

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness... **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**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,**  
**and never forget all his benefits.**

*or*

**Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.**  
**Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.**

**Prayer after Communion**

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation... **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**

**God is in his holy place,**  
**God who unites those who dwell in his house;**  
**he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

*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**

**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**

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure...  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis.

*I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak.*

The Lord said, "How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know."

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, "Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?" The Lord replied, "If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them."

Abraham replied, "I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?" "No," he replied. "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there." Again Abraham said to him, "Perhaps there will only be forty there." "I will not do it," he replied, "for the sake of the forty."

Abraham said, "I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there." "I will not do it," he replied, "if I find thirty there." He said, "I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there." "I will not destroy it," he replied, "for the sake of the twenty." He said, "I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten." "I will not destroy it," he replied, "for the sake of the ten."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms Psalm 137

**R. On the day I called,  
you answered me, O Lord.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal.  
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

### Second Reading Colossians 2:12-14

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

*He has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Word was made flesh and lived among us;**

**to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!**

*or*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The spirit you received is the spirit of sons,  
and it makes us cry out, "Abba, Father!"  
Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel Luke 11:1-13

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples," He said to them, "Say this when you pray:

'Father, may your name be held holy,  
your kingdom come;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, 'My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him'; and the man answers from inside the house, 'Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.' I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

"So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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.**