

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE CHANT

STAND

*A processional chant or hymn may be sung.*

### GREETING

*After the Entrance Chant, all make the Sign of the Cross.*

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

**Amen.**

*Any of the three forms of Greeting may be used.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ... 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.

*Or* *(A Bishop says, "Peace be with you.")*

**And with your spirit.**

### RITE FOR THE BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

*From time to time on Sundays, especially in Easter Time, there may be a blessing and sprinkling of holy water to recall Baptism. This replaces the Penitential Act below. Continue with the "Gloria," except on Sundays of Advent, Ash Wednesday and Sundays of Lent.*

### PENITENTIAL ACT *(Omit on Ash Wednesday)*

*The celebration of God's mercy takes one of the following forms:*

**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,  
*(Strike breast)* 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.**

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

**Amen.**

*Continue with the "Lord, Have Mercy/Kyrie, Eleison."*

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*Or* Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
**For we have sinned against you.**  
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  
**And grant us your salvation.**  
May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

*Continue with the "Lord, Have Mercy/Kyrie, Eleison."*

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*Or* *Invocation...*  
**Lord, have mercy. Or Kýrie, eléison.**  
*Invocation...*  
**Christ, have mercy. Or Christe, eléison.**  
*Invocation...*  
**Lord, have mercy. Or Kýrie, eléison.**  
May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

*Continue with the "Gloria," except on Sundays of Advent, Ash Wednesday and Sundays of Lent.*

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### **LORD, HAVE MERCY/KYRIE, ELEISON**

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

*Or*  
Kýrie, eléison. **Kýrie, eléison.** Christe, eléison.  
**Christe, eléison.** Kýrie, eléison. **Kýrie, eléison.**

### **GLORIA**

*Except on Sundays of Advent, Ash Wednesday and Sundays of Lent, all sing or say:*

**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**

*After a period of silence, the Priest says the Collect, and all respond:*

**Amen.**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **FIRST READING**

*SIT*

*After the reading, the reader says, "The word of the Lord," and all respond:*

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#### **SECOND READING**

*After the reading, the reader says, "The word of the Lord," and all respond:*

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*STAND*

*The assembly welcomes the proclamation of the Gospel by singing an acclamation. If it cannot be sung, it is to be omitted.*

#### **GOSPEL**

*Before the Gospel, the Deacon/Priest says, "The Lord be with you," and all respond:*

**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon/Priest says, "A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.," and all respond:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel reading, the Deacon/Priest says, "The Gospel of the Lord," and all respond:*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

SIT

*The Priest or Deacon preaches the good news of Christ's saving mystery.*

## DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS AND THE ELECT

*In Masses at which catechumens or elect are present for the Liturgy of the Word, the Priest may use these or similar words:*

My dear friends, this community now sends you forth to reflect more deeply upon the word of God which you have shared with us today. Be assured of our loving support and prayers for you. We look forward to the day when you will share fully in the Lord's Table.

*A song may be sung while the catechumens/elect are dismissed.*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

STAND

*On Sundays and solemnities, all sing or say the Nicene Creed:*

**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,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow.*

**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,  
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.**

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*Instead of the Nicene (Niceno-Constantinopolitan) Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used.*

STAND

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

*At the words that follow, up to and including "the Virgin Mary," all bow.*

**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.**

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**UNIVERSAL PRAYER** *(Prayer of the Faithful)*

*As a priestly people, we unite with one another to pray for today's needs in the Church and the world. The Deacon, cantor or other minister offers the petitions, and then says or sings:*

Let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*SIT*

*The gifts are brought forward. If no chant is sung, the Priest may pray aloud, and all may respond:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Priest prays "...that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father," and all respond:*

**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

*The Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings; following this, the people respond:*

**Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### PREFACE

*The Eucharistic Prayer begins with a dialogue between the Priest and the assembly.*

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.**

*At the conclusion of the Preface, the following acclamation is sung or said by all:*

### HOLY

**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*

*After the words of institution of the Eucharist, the Priest sings or says:*

The mystery of faith.

*All respond:*

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

*The Eucharistic Prayer culminates and concludes when the Priest sings or says:*

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

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, ...  
...and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever.**

### SIGN OF PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, ...  
...Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The people exchange a sign of peace, according to local custom.*

## LAMB OF GOD

*During the breaking of the bread and the commingling, the following litany is sung and may be repeated several times until the fraction rite is completed, ending only the final time with "grant us peace."*

**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.**

*The faithful kneel after the "Agnus Dei" unless the Diocesan Bishop determines otherwise.*

## COMMUNION

KNEEL

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.

*All respond:*

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

## COMMUNION CHANT

*While the Priest is receiving the Sacrament, the Communion Chant or song is begun.*

*The minister of Communion says,*

STAND

*"The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ,"*

*and the communicant answers:*

**Amen.**

## PERIOD OF SILENCE OR SONG OF PRAISE

SIT (OR KNEEL)

*A period of silence may now be observed, or a psalm or song of praise may be sung.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STAND

*The Communion Rite concludes with a prayer to which all respond:*

**Amen.**

*On Thursday of the Lord's Supper, the Evening Mass concludes at this point with the Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament.*

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

### GREETING

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

### FINAL BLESSING

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*In a Pontifical Mass, the celebrant says:*

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*All reply:*

**Now and for ever.**

*The celebrant says:*

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*All reply:*

**Who made heaven and earth.**

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May almighty God bless you:  
the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*A Solemn Blessing or Prayer over the People may be chosen by the Priest, in place of the above blessing.*

### DISMISSAL

*The Deacon/Priest invites all to go in the peace of Christ:*

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.**

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*At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, Easter Sunday during the Day, the Octave of Easter, and the Vigil Mass and Mass during the Day on Pentecost Sunday:*

Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

*Or*

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

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*A final psalm or hymn may be sung.*