

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

(St Francis of Assisi Chapel)

Cullman, Alabama

Every Sunday:

6:00 AM and 10:00 AM

6:00 AM Daily

Holy Days of Obligation:

6:00 AM - 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel

Montgomery, Alabama

10:45 AM

Only on first Sunday
of each month

St Pius V Chapel
Birmingham, Alabama

9:30 AM

Every Sunday except
first Sunday of each month

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Mass of Sunday; GI; Cr; Pref. Trinity; Comm. Ss. Basilides, Cyrinus, Nabor, and Nazarius

“EVERYMAN”

“Everyman”, hearken what I say:
Go to “Priesthood”, I you advise,
And receive of him in any wise
The holy sacrament and ointment together ...
There is no emperor, king, duke, nor baron,
That of God hath commission
As hath the least priest in the world being;
For of the blessed sacraments pure and benign
He beareth the keys, and thereof hath the cure
For man’s redemption — it is ever sure —
Which God for our soul’s medicine
Gave us our of His Heart with great pain,
Here in this transitory life, for thee and me.
The blessed sacraments seven there be:
Baptism, confirmation, with priesthood good,
And the sacrament of God’s precious flesh and blood,
Marriage, the holy extreme unction, and penance.
These seven be good to have in remembrance,
Gracious sacraments of high divinity.
“Everyman”, meekly to your ghostly father go.
God will you to salvation bring.

For the priesthood exceedeth all other thing;
To us Holy Scripture they do teach,
And converteth man from sin, heaven to reach;
God hath to them more power given,
Than to any angel that is in heaven.
With five words he may consecrate
God’s body in flesh and blood to make,
And handleth his Maker between his hands.
The priest bindeth and unbindeth all bands,
Both in earth and in heaven;
He ministers all the sacraments seven ...
And he the surgeon that cureth sin deadly:
No remedy we find under God
But all only “priesthood”.
“Everyman”, God gave priests that dignity,
And setteth them in His stead among us to be;
Thus be they above angels, in degree ...
Therefore let us priesthood honor,
And follow their doctrine for our souls, succor.
We be their sheep, and they shepherds be
By whom we all be kept in surety.

The above excerpt is taken from an ancient Medieval Morality Play. The play is entitled *EVERYMAN*. “Everyman”, one of the characters in the play, characterizes any man or woman or child — anybody of anytime or anyplace. “Everyman” has been approached by “Death” and fear overcomes him, for he is not ready. He looks for help and seeks somebody who can be of help to him and afford him with some support and security in dealing with the warnings of “Death”. He was warned that he had to make a reckoning

“Before the Redeemer of all thing.”

He then, therefore, turns to “Friendship”. “Friendship” answers:

“An yet if thou wilt eat, and drink and make good cheer,

I would not forsake you while the day is clear” ...

“If ‘Death’ be the messenger ...

I will not a foot with thee go! Farewell.”

Next, “Everyman” turned to “Kindred”. “Kindred” said:

“In wealth and woe we will with you hold.”

“Everyman” said:

“I was commanded by a messenger

That is a high king’s chief officer;

He bade me go a pilgrimage, to my pain,
And I know well I shall never come again;

Also I must give a reckoning straight,
For I have a great enemy that hath me in wait,
Which intendeth me for to hinder.”

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