

*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**

**You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.**

*or*

**I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life...  
**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**

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

*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**

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life...  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms Psalm 144

#### R. The Lord is close to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

### Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians.

*Life to me is Christ.*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether  
by my life or by my death. Life to me, of  
course, is Christ, but then death would bring  
me something more; but then again, if living  
in this body means doing work which is  
having good results – I do not know what I  
should choose. I am caught in this dilemma:  
I want to be gone and be with Christ, which  
would be very much the better, but for me to  
stay alive in this body is a more urgent need  
for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that  
would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!**

**Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest heavens!  
Alleluia!**

or

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
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 20:1-16

*Why be envious because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom  
of heaven is like a landowner going out at  
daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.  
He made an agreement with the workers  
for one denarius a day, and sent them to  
his vineyard. Going out at about the third  
hour he saw others standing idle in the  
market place and said to them, 'You go to  
my vineyard too and I will give you a fair  
wage.' So they went. At about the sixth  
hour and again at about the ninth hour, he  
went out and did the same. Then at about  
the eleventh hour he went out and found  
more men standing round, and he said to  
them, 'Why have you been standing here  
idle all day?' 'Because no one has hired  
us', they answered. He said to them, 'You  
go into my vineyard too.' In the evening,  
the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff,  
'Call the workers and pay them their wages,  
starting with the last arrivals and ending  
with the first.' So those who were hired at  
about the eleventh hour came forward and  
received one denarius each. When the first  
came, they expected to get more, but they  
too received one denarius each. They took

it, but grumbled at the landowner. 'The men  
who came last', they said, 'have done only  
one hour, and you have treated them the  
same as us, though we have done a heavy  
day's work in all the heat.' He answered  
one of them and said, 'My friend, I am not  
being unjust to you; did we not agree on  
one denarius? Take your earnings and go.  
I choose to pay the last-comer as much as  
I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like  
with my own? Why be envious because I  
am generous?' Thus the last will be first,  
and the first, last."

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

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,  
the offerings of your people,  
that what they profess with devotion and  
faith  
may be theirs through these heavenly  
mysteries... **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.**