

# ORDER OF MASS

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Please stand – The Priest and the ministers approach the altar.*

**STAND**

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

**R: Amen.**

PRIEST: 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.

**R: And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

PRIEST: Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*A brief pause for **silence** follows. Then all recite:*

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,

*(all strike their breast and 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:

PRIEST: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**R: For we have sinned against you.**

PRIEST: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**R: And grant us your salvation.**

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*

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

**R: Amen.**

PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie, eleison.

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

PRIEST: Christ, have mercy. *or* Christe, eleison.

**R: Christ, have mercy. Christe, eleison.**

PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie, eleison.

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

## GLORIA

*When prescribed, this hymn is either sung or said:*

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 (OPENING PRAYER)

PRIEST: Let us pray.

*All pray in **silence** for a while. Then the Priest says the Collect prayer, at the end of which the people acclaim:*

**R: Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please sit – The reader goes to the ambo and reads the First Reading. To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:*

**SIT**

READER: The Word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The psalmist or cantor sings or says the Psalm, with the people making the response.*

*After this, if there is to be a Second Reading, it follows as above. At the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:*

READER: The Word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand - The Alleluia or Lenten Gospel Acclamation is now sung or said.*

**STAND**

### DIALOGUE BEFORE GOSPEL

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

**R: And with your spirit.**

PRIEST: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

**R: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### AT THE END OF THE GOSPEL

PRIEST: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### HOMILY

*Please sit – A brief silence may follow the homily.*

**SIT**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Please stand – The Nicene Creed is said on Sundays and for some other celebrations. The Apostles' Creed (see panel) may be used instead, especially during Lent and Easter Time.*

**STAND**

### 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,

*(all bow during the next two lines):*

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, 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.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*Please stand – The following bidding and response may be used.*

**STAND**

READER: Let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Please sit*

**SIT**

## OFFERTORY

*During the Offertory, the bread and wine are brought to the altar. In the absence of an Offertory hymn, the Priest may say aloud a prayer of blessing. Each time the people acclaim:*

**R: Blessed be God for ever.**

## ORATE, FRATRES

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

*Please stand – The people rise and reply:*

**STAND**

**R: 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

*At the end of this prayer the people acclaim:*

**R: Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

**R: And with your spirit.**

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

**R: We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R: It is right and just.**

## SANCTUS

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.

*Please kneel after the Sanctus.*

**KNEEL**

## THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

PRIEST: The mystery of faith.

**R: 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.**

**OR: My Lord and my God.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer concludes with the Doxology – ‘Through him, and with him...’ – after which the people acclaim:*

**R: Amen.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

*(all bow during the next two lines):*

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.

## COMMUNION RITE

*Please stand – The Priest invites people to join in the Lord's Prayer.*

**STAND**

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.

PRIEST: 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.

**R: For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.**

PRIEST: 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.

**R: Amen.**

### SIGN OF PEACE

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R: And with your spirit.**

### AGNUS DEI

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.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Please kneel*

**KNEEL**

PRIEST: 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.

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

### COMMUNION

*People may sit or kneel after receiving Communion.  
A time of silence may be observed.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand*

**STAND**

PRIEST: Let us pray.

*All pray in silence for a while. Then the Priest says the  
prayer, at the end of which the people acclaim:*

**R: Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITES

*Any brief announcements follow here. Then the dismissal  
takes place.*

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

**R: And with your spirit.**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying:*

PRIEST: May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**R: Amen.**

PRIEST: 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.

**R: Thanks be to God.**