

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Stand Entrance Antiphon
 Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
 proclaim to the ends of the earth:
 The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

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

The Priest greets the people.

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

And with your spirit.

The Priest may very briefly introduce the Mass.

Penitential Act

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

*After a brief examination of conscience, the following or
 an alternative form of the Penitential Act may be used.*

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

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

Grant, almighty God,
 that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these
 days of joy,
 which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
 and that what we relive in remembrance
 we may always hold to in what we do.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
 Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD**Sit****First Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy
 Spirit.*

8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the
 Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the
 message Philip preached, either because they had heard
 of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for
 themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits
 that came shrieking out of many who were possessed,
 and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a
 result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that
 Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter
 and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed
 for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet
 he had not come down on any of them: they had only
 been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they
 laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps.65

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth.
 O sing to the glory of his name.
 O render him glorious praise.
 Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' **R.**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
 shall sing to you, sing to your name!' **R.**
 Come and see the works of God,
 tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life. 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate. 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be the one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my
Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sit

Homily

Stand Profession of Faith

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

A hymn may now be sung.

Sit

The Priest takes the paten with the bread.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

for through your goodness we have received

the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands,

it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice.

Then the Priest takes the chalice and, holding it slightly

raised above the altar, says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

for through your goodness we have received

the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands,

it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

He may now incense the offerings and the altar.

Afterwards the Deacon or a minister incenses the Priest and people.

Stand

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),

that my sacrifice and yours

may be acceptable to God,

the almighty Father.

**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

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty
love.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Priest may use the following or an alternative.

Eucharistic Prayer III Preface III of Easter

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.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
at all times to acclaim you, O Lord,
but in this time above all to laud you yet more
gloriously,
when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

He never ceases to offer himself for us
but defends us and ever pleads our cause before you:
he is the sacrificial Victim who dies no more,
the Lamb, once slain, who lives for ever.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,
every land, every people exults in your praise
and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts,
sing together the unending hymn of your glory,
as they acclaim:

**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

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
and all you have created
rightly gives you praise,
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,
you give life to all things and make them holy,
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:
by the same Spirit graciously make holy
these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,
that they may become the Body and \times Blood
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed
he himself took bread,
and giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice,
and giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

All respond with the following or one of the alternatives:

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

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial
of the saving Passion of your Son,
his wondrous Resurrection
and Ascension into heaven,
and as we look forward to his second coming,
we offer you in thanksgiving
this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,
grant that we, who are nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs
(with Saint N.: *the Saint of the day or Patron Saint*)
and with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in your presence
we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.
Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim Church on earth,
with your servant Francis our Pope and N. our Bishop,
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,
and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:
in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your
glory
through Christ our Lord,
through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

*The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host
and raising both, says:*
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. **Amen.**

Stand **COMMUNION RITE**

The Priest now introduces the Lord's Prayer.

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All say together:

**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,
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.**

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 Priest or Deacon may add:
Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Those present share a sign of peace, for example a
handshake.*

*The Priest takes the Host and breaks it over the paten.
He places a small piece in the chalice.*

**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

Then, showing the Host to the people, he 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.**

*After the Priest has reverently consumed the Body and
Blood of Christ the communicants come forward in
reverent procession, and make a preparatory act of
reverence by bowing their head in honour of Christ's
presence in the Sacrament. They receive Holy
Communion.*

*The Priest says: The Body (Blood) of Christ.
The communicant replies: Amen and receives
communion.*

Communion Antiphon

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the
Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

Stand **Prayer after Communion**

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of
Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal
Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

*If there are any brief announcements, they are now made
Then the Priest says:*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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

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.