

THE COMMUNITY MASS LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

ENTRANCE RITE

STAND

ENTRANCE SONG

The entrance hymn helps us realize most profoundly that we are God's holy people gathered together by him into one Body to worship him. We greet our priest as the most important member of the Christian assembly, and we unite ourselves with him as our representative.

In Masses without music the reader leads the congregation in the following prayers:

- Leader: Our help + is in the name of the Lord,
People: **Who made heaven and earth.**
Leader: For a clean mind and a pure heart,
People: **Hear us, Lord, hear us.**
Leader: That we may honor God by loving our neighbor,
People: **Hear us, Lord, hear us.**
Leader: That we may be greatly attentive and truly devout,
People: **Hear us, Lord, hear us.**
Leader: That we may hear in faith and act in love,
People: **Hear us, Lord, hear us.**
Leader: For your blessing on all who are here,
People: **Hear us, Lord, hear us.**
Leader: For those who fail to worship you,
People: **Hear us, Lord, hear us.**
Leader: For the grace of true contrition,
People: **Hear us, Lord, hear us.**
Leader: Let us pray together:

All:

I confess to almighty God,* to blessed Mary, ever-virgin,* to blessed Michael the Archangel,* to blessed John the Baptist,* to the holy apostles Peter and Paul,* to all the saints,* and to you, Father,* that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed,* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.* Therefore, I beseech blessed Mary, ever-virgin,* blessed Michael the Archangel,* blessed John the Baptist,* the holy apostles Peter and Paul,* all the saints,* and you, Father and brothers,* to pray to the Lord our God for me.

KYRIE

Priest and people greet Christ, our invisible priest, and express our need to be united with him in order to be able to worship the Father in the right way.

- Priest: Lord, have mercy.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**
Priest: Lord, have mercy.
People: **Christ, have mercy.**
Priest: Christ, have mercy.
People: **Christ, have mercy.**
Priest: Lord, have mercy.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**
Priest: Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

With the priest let us praise the Lord.

- Priest: Glory to God in the highest.
People: **And on earth peace to men of good will. ***

We praise you. We bless you. We worship you. We glorify you. *
We give you thanks for your great glory. *
Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. *

Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son. *
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. *
You, who take away the sins of the world, *
have mercy on us. *

You, who take away the sins of the world, *
receive our prayer. *
You, who sit at the right hand of the Father, *
have mercy on us. *
For you alone are holy. *
You alone are Lord. *
You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high, *

+ With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PRAYER

The priest, in our name and through Christ, presents our petitions to the Father in the official prayer of the day.

Priest: Dominus vobiscum. The Lord be with you.
People: Et cum spiritu tuo. And with your spirit.
Priest: Oremus . . . Let us pray . . .

WE EXPRESS OUR PART IN THIS PRAYER:

Priest: . . . per omnia saecula World without end.
saeculorum.
People: Amen. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

In the first part of the Mass, God speaks to us directly and we gratefully listen to his word.

SIT

EPISTLE

God first teaches us through his apostle or his prophet. We listen to God's word as it is proclaimed for us.

STAND

RESPONSE IN SONG

We sing our answer to the word of God in the Epistle Response.

GOSPEL

By the proclamation of the Gospel, Christ, the incarnate Word, is present among us.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE READING:

Deacon (or Priest): The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Deacon (or Priest): +A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew . . .
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON

SIT

God helps us to a right understanding of his teaching through the voice of the living Church.

CREED

STAND

We respond to God's message of love, making our own grateful act of faith by saying the Nicene Creed.

Priest: I believe in one God.
People: The Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, *
and of all things visible and invisible. *

And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, *
the only-begotten Son of God.
Born of the Father before all ages. *
God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God. *
Begotten, not made, *
of one substance with the Father. *
By whom all things were made. *
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. *
And he became flesh by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: *
and was made man. *

He was also crucified for us, *
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. *
 And on the third day he rose again, according to the
 Scriptures. *
 He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of
 the Father. *
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
 dead. *
 And of his kingdom there will be no end. *
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver
 of life, *
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son. *
 Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and
 glorified, *
 and who spoke through the prophets. *
 And one holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. *
 I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. *
 And I await the resurrection of the dead. *
 + And the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

We bring our gifts of bread and wine and our Sunday offerings, which represent us, and the priest accepts them for the Father so that they can become our sacrifice.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

(Kneel if Litany is recited, otherwise sit.)

Before he continues with the Prayer, the priest prepares our gifts of bread and wine to be offered to God our Father. While he does this, we pray the Prayer of the Faithful. To each invocation, we answer: Lord, have mercy.

- L. In peace, let us pray to the Lord: People: Lord, have mercy.
- L. For the peace that is from above, for the conversion and salvation of all mankind, let us pray to the Lord:

- L. For the well-being and unity of the Church of God, let us pray to the Lord:
- L. For our Holy Father Pope Paul and for N., our bishop, let us pray to the Lord:
- L. For our parish, our Pastor, and all who help him, let us pray to the Lord:
- L. For all of our brother and sister Christians, let us pray to the Lord:
- L. For those who love us and those who hate us, let us pray to the Lord:
- L. For good and just governments, let us pray to the Lord:
- L. For those who are sick and cannot be with us, let us pray to the Lord:
- L. For those who have fallen asleep in Christ in the true faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- L. Help, save, pity, and defend us, O Lord, by your grace:

WE SING THE MEANING OF THIS OFFERING IN OUR OFFERTORY HYMN.

OFFERTORY SONG

SIT

AT ORATE FRATRES ALL STAND.

STAND

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We join our Amen to the celebrant's concluding prayer of the offertory.

Priest: ... per omnia saecula World without end.
 saeculorum.

People: Amen. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In this central part of the Mass, Christ, priest, and people are solemnly engaged in offering Christ's and the Church's great sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father.

PREFACE

The priest begins the solemn intoning of the great Eucharistic Hymn or Thanksgiving Prayer. We are of one mind and heart with the priest, who gives thanks for the saving work of our redemption, who praises God's holiness and mercy, and who offers our gifts to God.

Priest: Dominus vobiscum. The Lord be with you.
People: Et cum spiritu tuo. And with your spirit.
Priest: Sursum corda. Lift up your hearts.
People: Habemus ad Dominum. We have lifted them even unto the Lord.
Priest: Gratias agamus Domino Let us give thanks to the Lord Deo nostro. our God. (Let us offer the Thanksgiving.)
People: Dignum et iustum est. It is proper and right to do so.

Priest: It is truly proper and right, it is our duty and our salvation to give thanks to you always and everywhere, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Christ our Lord. Through him the Angels praise your majesty, the Dominions adore it, the Powers stand in awe before it, the heavens and the heavenly armies, with the blessed Seraphim celebrate it, joined together in the same joyous exultation. We beg you to let us join our voices to theirs proclaiming in humble praise:

AS THE CELEBRANT CONCLUDES THE PREFACE, AT THE SOUND OF THE BELL, WE JOIN WITH HIM IN:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. *
 Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. *
 Hosanna in the highest. *
 + Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *
 Hosanna in the highest.

KNEEL

THE CANON

We are united with our priest as he continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

Priest: We therefore humbly ask and beseech you, most kind and gracious Father, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, to receive and bless these gifts, these sacrificial offerings, which

WE OFFER

for your Church.

Father, accept our gifts.

Keep in mind, O Lord, your servant, Pope, our Bishop,, and your congregation assembled here, united in fellowship with the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, her spouse, blessed Joseph, the blessed apostles and martyrs, and all the saints.

Be pleased to accept this sacrificial gift which WE,

Father, make our gifts holy.

your servants (the clergy), and your whole family

OFFER to you.

Let us live in peace, save us from damnation, let us belong to your chosen flock.

Be pleased, O God, to bless what we offer, to approve it fully, to make it spiritual and well-pleasing to you, that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your well-beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who on the eve of his Passion took bread into his holy and adorable hands, and lifting up his eyes toward heaven unto you, O God, his almighty Father, giving thanks to you, he blessed the bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying:

Father, change our gifts.

TAKE, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF THIS, FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

In the same fashion, after the supper was over, taking this precious chalice into his holy and adorable hands and again giving thanks to you, he blessed it and gave it to his disciples saying:

TAKE, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK OF THIS,
 FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
 THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL
 COVENANT,
 THE MYSTERY OF FAITH
 WHICH SHALL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR
 MANY
 UNTO THE REMISSION OF SINS.
 EACH TIME YOU DO THIS
 YOU WILL DO IT FOR MY MEMORIAL.

STAND

That is why, O Lord,
 recalling the Passion, Resurrection, and
 Ascension of this same Christ, your Son, our Lord,

WE,

your servants (clergy),
 and all your holy people

OFFER,

to your excellent majesty

*Father, we offer
 Christ's sacrifice.*

A VICTIM THAT IS PURE,

A VICTIM THAT IS HOLY,

A VICTIM THAT IS WITHOUT SPOT,

the holy bread of eternal life
 and the chalice of never-ending salvation.

Look upon these offerings with favor
 and receive them as you were pleased to accept
 the gifts of Abel,
 the sacrifice of Abraham, and
 the sacrifice of Melchisedech —
 a holy sacrifice and a spotless victim.

We beseech you, almighty God,
 to command that these offerings
 be carried by the hands of your holy angel
 to your altar on high.

And when we receive in communion from this altar
 the infinitely holy Body and Blood of your Son,
 may we be filled with every heavenly grace and blessing.
 Through Christ our Lord.

Be mindful, O Lord,
 of your beloved dead.
 Grant them a place
 of happiness, light, and peace.
 Through Christ our Lord.

Be mindful also, O Lord,
 of your sinful servants
 and grant us fellowship
 with the apostles and martyrs and all the saints.
 Through Christ our Lord.

Through him you never cease to create
 all these good things
 and you make them holy;
 you give life to them and
 you bless them and
 bestow them upon us.
 BY HIM, WITH HIM, AND IN HIM
 YOU RECEIVE, O GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
 IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
 ALL HONOR AND GLORY FOR EVER AND EVER.

Priest: ... per omnia saecula World without end.
 saeculorum.

People: Amen. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC BANQUET

*In this part of the Mass the Father invites us to come and receive the gift
 we have given and that he has accepted — the sacrificed Body and Blood
 of his Son. By receiving Holy Communion we participate most perfectly
 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*As God's Family we now go to the table of the Lord; by the Bread of Life
 we are made "one body" with Christ and with one another.*

LET US SAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER BEFORE OUR HOLY MEAL:

Priest: Let us pray: Taught by our Savior's command and formed
 by the word of God, we dare to say:

People: 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. *
 Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest:

We humbly ask of you, O Lord, to deliver us from all evils, past, present, and to come. By the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, ever-virgin, Mother of God, and of your blessed apostles, Peter and Paul, and of Andrew and of all the saints, mercifully give peace in our days. Through the help of your mercy, may we always be free from sin and safe from all misfortunes. Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Priest: ... per omnia saecula World without end.
saeculorum.

People: Amen. Amen.

Priest: Pax Domini sit semper The peace of the Lord
vobiscum. be always with you.

People: Et cum spiritu tuo. And with you.

AGNUS DEI

We turn to Christ whom we are about to receive.

People: Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *
have mercy on us. *

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *
have mercy on us. *

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *
grant us peace.

*(In Requiem Masses: ... grant them rest ... grant them rest ...
grant them eternal rest.)*

KNEEL

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

When the celebrant faces us holding up the sacred host, he says:

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, *
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under
my roof. *
Speak but the word and my soul will be healed.

Priest: The Body of Christ.

Communicant: Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

As we join with one another in the supper of the Lord, we sing our communion hymn. By this song we show our oneness while we share in the mystery we are celebrating.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

(At recited Masses without music)

These prayers are said alternately, starting after the priest closes the tabernacle door.

Leader: For your Holy Name enshrined in our hearts:

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For the gift of faith to believe in this Sacrament:

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For the gift of life it brings us now:

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For the happiness of heaven to which it leads:

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: You, Lord Almighty, * have created all things for your Name's sake.* You have given food and drink to men* that they may give you thanks.* But to us* you have given spiritual food and drink* and eternal life* through Jesus, your Servant.* To you be glory forevermore.* Remember, O Lord, your Church:* free her from all evil,* form her in your love,* and from the four winds assemble her,* your holy people, into your kingdom* which you have prepared for her.* To you be glory and majesty* and power forever and ever.* Amen.

STAND**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Priest: Dominus vobiscum. The Lord be with you.
 People: Et cum spiritu tuo. And with your spirit.
 Priest: Oremus . . . Let us pray . . .

Our priest offers a prayer of thanksgiving to the Father through Christ.

At the end of the Thanksgiving Prayer:

Priest: . . . per omnia saecula World without end.
 saeculorum.

People: Amen. Amen.

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Go now, sanctified and changed by Christ. Go forth to live the life of Christ. Carry Christ from this altar into life — into your work, into your homes, into the minds and hearts of men. So that you may be able to do this — may almighty God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon (or Priest): Go, the Mass is ended.

People: Thanks be to God.

(In Requiem Masses: May they rest in peace. People: Amen.)

KNEEL

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

People: Amen.

STAND**RECESSIONAL SONG**

We sing our recessional hymn to express our praise and thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist. After the priest has left the sanctuary, we conclude our hymn as we leave the church.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR USE OF HYMNS

LOW MASS

1. ENTRANCE HYMNS

GENERAL

Although the hymns listed below from the L section were written specifically as Mass hymns, all of the following hymns can be appropriately used.

D-6, D-15, E-3, G-1 to G-18, H-1 to H-5a, I-1 to I-5a, L-1 to L-4, L-10, P-19, P-24, P-83, P-83a, P-94, P-95, P-99, P-103, S-12, S-13, T-1 to T-15.

SEASONAL

Advent: A-1 to A-9.
Christmas: C-1 to C-11,
R-10, R-15 (verse 3).
Epiphany: C-15, C-16.
Lent-Passiontide: D-1 to
D-16, P-1, P-4, P-50,
P-129, R-16.
Easter: E-1 to E-9, R-17
(verse 1).
Ascension: F-1, R-17
(verse 2).

Pentecost: H-1 to H-5a,
R-17 (verse 3).
Blessed Trinity: I-1 to I-5a.
Our Lord: G-1 to G-17, S-13.
Blessed Virgin: P-44, P-151,
R-1 to R-13a, R-15
(verses 1, 2, 4, 5), R-17
(verses 4, 5).
Other feasts: S-1, S-2, S-7,
S-10 to S-13.

2. EPISTLE RESPONSES — L-7.

3. OFFERTORY HYMNS

GENERAL — D-6, L-2, L-8 to L-18, P-19, P-95.

SEASONAL — see Entrance Hymns.

4. SANCTUS HYMNS — L-19, L-20, T-6.

5. COMMUNION HYMNS

GENERAL

L-21 to L-31, P-22, P-22a, P-22b, P-24, P-33, P-62, P-83,
P-83a.

SEASONAL

Advent: A-1, A-3, A-7,
A-9.
Christmas: C-4, C-7.
Lent-Passiontide: D-3 to
D-6, D-15.
Easter: E-1, E-2, E-4 to
E-6.
Our Lord: G-1 to G-17.
Blessed Virgin: R-2, R-7,
R-10.

6. CLOSING HYMNS (End of Mass)

GENERAL

D-6, D-15, E-3, G-1 to G-17, H-4, H-4a, I-1 to I-5a, L-50,
L-55, L-56, P-24, P-33, P-95, P-103, P-135, P-146, P-150,
P-151, S-7, S-12, S-13, T-1 to T-15, Z-1, Z-4.

SEASONAL — see Entrance Hymns.

BENEDICTION

1. BEFORE THE TANTUM ERGO

In addition to the "Tantum Ergo" (L-41a to L-44a) any of the following may be sung:

GENERAL

L-20, L-22, L-30 to L-32a, L-35 to L-37, P-1, P-4, P-19,
P-22, P-22a, P-22b, P-24, P-33, P-62, P-83, P-83a.

SEASONAL — see Low Mass Entrance Hymns.

2. AFTER BENEDICTION

GENERAL

G-1 to G-17, I-1 to I-5a, L-49, L-50, L-50a, L-51, P-95,
P-103, P-135, P-146, P-150, P-151, T-1 to T-15.

SEASONAL — see Low Mass Entrance Hymns.

HYMNS FOR OTHER USES

1. BISHOP'S ENTRANCE — S-18.

2. HYMNS FOR OUR COUNTRY — Z-3, Z-4.

3. SACRAMENT OF PENANCE — V-5 to V-7.

4. SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

P-44, P-126, P-126a, P-127, V-15.

Irreg.

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The choir or leader intones the response; all repeat it twice.

a Bless-ed are those that hear the word of God and keep it.

b Give me life ac - cord - ing to Your word.

c He who is of God hears the word of God.

d Your word is a lamp for my step, a light on my path.

e* Al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia.

f* Al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia.

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*The alleluias are not sung during Septuagesima or Lent.

THE VALUE OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

What matters above all in Christian worship is interior participation, the union of the individual person with God and with his neighbor in Christ, and this is essentially a matter of the Christian mind and heart at prayer.

The purpose of a good program of active participation is to foster, not to impede, the great central acts of the Christian person and the Christian community engaged in Christian worship.

The great central acts of the Christian person and the Christian community engaged in Christian worship are:

- to come together as members of a Christian community to worship God.
- to hear the Father's message given by His word in the Church.
- to respond to that message by offering with Christ and the Church Christ's great Sacrifice of Thanksgiving. This response is made chiefly:
 - by prayer and song and by the offering of gifts, representing the self-offering of each individual person and the whole community,
 - by giving thanks in and with Christ's great act of thanksgiving made present on the altar, offering Him to the Father and themselves with Him,
 - by receiving the Father's return-gift, Christ Himself, in Holy Communion.

According to the structure of the Mass itself, these various aspects are made clear, expressed, and fostered chiefly by:

- the people's saying or singing their traditional "speaking parts":
 - the short responses (the greetings).
 - the Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, Agnus Dei.

These parts by their nature unite the praying community with the prayer and activity of their priest.

- the people's hearing the Father's message in their own language.
- the people's singing together to express the main activities of their communal worship.