

# THE CATHOLIC MASS SHEET

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

7th Sunday of Easter (A)

17th May 2026

## 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** Jn 17:22  
**Father, I pray that they may be one  
as we also are one, alleluia.**

*After the distribution of Holy Communion a  
sacred silence may be observed or a psalm,  
hymn or canticle of praise may be sung.*

**Prayer after Communion** Stand

Hear us, O God our Saviour,  
and grant us confidence,  
that through these sacred mysteries  
there will be accomplished in the body of the  
whole Church  
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**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

Cf. Ps 26:7-9

**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, alleluia.**

*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.*

Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all  
people to yourself:  
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.  
**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

You shouldered the cross, to bear our  
sufferings and sinfulness:  
Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.  
**Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.**

You open for your people the way from death  
into life:

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.  
**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

*The Priest says the absolution:*

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

## Gloria

**Gloria 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

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,  
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the  
human race  
is with you in your glory,  
may experience, as he promised,  
until the end of the world,  
his abiding presence among us.  
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 Acts of the Apostles.  
Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the  
Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount  
called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath  
day's journey away. And when they had entered,  
they went up to the upper room, where they were  
staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew,  
Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew,  
James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot  
and Judas the son of James. All these with one  
accord were devoting themselves to prayer,  
together with the women and Mary the mother of  
Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R.13

**R. I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.**

*or: Alleluia.*

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread?

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,  
only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,  
to enquire at his temple.

O LORD, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer me.  
Of you my heart has spoken,  
'Seek his face.'

### Second Reading

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.  
1 Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Acclamation before the Gospel** *Stand*  
**Alleluia, alleluia.** Cf. John 14:18  
**I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.**  
**Alleluia.**

**Gospel** John 17:1-11a

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: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you,

the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

**R.** 'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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 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**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. 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.*