

THE ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Or:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Or:
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Priest: Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, that we may prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows

First Form

All: 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, *striking the breast, all 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:

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
People: For we have sinned against you.
Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
People: And grant us your salvation.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us and lead us, with our sins forgiven, to eternal life.
People: Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy. **R.** Lord, have mercy.
V. Christ, have mercy. **R.** Christ, have mercy.
V. Lord, have mercy. **R.** Lord, have mercy.
Or:
V. Kyrie, eleison. **R.** Kyrie, eleison.
V. Christe, eleison. **R.** Christe, eleison.
V. Kyrie, eleison. **R.** Kyrie, eleison.
Or:

Second Form

Priest: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.
People: Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.
Priest: You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.
People: Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.
Priest: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.
People: Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison
Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us and lead us, with our sins forgiven, to eternal life.
People: Amen.

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.

With hands joined the priest says:

Priest: Let us pray.
All pray in silence with the Priest for a moment.
The priest then says the Collect or Opening Prayer at the end of which the people acclaim:

People: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Proclaimer goes to the ambo and reads the first reading, while all sit and listen. At the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

Proclaimer: The Word of the Lord.
All reply:

All: Thanks be to God.
The psalmist or cantor sings or says the Responsorial Psalm, with the people making the response.

After this, if there is to be a second reading, a Proclaimer reads it from the ambo, as above. To indicate the end of the second reading, the Proclaimer acclaims:

Proclaimer: The Word of the Lord.
All reply:

All: Thanks be to God.
There follows the Alleluia or another chant laid down by the rubrics, as the liturgical time requires.

The deacon, or the Priest, then proceeds to the ambo, accompanied, if appropriate, by ministers with incense and candles. There he says:

Priest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon/Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N...

At the same time, he makes the Sign of the Cross on the book and on his forehead, lips, and breast.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.
Then the deacon, or the Priest, incenses the book, if incense is used, and proclaims the Gospel.

At the end of the Gospel, the deacon, or the Priest, acclaims:

Priest/Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then follows the homily, which must be preached by a Priest or deacon on all Sundays and holy days of obligation; on other days, it is recommended. At the end of the homily, the Symbol or Profession of Faith or Creed, when prescribed, is sung or said:

Nicene Creed,

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And 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, *at the hi-lighted words that follow all bow 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.
And 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.
And 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.**

Or:
Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord, *at the hi-lighted words that follow all bow who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,* suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **Amen.**

Then follows the Universal Prayer, that is, the Prayer of the Faithful or Bidding Prayers.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

If the Offertory Chant is not sung, the priest may speak these words aloud:

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for we have received from your abundance the bread we offer you, fruit of the earth and work of human hands: it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for we have received from your abundance the wine we offer you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands: it will become for us the spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The people rise and reply:

People: 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.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:

People: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest, Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

The Priest, with hands extended, continues the Preface. At the end of the Preface he joins his hands and concludes the Preface with the people, singing or saying aloud:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy is the 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.

Mystery of Faith.

After the consecration, the priest says:

Priest: The mystery of faith

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Or:

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 close of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest says:

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, to you, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, is all honour and glory, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The Communion Rite.

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: 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:

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, sustained by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope, the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.

People: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

If the sign of peace was not exchanged earlier, the priest or deacon may then say:

Priest/Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

After all have exchanged the sign of peace, the priest breaks the host, during which the following is said or sung:

All: 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.

Tthe priest says:

Priest, Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Priest: The Body of Christ

Communicant: Amen.

If the Blood of Christ is administered:

Priest (Deacon): The Blood of Christ

Communicant: Amen.

The Concluding Rites

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you:
the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Then the deacon, or the Priest himself, says:

Priest or Deacon:

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Or: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Or: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Or: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.