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. 

The Deacon, or the Priest, says: 
May the almighty and merciful God, 
by whose grace you have placed your faith in 
the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son 
yearns for his coming again 
sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent 
and enrich you with his blessing. 
Amen.

As you run the race of this present life, 
you may make you firm in faith, 
joyful in hope and active in charity. 
Amen.

So that, rejoicing now with devotion 
at the Redeemer’s coming in the flesh, 
you may be endowed with the rich reward of 
 eternal life when he comes again in majesty. 
Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, 
The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, 
come down on you and remain with you for ever. 
Amen.

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 CONCLUDING RITES
Announcements may be made.

Then:

Solemn Blessing
Priest: 
The Lord be with you.
All: 
And with your spirit.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES
Entrance Antiphon or a hymn Stand
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. 
Indeed, the Lord is near. 

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. 

Or: 
Grace to you and peace from God our Father 
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or: 
The Lord be with you. 
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 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 grievest 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: 
You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: 
Lord, have mercy. 
Or: Kyrie, eleison. 
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Christ, have mercy. 
Or: Christe, eleison. 

The absolution by the Priest follows. 
The people reply: 
Amen.

If the ‘Kyrie, eleison’ has not been said or sung, 
it is said or sung now.

The Collect
O God, who see how your people 
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enable us, we pray, 
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and to celebrate them always 
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Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 
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Amen.

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A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, 
Israel, shout aloud! 
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dughter of Jerusalem! 
The Lord has repealed your sentence; 
he has driven your enemies away. 
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; 
you have no more evil to fear. 
When that day comes, 
word will come to Jerusalem: 
Zion, have no fear, 
do not let your hands fall limp. 
The Lord your God is in your midst, 
a victorious warrior. 
He will exult with joy over you, 
he will renew you by his love; 
he will dance with shouts of joy for you 
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord. 
Thanks be to God.

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Thanks be to God.
R) Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the • Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (R)

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. (R)

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (R)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Nicene 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, 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.

Or:

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.

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.

The Prayer of the Faithful

Response example: Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

After the concluding prayer all say: Amen. Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The offerings are brought to the altar.

The people acclaim:

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. The people acclaim: Amen.

The Communion Rite

Stand

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.