

# The Order of Mass

## The Introductory Rites

*The Introductory Rites help the faithful come together as one, establish communion and prepare themselves to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.*

*All stand. The Priest approaches the altar with the ministers and venerates it while the Entrance Song is sung.*

### Sign of the Cross

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### Greeting

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:*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

### Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the faithful to the Penitential Act.*

*Then one of the Penitential Acts follows:*

**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,**

*And, striking their breast, they 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.**

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**And grant us your salvation.**

You were sent to heal the contrite of  
heart:

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.

**Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.**

You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

*The Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy) may follow.*

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.

**Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.**

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

### The Gloria

*When indicated this hymn is either sung or said:*

**Gloria 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

*When this hymn is concluded, the Priest, says:*

Let us pray.

*And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.*

*Then the Priest says the Collect prayer, at the end of which  
the people acclaim:*

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*By hearing the word proclaimed in worship, the faithful again enter into the unending dialogue between God and the covenant people, a dialogue sealed in the sharing of the Eucharistic food and drink.*

### First Reading

*all sit*

*To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:*

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

*After the First Reading the psalmist or cantor sings or says  
the Psalm, with the people making the response.*

### Second Reading

*On Sundays and certain other days there is a second  
reading. It concludes with the same response as above.*

### Gospel

*The assembly stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation to  
welcome the Gospel. They remain standing in honour of the  
Gospel reading, the high point of the Liturgy of the Word.*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to N.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel, the Deacon, or the Priest, acclaims:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### The Homily

*all sit*

*At the end of the Homily it is appropriate for there to be a  
brief silence for recollection.*

### The Creed

*all stand*

*On Sundays and Solemnities, the Profession of Faith or Creed  
will follow. During Lent and Easter Time, especially, the  
Apostles' Creed may be used.*

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

**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,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including and became  
man, 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.  
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.

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

*For Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. It is the vital centre of all that the Church is and does, because at its heart is the real presence of the crucified, risen and glorified Lord, continuing and making available his saving work among us.*

*During the Offertory Song the gifts of bread and wine are brought in procession. The Priest offers the prayers of blessing quietly at the altar. If the priest says the prayers aloud the assembly's acclamation each time is:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Priest completes additional personal preparatory rites, and the people rise as he says:*

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**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 says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:*

**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.**

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 Prayer of the Faithful

*After each intention there is a pause while the faithful pray.*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Priest concludes the Prayer with a collect.*

*When the Liturgy of the Word has been completed, the people sit.*

*The Priest concludes the Preface with the people, singing*

**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.**

*The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*After the words of Consecration the priest says:*

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 conclusion of the prayer the Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, raising both, he says*

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

**Amen.**

## *The Communion Rite*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*all stand*

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

**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, Lord, we pray...  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus  
Christ.

**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ...

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All offer one another the customary sign of peace.*

## **The Concluding Rites**

*The Concluding Rites send the people forth to put into effect in their lives what they have received.*

### **Blessing**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

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

**Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

**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.**

### **Invitation to Communion** *all kneel*

*After his private prayers of preparation the Priest genuflects,  
takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten  
or above the chalice says aloud:*

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.

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

### **Communion**

*The communicants come forward in reverent procession,  
and make a preparatory act of reverence by bowing their  
head in honour of Christ's presence in the Sacrament.*

The Body (Blood) of Christ.

**Amen.**

*After the distribution of Communion, if appropriate, a sacred  
silence may be observed for a while, or a psalm or other  
canticle of praise or a hymn may be sung.*

### **Prayer after Communion** *all stand*

**Let us pray.**

*All pray in silence. Then the Priest says the Prayer after  
Communion, at the end of which the people acclaim:*

**Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

*Then the Deacon, or the Priest says one of the following:*

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**