The Communion Rite

The Priest invites all to join in the Lord’s Prayer:

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.

The Priest continues alone: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

The Priest says:

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. Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit.

The Deacon, or the Priest, adds:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Priest takes the host and breaks it.

Meanwhile the people say or sing:

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.

The Priest shows the host to the people and says:

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.

The Priest or other minister says to each communicant:


Each communicant answers: Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Ps 32: 18-19
Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. After the distribution of Holy Communion a sacred silence may be observed or a psalm, hymn or canticle of praise may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements may be made. Then:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.


Then the Deacon, or the Priest, says:

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. Thanks be to God.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon or a hymn.

Cf Ps 16: 6, 8
To you I call for you will surely hear me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me. 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 Priest greets the people, saying: 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.

The people reply: And with your spirit.

The Mass of the day may be introduced.

Penitential Act

The Priest invites the faithful to repentance, followed, after a brief pause, by one of the Penitential Acts:

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, 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:

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 glory of the God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
A reading from the prophet Isaiah 45:1-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unvanquished; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, there is nothing.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia! Phil 2:15-16
You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life.

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.
The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s,’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar — and to God what belongs to God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

Stand
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, 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.

The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, 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.

The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer

The people respond:
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our salvation and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

The Priest continues with the Preface and concludes with the people, singing or saying aloud:

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 Eucharistic Prayer continues until the priest says:

The mystery of faith.

The people continue, acclaiming one of the following:

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.

The Prayer of the Faithful

Response example: Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

After the concluding prayer all say:

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The offerings are brought to the altar. A hymn may be sung.

If the Priest says the two prayers of offering aloud the response both times 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.

The people reply:
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