

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. Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that
quenches my thirst.

Prayer after Communion

Stand

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
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

Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!
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.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, 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,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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.

Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' And now the
LORD says, he who formed me from the womb
to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him — for
I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD, and my
God has become my strength — he says: 'It is
too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring
back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as
a light for the nations, that my salvation may
reach to the end of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R.8a, 9a

R. Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

R.

You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.'

R.

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:
'I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.'

R.

Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O LORD.

R.

Second Reading

The beginning of the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel

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Alleluia, alleluia. John 1:14a, 12a
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:29-34

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The 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 Holy Spirit,

All bow

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

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. 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:

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.