

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 Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer
saying alone:*

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.

The people acclaim: Amen.

The Communion Rite *Stand*

The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer:

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.

The Priest continues alone:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant 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
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

The Priest says:

Lord Jesus Christ,
who 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 the Priest, adds:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
The Priest takes the host and breaks it.

Meanwhile the people say or sing:

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. *Kneel*

The Priest shows the host to the people 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.**

*The Priest or other minister says to each
communicant:*

The Body [Blood] of Christ.

Each communicant answers: Amen.

Communion Antiphon *Cf. Jn 1: 12*
To all who would accept him,
he gave the power to become children of God.

Prayer after Communion *Stand*
Lord our God, we humbly ask you,
that, through the working of this mystery,
our offences may be cleansed
and our just desires fulfilled.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES *Announcements may be made.* *Then:*

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son,  and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Then the Deacon, or the Priest, says:
Go forth, the Mass is ended. *Or:*
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. *Or:*
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. *Or:*
Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.



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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon or a hymn *Stand*

Wis 18: 14-15

When a profound silence covered all things
and night was in the middle of its course,
your all-powerful Word, O Lord,
bounded from heaven's royal throne.

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Priest greets everyone present.

The people respond: And with your spirit.
The Mass of the day may be introduced.

Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the people to repentance
using one of the Penitential Acts.*

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

The Priest says the absolution. All reply:
Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria

**Glory to 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.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
splendour of faithful souls,
graciously be pleased to fill the world with your
glory,
and show yourself to all peoples by the
radiance of your light.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in
the midst of her people. In the assembly of the
Most High she will open her mouth, and in the
presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the
Creator of all things commanded me, and the
one who created me gave my tent a resting
place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in
Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance."'
From eternity, in the beginning, he created me,
and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the
holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so
I was established in Sion. In the beloved city
likewise he gave me a resting place, and in
Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in
an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord,
his inheritance.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 147:12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R. John 1:14

R. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Or:

Alleluia.

O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD!

O Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders;
he gives you your fill of finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth,
and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He reveals his word to Jacob;
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his judgements. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the
Ephesians. **Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly
places, even as he chose us in him before
the foundation of the world, that we should
be holy and blameless before him. In love he
predestined us for adoption to himself as sons
through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose
of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace,
with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your
faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards
all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for
you, remembering you in my prayers, that the
God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of
glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and
of revelation in the knowledge of him, having
the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you
may know what is the hope to which he has
called you, what are the riches of his glorious
inheritance in the saints.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel **Stand**

Alleluia, alleluia. Cf. 1 Timothy 3:16

Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among
the nations.

Glory to you, O Christ, believed in
throughout the world.

Alleluia.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the Word was God. He
was in the beginning with God. All things were
made through him, and without him was not
any thing made that was made. In him was
life, and the life was the light of men. The light
shines in the darkness, and the darkness has
not overcome it. **R.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name
was John. He came as a witness, to bear
witness about the light, that all might believe
through him. He was not the light, but came to
bear witness about the light. **R.**

The true light, which gives light to everyone,
was coming into the world. He was in the
world, and the world was made through him,
yet the world did not know him. He came to
his own, and his own people did not receive
him. But to all who did receive him, who
believed in his name, he gave the right to
become children of God, who were born, not
of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the
will of man, but of God. And the Word became
flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen
his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from
the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore
witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he
of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks
before me, because he was before me."

For from his fullness we have all received,
grace upon grace. For the law was given
through Moses; grace and truth came through
Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God;
the only begotten God, who is at the Father's
side, he has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Sit

The Nicene Creed

Stand

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

All bow

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,
who with the Father and the Son 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.

Or:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the **All bow**

Holy Spirit,
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.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response example: Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

After the concluding prayer all say: Amen. **Sit**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The offerings are brought to the altar.
A hymn may be sung. If the Priest says the two
prayers of offering aloud, the response both
times is:

Blessed be God for ever.

The people rise as the Priest says:

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

The people reply:

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 holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make
on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son,
for by it you show us the way of truth
and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.
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 continues with the Preface and
concludes with the people, singing or saying aloud:*

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.

Kneel

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the
Priest says:*

The mystery of faith.

*And the people continue, acclaiming one of the
following:*

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Or: