

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world... **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**  
Behold the One of whom John said:  
I have seen and testified that this is the  
Son of God.

**Prayer after Communion**  
Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,  
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten  
Son,  
we may be your children in name and in  
truth... **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**  
**After the Lord was baptised, the heavens  
were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like  
a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am  
well pleased.**

*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**  
Almighty ever-living God,  
who, when Christ had been baptised in the  
River Jordan  
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,  
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,  
grant that your children by adoption,  
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  
may always be well pleasing to you...

*or*

O God, whose Only Begotten Son has appeared in our very flesh, grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed through him whom we recognise as outwardly like ourselves...  
**Amen.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah.  
*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it.*

“Console my people, console them” says your God.  
“Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.”

A voice cries, “Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.  
Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.  
Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God.”

Here is the Lord God coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 103

**R. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are.**

1. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R.**
3. How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R.**
4. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**
5. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

**Second Reading** Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus.  
*He saved us by means of the cleansing water of rebirth, and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit.*

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous

actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.**  
**He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.**  
**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 3:15-16. 21-22  
*While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, “I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.”

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.**