

### Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty  
may obtain for us the grace of being  
devoted to you  
and gain us the prize of everlasting  
happiness... **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.**

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**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

**To be near God is my happiness,**  
**to place my hope in God the Lord.**

*or*

**Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in**  
**prayer,**  
**believe that you will receive,**  
**and it shall be given to you, says the**  
**Lord.**

### Prayer after Communion

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred  
mystery,  
humbly imploring, O Lord,  
that what your Son commanded us to do  
in memory of him  
may bring us growth in charity... **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

**The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace**  
**and not of affliction.**

**You will call upon me, and I will answer**  
**you,**  
**and I will lead back your captives from**  
**every place.**

*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

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,  
for it is full and lasting happiness  
to serve with constancy  
the author of all that is good...

**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

*A perfect wife – who can find her?*

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She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband's heart has confidence in her,

from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax,

she does her work with eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff,

her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor,

she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;

the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,

and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 127

**R. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R.**

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

*Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about "times and seasons", since you know well that the Day of the Lord

is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, "How quiet and peaceful it is" that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.**

**Alleluia!**

*or*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Make your home in me, as I make mine in you, says the Lord.**

**Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.**

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel** Matthew 25:14-30

*You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.*

*(for shorter form read between > <)*

> Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.< The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the

ground and hid his master's money. >Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. 'Sir,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.'< Next the man with two talents came forward. 'Sir,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.' Last came forward the man who had the one talent. 'Sir,' said he, 'I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

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.**