

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 Wis 16: 20
**You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in
every taste.**

Prayer after Communion *Stand*

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
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 CATHOLIC MASS SHEET

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon or a hymn

Stand

Ps 69: 2, 6

**O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.**

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.

Greeting

The Priest greets the people, saying:

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

Or:

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

Or:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Mass of the day may be introduced.

Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the faithful to repentance
followed, after a brief pause, by one of the
Penitential Acts:*

**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,**

And, striking their breast, they 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 of heart:
Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.
Christ, have mercy. Or: 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. Or: 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.

*If the 'Kyrie, eleison' has not been said or
sung, it is said or sung now.*

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

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator
and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
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 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord: ‘Come, everyone who
thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no
money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine
and milk without money and without price. Why
do you spend your money for that which is not
bread, and your labour for that which does not
satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is
good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline
your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul
may live; and I will make with you an everlasting
covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 145(144):8-9. 15-16. 17-18. R. cf. 16

R. You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

R.

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand and satisfy
the desire of every living thing.

R.

The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.

R.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the
Romans. Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: Who shall separate
us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation,
or distress, or persecution, or famine, or
nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all
these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us. For I am sure that

neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor things to come, nor
powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything
else in all creation, will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel *Stand*
Alleluia, alleluia. Matthew 4:4b
**One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the
mouth of God.**
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: When Jesus heard of the death
of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to
a desolate place by himself. But when the
crowds heard it, they followed him on foot
from the towns. When he went ashore he
saw a great crowd, and he had compassion
on them and healed their sick. Now when it
was evening, the disciples came to him and
said, ‘This is a desolate place, and the day is
now over; send the crowds away to go into
the villages and buy food for themselves.’ But
Jesus said, ‘They need not go away; you give
them something to eat.’ They said to him,
‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’
And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he
ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass,
and taking the five loaves and the two fish,
he looked up to heaven and said a blessing.
Then he broke the loaves and gave them to
the disciples, and the disciples gave them
to the crowds. And they all ate and were
satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full
of the broken pieces left over. And those who
ate were about five thousand men, besides
women and children.

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** *All bow*
**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,
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
Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.
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.** *Kneel*
Hosanna in the highest.

*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:*