

The Order of Mass

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Introductory Rites help the faithful come together as one, establish communion and prepare themselves to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

All stand. The Priest approaches the altar with the ministers and venerates it while the Entrance Song is sung.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

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.

GREETING

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.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The Priest invites the faithful to the Penitential Act.

Then one of the Penitential Acts follows:

**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.**

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

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.

The Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy) may follow.

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.
Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.
Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

THE GLORIA

When indicated 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.**

THE COLLECT

When this hymn is concluded, the Priest, says:

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.

Then the Priest says the Collect prayer, at the end of which the people acclaim:

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

By hearing the word proclaimed in worship, the faithful again enter into the unending dialogue between God and the covenant people, a dialogue sealed in the sharing of the Eucharistic food and drink.

FIRST READING

all sit

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaim:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

After the First Reading the psalmist or cantor sings or says the Psalm, with the people making the response.

SECOND READING

On Sundays and certain other days there is a second reading. It concludes with the same response as above.

GOSEL

The assembly stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation to welcome the Gospel. They remain standing in honour of the Gospel reading, the high point of the Liturgy of the Word.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

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Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel, the Deacon, or the Priest, acclaim:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HOMILY

all sit

At the end of the Homily it is appropriate for there to be a brief silence for recollection.

THE CREED

all stand

On Sundays and Solemnities, the Profession of Faith or Creed will follow. During Lent and Easter Time, especially, the Apostles' Creed may be used.

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan 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.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

After each intention there is a pause while the faithful pray.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

The Priest concludes the Prayer with a collect.

When the Liturgy of the Word has been completed, the people sit

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

For Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. It is the vital centre of all that the Church is and does, because at its heart is the real presence of the crucified, risen and glorified Lord, continuing and making available his saving work among us.

During the Offertory Song the gifts of bread and wine are brought in procession. The Priest offers the prayers of blessing quietly at the altar. If the priest says the prayers aloud the assembly's acclamation each time is

Blessed be God for ever.

The Priest completes additional personal preparatory rites, and the people rise as he says:

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.**

Then the Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:

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 concludes the Preface with the people, singing

**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.

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

After the words of Consecration the priest says:

The mystery of faith.

**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.**

At the conclusion of the prayer the Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, raising both, he 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.

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *all stand*

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

**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 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...
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.
All offer one another the customary sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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 COMMUNION *all kneel*

After his private prayers of preparation the Priest genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice says aloud:

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.

COMMUNION

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.

The Body (Blood) of Christ.
Amen.

After the distribution of Communion, if appropriate, a sacred silence may be observed for a while, or a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may be sung.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *all stand*

Let us pray.

All pray in silence. Then the Priest says the Prayer after Communion, at the end of which the people acclaim:

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Concluding Rites sends the people forth to put into effect in their lives what they have received.

BLESSING

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

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.