

*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 eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.**

*or*

**The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal...  
**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**

**To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

*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 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, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart...  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

**I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;

there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun

that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm Psalm 95

#### R. Give the Lord glory and power.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: "God is king." He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

### Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

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

**We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.**

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**

*or*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

**Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, "Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then.

Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, "You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with." They handed him a denarius, and he said, "Whose head is this? Whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. He then said to them, "Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

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.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve...  
**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.**