no Christ without the

cross, there can be no Christian without a cross, *let us pray to the Lord.*

For those who derive Christians for preaching and carrying the cross: may they discover that only in the cross of Christ can man and the world find salvation, *let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: God, our Father, transform our lives by your merciful presence. Grant that we may truly understand that unless we carry the cross we cannot be true disciples of your Son who lives forever and ever.

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NOVENA DAY 3

Antiphon 1

Death, you shall die in me;
hell, you shall be
destroyed by me.

I trusted, even when I said "I am sorely afflicted," and when I said in my alarm, "No man can be trusted."

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill before all his people. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I

make: I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Glory be to the Father. and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 2

As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Lord, hear my prayer! In your righteousness listen to my plea; answer me in your faithfulness!

Don't put me, your servant, on trial; no one is innocent in your sight.

My enemy has hunted me down, and completely defeated me.

He has put me in a dark prison, and I am like those who died long ago.

So I am ready to give up; I am in a deep despair.

I remember the days gone by; I think about all that you have done; I bring to mind all your deeds.

I lift up my hands to you in prayer; like dry ground my soul is thirsty for you.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 3

Destroy this temple, says the Lord, and in three days I will rebuild it. He was speaking of the temple of his body.

Christ suffered for you, and left you an example to have you follow in his footsteps.

He did no wrong; no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult.

When he was made to suffer, he did not counter with threats. Instead he delivered himself up to the One who judges justly.

In his own body he brought your sins to the cross, so that all of us, dead to sin, could live in accord with God's will.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us pray that God will change our hearts and deepen our faith in his Anointed, Jesus Christ, the Lord.

Lector: For the poor, so that they may find friends to help them lift up the cross of poverty and secure all the things they need in life, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer. For the sick of our Parish, that they may find acceptance, comfort and healing, *let us pray to the Lord.*

For those whose life is burdensome that they do not see any point in going on living: that hope may shine in their hearts, *let us pray to the Lord.*

For those who, victims of adverse circumstances in life, are so entangled in it that, even if they try hard, cannot sire to the joy of authentic Christian living, *let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: Father, through the example of your Son, make us put aside all selfishness and generously extend a helping hand whenever possible. Through the same Christ our Lord.

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NOVENA DAY 4

Antiphon 1

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and cherished it in their hearts.

Show me how much you love me, Lord, and save me according to your promise.

Then I can answer those who insult me, because I trust in your word.

Enable me to speak the truth at all times, because my hope is in your judgments.

I will always obey your law, forever and ever.

I will live in perfect freedom, because I try to obey your teachings.

I will announce your commands to kings, and I will not be ashamed.

I find pleasure in obeying your commands, because I love them.

I respect and love your commandments; I will meditate on your instructions.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 2

Whoever follows me does not walk in the dark; he will have the light of life.

Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path.

I will keep my solemn promise to obey your just instructions.

My sufferings, Lord, are terrible indeed; keep me alive, as you have promised.

Accept my prayers of thanks, O Lord, and teach me your commands.

I am always ready to risk my life; I have not forgotten your law.

Wicked men lay trap for me, but I have not disobeyed your commands.

Your commandments are my eternal possession; they are the joy of my heart.

I have decided to obey your laws until the day I die.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 3

Do the things you have learned, and you will be blessed.

With all my heart I call to you: answer me, Lord, and I will obey your commands.

I call to you: save me, and I will keep your laws.

Before sunrise I call to you for help; I place my hope in your promise.

All night long I lie awake, to meditate on your instructions.

Because your love is constant, hear me, O Lord, show your mercy, and preserve my life.

My cruel persecutors are coming closer, people who never kept your law.

But you are near to me, Lord, and all your commands are permanent.

Long ago, I learned about your instructions; you made them to last forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Brothers and sisters, Jesus carried the cross willingly for the love of us. Let us ask him to help us carry ours for the love of him.

Lector: For those who always blame God for their troubles, and never give thanks to him for their blessings, *let us pray to the Lord.*

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who, as a result of suffering, have lost their trust in God, that they may regain it,
Let us pray to the Lord.

That in carrying of our cross we may progress from resignation to full and joyous acceptance,
Let us pray to the Lord.

That we may always show kindness and understanding towards those who, in deep pain and anguish, refuse to believe that God cares for them,
Let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Father, you know how difficult it is sometimes for us to accept the cross. Help us to carry it and to help others carry theirs. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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NOVENA DAY 5

Antiphon 1

Doing my Father's will is the food that sustains me.

I waited patiently for the Lord's help; then he listened to me and heard me cry.

He pulled me out of a dangerous pit, out of the deadly quicksand.

He set me safely on a rock, and made me secure.

He taught me to sing a new song, a song of praise to our God.

Many who see this will take warning and will put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who trust the Lord, who do not turn to idols, or join those who worship false gods.

You have done many things for us, O Lord, our God; there is no one like you! You have made many wonderful plans for us.

I could never speak of them all; their number is so great!

You do not want sacrifices and offerings; you do not ask for animals burnt whole on the altar, or for sacrifices to take away sins.

Instead, you have given me ears to hear you, and so I answered, "Here I am; your instructions for me are in the book of the law.

How I love to do your will, my God! I keep your teaching in my heart."

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 2

God will deliver his people from bondage and bring us home rejoicing.

Fools say to themselves, "There is no God."

They are all corrupt, and they have done terrible things; there is no one who does what is right.

God looks down from heaven at mankind to see if there are any who are wise, any who worship him.

But they have all turned away; they are all equally bad.

Not one of them does what is right, not a single one.

"Don't they know?" God asks. "Are these evildoers ignorant?"

“They live by robbing my people, and they never pray to me.”

But then they will become terrified, as they have never been before, for God will scatter the bones of the enemies of his people.

God has rejected them and so Israel will totally defeat them.

How I pray that victory will come to Israel from Zion.

How happy the people of Israel will be when God makes them prosperous again!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 3

My God, you have become my help.

O God, you are my God, and I long for you.

My whole being desires you; like a dry, worn-out, and waterless land, my soul is thirsty for you.

Let me see you in the sanctuary; let me see how mighty and glorious you are.

Your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will praise you.

I will give you thanks as long as I live; I will raise my hands to you in prayer.

My soul will feast and be satisfied, and I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

As I lie in bed, I remember you; all night long I think of you, because you have always been my help.

In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy; I cling to you, and your hand keeps me safe.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Jesus Christ is our intercessor before the Father. With confidence let us present our petitions.

Lector: That we may understand the fact that, in order to follow Jesus who was tempted, we have to accept temptation in our lives, *let us pray to the Lord.*

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

That rather than praying to be free from temptation, we may pray for wisdom and strength not to fall into it. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

That we watch and pray at all times, *let us pray to the Lord.*

That we may never become a source of scandal or temptation to others, *let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: Father in heaven, our behavior does not show the true face of your loving and merciful Son. Change our hearts, that we may become Christ-like. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

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NOVENA DAY 6

Antiphon 1

Let my prayer rise up before you, Lord.

Lord God, my Savior, I cry out all day, and at night I come before you.

Hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help!

So many troubles have fallen on me that I am close to death.

I am like others who are about to die; all my strength is gone.

I am abandoned among the dead; I am like the slain lying in the graves, those you have forgotten completely, who are beyond your help.

You have thrown me into the depths of the tomb, into the darkest and deepest pit.

Your anger lies heavy on me, and I am crushed beneath its waves.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 2

I cry to you, Lord; do not hide your face from me.

You have caused my friends to abandon me; you have made me repulsive to them.

I am closed in and cannot escape; my eyes are weak from suffering.

Lord, every day I call to you and lift my hands to you in prayer.

Do you perform miracles for the dead? Do they rise up and praise you?

Is your constant love spoken of in the grave, or your faithfulness in the place of destruction?

Are your miracles seen in that place of darkness, or your goodness in the land of the forgotten?

Lord, I call to you for help; every morning I pray to you.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 3

Let me never forget you, Lord.

By the rivers of Babylon we sat down; there we wept when we remembered Zion.

On the willows nearby we hung up our harps.

Those who captured us told us to sing; they told us to entertain them; “Sing us a song about Zion.”

How can we sing a song to the Lord in a foreign land?

May I never be able to play the harp again if I forget you, Jerusalem!

May I never be able to sing again if I do not remember you, if I do not think of you as my greatest joy!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us pray to God, our Father, who in his Son's death and resurrection has given us all a share in his riches.

Lector: That when we extend a helping hand to support the cross our brothers carries, we may do it as 'friends', not as 'teachers', as 'superiors', *let us pray to the Lord.*

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may always understand that when we help others carry their crosses we are not doing them a favor, but rather, that the Lord is giving us the privilege of sharing in his redemptive work,
Let us pray to the lord.

That we may keep in mind that a service done with a 'holier-than-thou' attitude is a service already 'paid' in full, *let us pray to the Lord.*

That we may always remember that no matter how many of our brothers and sisters we help carry the cross, there are many more others who help us carry ours,
Let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Father, your Son came to serve, not to be served. Teach us to seek the last place and to do our service in perfect humility. Through Christ our Lord.

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NOVENA DAY 7

Antiphon 1

You have stood by me, Lord, from my youth.

Lord, I have come to you for protection; never let me be defeated!

Because you are righteous, help me and rescue me. Listen to me and save me.

Be my secure shelter, and a strong fortress to protect me; you are my refuge and defense.

My God, rescue me from wicked men, from the power of cruel and evil men.

Sovereign Lord, I put my hope in you; I have trusted in you since I was young.

I have relied on you all my life; you have protected me since the day I was born. I will always praise you.

My life has been example to many because you have been my strong defender.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 2

God, who is justice and truth, does not judge by appearances.

We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks to you! We proclaim how great you are and tell of the wonderful things you have done.

"I have set a time for judgment," said God, "and I will judge with fairness.

“Though every living creature tremble and the earth itself be shaken, I will keep its foundation firm.

“I tell the wicked not to be arrogant; I tell them to stop their boasting.”

Judgment does not come from the east or from the west, from the north or from the south;

It is God who is the judge, condemning some and acquitting others.

The Lord holds a cup in his hand, filled with the strong wine of his anger.

He pours it out, and all the wicked drink it; they drink it down to the last drop.

But I will never stop speaking of the God of Jacob or singing praises to him.

He will break the power of the wicked, but the power of the righteous will be increased.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 3

Those who sow in tears will reap in joy.

When the Lord brought us back to Jerusalem, it was like a dream!

How we laughed, how we sang for joy! Then the other nations said about us, "The Lord did great things for them."

Indeed he did great things for us; how happy we were!

Lord, make us prosperous again, just as the rain brings water back to dry riverbeds.

Let those who wept as they planted their crops gather the harvest with joy!

Those who wept as they went out carrying the seed will come back singing for joy, as they bring in the harvest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us pray that we may be more attentive to the needs of others as our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us.

Lector: That, in the imitation of Jesus the Lord, we may always think of the needs of the others first, and of ours last, *let us pray to the Lord.*

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

That as we offer a new day to the Lord, we may remember to place ourselves at his disposal and at the disposal of any needy brother and sister who may come our way, *let us pray to the Lord.*

That our presence and general behavior may inspire confidence, never distrust or fear, *let us pray to the Lord.*

For those who need a helping hand, but are too shy or afraid to reach out for it: that the Lord may guide them to one of his instruments of peace, *let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: Heavenly Father, show us how to be always of service to our neighbor without in any way hurting their feelings. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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NOVENA DAY 8

Antiphon 1

Give praise to the Lord our God, bow down before his holy mountain.

The Lord is king, and the people tremble.

He sits on his throne above the winged creatures, and the earth shakes.

The Lord is mighty in Zion; he is supreme over all the nations.

Everyone will praise his great and majestic name: holy is he!

Mighty King, you love what is right! You have established justice in Israel, you have brought righteousness and fairness.

Praise the Lord our God, worship before his throne; holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were his priests, and Samuel was one who prayed to him; they called to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they obeyed the laws and commands that he gave them.

O Lord, our God, you answered your people, you showed them that you are a God who forgives, even though you punished them for their sins.

Praise the Lord, our God, and worship at his sacred hill! The Lord, our God, is holy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 2

With the Lord there is unfailing love; great is his power to save.

Let us give thanks to the Father for having made you worthy to share the lot of the saints in light.

He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Through him we have redemption and forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creatures.

In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, things visible and invisible,

All were created through him, all were created for him.

He is before all else that is, in him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the Church; he who is the beginning the first-born of the dead, so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person;

Both on earth and in the heavens, making peace through the blood of his cross.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 3

The Lord, the mighty conqueror, will come; he will bring with him the prize of victory.

Here comes with power the Lord God, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Who has cupped in his hand the waters of the sea, and marked off the heavens with a span?

Who has held in a measure the dust of the earth, weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or has instructed him as his counselor? Whom did he consult to gain knowledge?

Who taught him the path of judgment, or showed him the way of understanding?

Behold, the nations count as a drop of the bucket, as dust on the scales; the coastlands weigh no more than powder.

Lebanon would not suffice for fuel, nor its animals be enough for holocausts

Before him all the nations are as naught, as nothing and void he accounts them

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: With confidence, let us pray to our heavenly Father who raised his Son from death and so assured us to eternal life.

Lector: That whenever we look at Jesus on the cross, we remember that we died on it to give us a new life, *let us pray to the Lord.*

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may understand that in the mystery of redemption death on the cross was the preparation and the new setting for the resurrection, that resurrection is the redemption brought to the completion, *let us pray to the Lord.*

For those who are unable to see any redeeming feature or any sign of resurrection in their cross: that the Lord, who can do what is impossible for man, may work this miracle in them, *let us pray to the Lord.*

For those who feel sinful and depressed that instead of running in shame from the Lord, they may in prayer turn to him, fully confident that he will lift them up to himself and give them his

peace, *let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: Loving Father, you have chosen us to share your kingdom forever. Grant us strength to bear our sufferings in the knowledge that we will share your Son's resurrection, who lives for ever and ever.

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NOVENA DAY 9

Antiphon 1

May the Lord build our house and guard our city.

If the Lord does not build the house, the work of the builders is useless.

If the Lord does not protect the city, it does no good for sentries to stand guard.

It is useless to work so hard for a living, getting up early and going to bed late.

For the Lord provides for those he loves, while they are asleep.

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a real blessing.

The sons a man has when he is young are like arrows in a soldier's hand.

Happy is the man who has many such arrows; he will never be defeated when he meets his enemies in the place of judgment.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 2

Unless you acquire the heart of a child, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.

Lord, I have given up my pride and turned away from my arrogance.

I am not concerned with great matters, or with subjects too difficult for me. Instead, I am content and at peace.

As a child lies quietly in its mother's arms, so my heart is quiet within me.

Israel, trust in the Lord, now and forever!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon 3

Eagerly we await the fulfillment of our hope, the glorious coming of our Savior.

I depend on God alone; I put my hope in him.

He alone protects and saves me; he is my defender, and I shall never be defeated.

My salvation and honor depend on God; he is my strong protector, he is my shelter.

Trust in God at all times, my people. Tell him all your troubles, for he is our refuge.

Men are like a puff or breath; great and small alike are worthless.

Put them on the scales, and they weigh nothing; they are lighter than a mere breath.

Don't put your trust in violence, don't hope to gain anything by robbery.

Even if your riches increase, do not depend on them.

More than once I have heard God say that power belongs to him and that his love is constant.

You yourself, O Lord, reward everyone according to his deeds.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Brothers and sisters, Jesus invites to make fervent petitions through him to the Father. Let us pray to those gifts that will help us carry our daily crosses.

Lector: For those who never miss a procession in honor of the Crucified Lord, but who seldom go to Mass: that they may understand that the Eucharist is the real and living Christ offered for and given to us, *let us pray to the Lord.*

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

That every time we celebrate the Eucharist we may offer ourselves as co-victims with Christ for the salvation of the world, *let us pray to the Lord.*

For our communions: that they never become routine and taken for granted, *let us pray to the Lord.*

For our confessions: that they be not just a matter of telling our sins and receiving absolutions for them but a personal encounter with the all-loving and all-forgiving Lord, an encounter that really changes our lives, *let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: Father, you sent your Son from heaven as our living bread. Nourish us in our weakness, that we may imitate your Son in doing your will. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

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End of Day 09 of
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Magnificat

Antiphon: *Let us give thanks to the Lord for the Wonder of our redemption.*

*Ang puso ko'y nagpupuri,
nagpupuri sa Panginoon,
nagagalak ang aking espiritu
sa 'king taga-pagligtas

*Sapagkat nilingap N'ya
kababaan ng Kanyang alipin;
mapalad ang pangalan ko
sa lahat ng mga bansa.**

Sapagkat gumawa ang Poon ng
mga dakilang bagay; banal sa
lupa't langit ang pangalan ng
Panginoon.*

At kinahahabagan N'ya ang mga
sa Kanya'y may takot, at sa lahat
ng salinlahi ang awa N'ya'y
*walang hanggan.**

Ibinulid sa upuan
ang mga makapangyarihan;
itinampok, itinaas
ang mga mababababang loob.*

At kanya namang binusog
ang mga nangagugutom;
pinaalis, walang dala
*ang mayamang mapag-mataas.**

Inampon N'ya ang Israel
na Kanyang aliping hinirang
sa dakila N'yang pagmamahal
at dala ng laking awa N'ya.*

Ayon sa ipinangako N'ya
sa ating mga magulang;
kay Abraham at lipi n'ya
*at ito'y magpakailanman.**

Luwalhati sa Ama, at sa Anak, at sa Espiritu Santo. *Kapara noong unang-una, ngayon at magpakailanman.**

Himno Processional a la Santa Cruz

I.

A ti Señor adoramos,
adoramos con fervor,

en el ara, en el ara,
de la Santa Cruz,

II.

Adorote Santa Cruz,
Puesta en el monte Calvario.

III.

En ti murio mi Jesus
para darme eternal luz
Y librarme
del contrario, del contrario.

(Repeat I.)

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