

THE ORDER OF MASS

I. INTRODUCTORY RITE

PROCESSION

You should reverently process in ahead of the priest with your hands together and pointing up. You should bow at the waist (profound bow) in unison with other altar servers in front of the altar table then proceed to your chair and remain standing.

The altar server carrying the processional crucifix (the crucifer) should reverently place the crucifix on its stand before proceeding to their chair.

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

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, (strike the breast three times while saying) 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.

THE GLORIA

The Gloria is omitted during Advent & Lent, and often during daily Masses.

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.

COLLECT

This is the opening prayer that changes for each Mass. When the priest has completed the prayer respond by saying "Amen" then be seated.

II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING (ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS)

GOSPEL READING

Following the conclusion of the second reading the altar servers stand and proceed to the altar in front of the deacon or priest, then lead the priest or deacon to the ambo for the Gospel Reading. One server stands on each side of the priest or deacon facing him with hands together, pointing up.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

Respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After this response altar servers should return to their chair, be seated, and listen to the homily.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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,

profound bow while saying:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

stand up straight again

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.

Universal Prayer

OFFERTORY

III. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Immediately after the offertory the altar servers bring the chalice and ciborium from the credence table and place them at the edge of the altar closest to them, then proceed with the priest to the steps at the front of the altar to accept the gifts from the parishioners.

Take the wine from the priest and then walk to the credence table to get the water. Then stand at the side of the altar and present them to the priest when he needs them.

When the priest is done with the water and wine return to the credence table and place the wine on the table.

One altar server keeps the water and picks up the dish. The other picks up the finger towel, unfolds it, and holds two corners.

Face the priest and remain at the credence table until the priest turns toward you. Both altar servers then proceed to the altar for the washing of the hands.

Place the water on the credence table. Fold the finger towel, place it on the credence table, and place the dish on top of the finger towel. Return to your chair.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

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

Stand and respond: 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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Respond: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Respond: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Respond: It is right and just.

PREFACE ACCLAMATION

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.

Altar servers kneel at the end of the Holy, Holy, Holy

CONSECRATION

RING THE BELLS THREE TIMES when the priest elevates the Body of Christ.

RING THE BELLS THREE TIMES when the priest elevates the chalice containing the Blood of Christ.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

CONCLUDING DOXOLOGY

AMEN

Stand

IV. COMMUNION RITE

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.

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

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

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.

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

COMMUNION

Priest: The Body of Christ

Respond: Amen

After you have received Communion return to your chair, kneel to say a prayer of thanksgiving, then be seated until the distribution of Communion is completed.

When the priest has finished distributing Communion to the people and as he is returning to the altar go to the credence table, get the water, and stand by the altar ready to hand the priest or deacon the cruet.

When the priest or deacon hands the cruet back to you return it to the credence table then return to your chair.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Immediately after this prayer altar servers should be ready to process out of the sanctuary.

The crucifer should get the processional crucifix at this time and return to their chair to be ready for the procession out of the sanctuary.

V. CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING

Make the Sign of the Cross while the priest says:

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

Respond: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Priest or Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Respond: Thanks be to God.

Immediately after this the altar servers proceed to the front of the altar with the priest, bow at the waist (profound bow) in unison, then process out of the sanctuary.