

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world... **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 gives praise to God and all 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.

After the Consecration we acclaim 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 end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.

The Communion Rite

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...

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

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.

Behold the Lamb of God...

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

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth... **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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

Amen.

At the end of Mass the people respond:

Thanks be to God.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

All make the Sign of the Cross as the priest says:

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

People Amen.

The priest greets the people in one of these ways:

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

And with your spirit.

or

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

And with your spirit.

or

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

One of the following acts of penance is now made:

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

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

or

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

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

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

After the absolution all respond: Amen.

The Gloria

Glorify 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

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you... **Amen.**

or

O God, whose Only Begotten Son
has appeared in our very flesh,
grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly
transformed
through him whom we recognise as
outwardly like ourselves...
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Come to the water. Listen and your soul will live.

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good
things to eat

and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

See, I have made of you a witness to the
peoples,

a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never
knew,

those unknown will come hurrying to you,
for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take
pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who
speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down
from the heavens and do not return without
watering the earth, making it yield and giving
growth to provide seed for the sower and

bread for the eating, so the word that goes
from my mouth does not return to me empty,
without carrying out my will and succeeding
in what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6

**R. With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation.
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **R.**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to
his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the
peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One
of Israel. **R.**

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-9

A reading from the first letter of St John.

The Spirit and water and blood.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has
commanded us;

this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by
God

has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the
Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth –
so that there are three witnesses,
the Spirit, the water and the blood,
and all three of them agree.

We accept the testimony of human
witnesses,

but God's testimony is much greater,
and this is God's testimony,
given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**John saw Jesus coming towards him,
and said:**

**This is the Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world.**

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Mark 1:7-11

*You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour
rests on you.*

In the course of his preaching John the
Baptist said, "Someone is following me,
someone who is more powerful than I am,
and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the
strap of his sandals. I have baptised you
with water, but he will baptise you with the
Holy Spirit."

It was at this time that Jesus came from
Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the
Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up
out of the water than he saw the heavens
torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove,
descending on him. And a voice came from
heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my
favour rests on you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

The Profession of Faith

**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 three 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, 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 bidding prayers now follow:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the
people acclaim each time:*

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters)...

**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.