

The priest gives praise to God and all acclaim:
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.

*After the Consecration we acclaim 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 end of the Eucharistic Prayer:
Amen.

The Communion Rite

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

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

**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.**

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

Communion Antiphon

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and never forget all his benefits.**

or

**Blessed are the merciful, for they shall
 receive mercy.**
**Blessed are the clean of heart, for they
 shall see God.**

Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine
 Sacrament,
 the perpetual memorial of the Passion of
 your Son;
 grant, we pray, that this gift,
 which he himself gave us with love beyond
 all telling,
 may profit us for salvation...
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

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

At the end of Mass the people respond:
Thanks be to God.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

**God is in his holy place,
 God who unites those who dwell in his
 house;
 he himself gives might and strength to
 his people.**

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

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

People Amen.

*The priest greets the people
 in one of these ways:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit
 be with you all.
And with your spirit.

or

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And with your spirit.

or

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

*One of the following acts of penance
 is now made:*

**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,**

(all strike their breast and 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.**

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

Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie, eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison.

Christ, have mercy. *or* Christe, eleison.
Christ, have mercy. Christe, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie, eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison.

After the absolution all respond: Amen.

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 the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
 without whom nothing has firm foundation,
 nothing is holy,
 bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
 and grant that, with you as our ruler and
 guide,

we may use the good things that pass
 in such a way as to hold fast even now
 to those that ever endure... **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings.
You have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask what you would like me to give you." Solomon replied, "Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. "Since you have asked for this" the Lord said "and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms Psalm 118

R. Lord, how I love your law!

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R.**
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **R.**
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R.**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

God intended us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

or

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom

to mere children.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

(for shorter form read between > <)

> Jesus said to the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.<

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They said, "Yes." And he said to them, "Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

The Profession of Faith

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,

(all bow during the next three lines)

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.

The bidding prayers now follow:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the people acclaim each time:

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters)...

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

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,

that through the powerful working of your grace

these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life

and lead us to eternal gladness...

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.