

**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**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

or

Though many, we are one bread, one body,  
for we all partake of the one Bread and one  
Chalice.

**Prayer after Communion**

Grant us, almighty God,  
that we may be refreshed and nourished  
by the Sacrament which we have received,  
so as to be transformed into what we  
consume...

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**

Within your will, O Lord, all things are  
established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven  
and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

*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

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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

Almighty ever-living God,  
who in the abundance of your kindness  
surpass the merits and the desires of those  
who entreat you,  
pour out your mercy upon us  
to pardon what conscience dreads  
and to give what prayer does not dare to  
ask... **Amen.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

*They become one body.*

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate." So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

"This at last is bone from my bones,  
and flesh from my flesh!  
This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man."

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 127

**R. May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our life.**

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

- 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!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace! **R.**

#### Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

*The one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock.*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

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!  
As long as we love one another  
God will live in us  
and his love will be complete in us.  
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 10:2-16

*(For shorter form read between > <)*

*What God has united, man must not divide.*

> Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it against the law for a man to

divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" "Moses allowed us", they said, "to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce." Then Jesus said to them, "It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide." Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, "The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too." <

People were bringing little children to him for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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

Accept, O Lord, we pray,  
the sacrifices instituted by your commands  
and, through the sacred mysteries,  
which we celebrate with dutiful service,  
graciously complete the sanctifying work  
by which you are pleased to redeem us...  
**Amen.**