



*Liturgy for the Opening Service
of the Seventh International Igorot Convention
(IICT)*

Theme: *"Nurturing our culture and resources to
chart and secure our destiny"*

Keynote Speaker:
Alexander Dawaton Wandag
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Santiago

April 12, 2008
2:00 PM

Main Hall - Ground Floor
Banaue Hotel, Banaue, Ifugao, Philippines

When the assembly is in place, the two gong-players originating from the back, beat their gongs softly and take their place at the front of the Servers/Ministers.

All stand.

The order of procession to the stage:

First Group:

The gong-players (who will provide the music for the procession.)

One or two Ifugao elders who will proclaim "Dagup welcome" follow the gong-players.

Dr. Gaston Kibiten

(After taking their places in the stage/front the Ifugao Elders proclaim the "Dagup/Chakobf Welcome" or the indigenous welcome)

Procession - Second Group:

Acolytes: Pudico Balinggan, Samuel Duyan,

Rachel Chomapoy, Robby Jane Solano

Pastor Robert Gomowad & Fr. Erol Domocmat

Bp. Alexander Wandag & Dr. Caridad Fiar-od

Fr. John Habawel

First Hymn: IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Words: John Oxenham, 1908

Music: , McKee, Stockton, Bourne, [St. Bernard](#), Manchester

(<http://www.oremus.org/hymnal/i/i236.html>)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

The Invitatory and Collect

(Officiant – Fr. John Habawel)

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

ALL: Glory 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. Alleluia!

Officiant:

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have brought us in safety to this gathering. Coming from various places of the world and speaking in different tongues, we remember that all people are your children made in your divine image; We remember that the whole earth and everything in it are yours. Pour out your Spirit upon each of us and in this place so that we may seek after your word and heart and find you in each other. Fill this convention with your wisdom and love and empower it with abiding courage and patience. Grounded in the Spirit of our Risen Lord who embraced all that is human and died in order to save all, may we regard everyone in this convention in a manner worthy of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose Name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

Old Testament:

Adamey Aquino Domogo

A Reading from the Book of Micah chapter four, verses one to five.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

and many nations shall come and say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between many peoples,

and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more;

but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,

and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.
For all the peoples walk,
each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God
for ever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 147 *Leader: Dr. Caridad Bomas-ang Fiar-od*
(L – Leader; P – People)

L: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

P: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds.

L: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

L: The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

P: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

L: He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.

P: He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

L: His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

P: But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

L: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

P: He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.
He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

L: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

P: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle:

Marlon Buyuccan, SK President

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians chapter three, verses 16 to 21.

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gradual: GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

Words: [Harry E. Fosdick](#), 1930

Music: Cwm Rhondda, [John Hughes](#), 1907 ([MIDI](#), [score](#)).

God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story,
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us,
Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways.
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places,
Gird our lives that they may be,
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not man nor Thee,
That we fail not man nor Thee.

Save us from weak resignation,
To the evils we deplore.
Let the search for Thy salvation,
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee Whom we adore,
Serving Thee Whom we adore.

The Gospel:

Fr. Erol Domocmat

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark, chapter ten, verses 35 to 45.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

The Word of the Lord.

Response: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker by: Ms. Philian Weygan

**Keynote Speech: The Right Reverend Alexander Dawaton Wandag
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The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

ALL:

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.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages: (O – Officiant; P – People)

O: Show us your mercy, O Lord;
P: And grant us your salvation.
O: Clothe your ministers and leaders with righteousness;
P: Let your people sing with joy.
O: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
P: For only in you can we live in safety.
O: Lord, keep this nation under your care;
P: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
O: Let your way be known upon earth;
P: Your saving health among all nations.
O: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
P: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
O: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
P: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant:

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit

that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, *in the world*, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

Words: (1982 Hymnal, TEC) Edward Perronet (1726-1792)

Music: Coronation, Oliver Holden (1765-1844)

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!

Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!