

THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

We gather as a worshipping community to listen to god's word and to celebrate the Eucharist.

All Stand. The priest approaches the altar with the ministers and venerates it while the entrance song is sung.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

All make the sign of the cross as the priest says:

Priest In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

GREETING

The priest greets the people in one of these ways:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the holy spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

or

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit.

or

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

The minister may briefly introduce the Mass of the day

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Silence

One of the following acts of penance is now made

**I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts
and in my words, in what I have done, and
in what I have failed to do;**

(all strike their breast and say:)

**Through my fault, Through my fault,
Through my most grievous fault,
Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

or

Have mercy on us, O Lord

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

or

You were sent to heal the contrite heart:

Lord, have mercy or Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy Kyrie, eleison.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy or Christe, eleison.

Christ, have mercy Christe, eleison.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy or Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy Kyrie, eleison.

The absolution by the priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

Amen.

Then may follow:

Lord, have mercy or Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy Kyrie, eleison.

Christ, have mercy or Christe, eleison.

Christ, have mercy Christe, eleison.

Lord, have mercy or Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy Kyrie, eleison.

THE GLORIA

(when used this hymn is said or sung)

**Glorify 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
Father.**

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

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

All pray in silence for a while. Then the priest says the Collect (the prayer of the day) after which the people acclaim: **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

God speaks to us of redemption and salvation and nourishes us with God's word.

FIRST READING

All sit and listen to the first reading, at the end of which the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Silence

PSALM

The psalmist sings or says the response to the psalm. The people repeat it after the psalmist, and repeat it again after each verse.

SECOND READING

On Sundays and certain other days there is a second reading, at the end of which the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Silence

GOSPEL

All stand to welcome the Gospel. The Alleluia or Lenten Gospel Acclamation is now sung: otherwise it may be said or omitted

Before the Gospel the deacon or priest says:

The Lord be with you
And with your spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

All make the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips and breast, and at the same time acclaim:
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HOMILY

All sit. At the end of the homily it is appropriate for there to be a brief silence for recollection. All then stand.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

The following Creed is said on Sundays and certain other days. During Lent and Easter time, especially, the Apostles Creed (opposite page) may be used instead:

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:

(all bow during the next three lines)

And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

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.

With the Father and the Son He 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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

(All bow during the following two lines)

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; On the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

BIDDING PRAYERS

All remain standing for the prayers, during which the following bidding and response may be used:

Let us pray to the Lord

Lord, hear our prayer

All sit after the prayers

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Christ said "Do this in memory of me"; and so we come to receive in communion his Body and Blood

During the offertory song, the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward, and the priest offers prayers of blessing. If these are said aloud the people acclaim each time:

Blessed be God for ever.

All stand as the priest says:

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters) that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name for our good and the good of all his Church

Then the priest says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

The priest gives praise and thanks to God for God's mighty acts of creation and redemption, then all acclaim:

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.

The people kneel as the prayer continues.

The mystery of faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,

And profess your Resurrection until you come again.

or

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

or

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

The prayer continues, and concludes with:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

All Stand.

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

The deacon or priest adds:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All now offer one another the customary sign of peace.

During the breaking of the host the following is sung or said:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

All kneel. The priest raises the host slightly and says:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

A hymn may be sung during Communion, or the Communion Antiphon said or sung. To each communicant the priest or minister says:

The Body (Blood) of Christ.

The communicant replies:

Amen and receives Communion.

After the distribution of Communion, if appropriate, a silence may be observed, or a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may be sung.

Let us pray.

All stand, The priest says the prayer after Communion, at the end of which the people acclaim: **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

We are sent out to fulfil in our daily lives our mission to witness to Christ in the world.

Any brief announcements to the people now follow.

Then the dismissal takes place. Sometimes this takes a more elaborate form than that given below.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Then the deacon or priest says:

Go forth the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God.

or

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Thanks be to God.

or

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

A hymn may be sung.