

OUTLINE OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

GREETING

Priest:

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. ~ or
The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A

*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 our breast during the next line)
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all of the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.*

B

*Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.*

C

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord have mercy.
~ *Lord have mercy.*
You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy.
~ *Christ, have mercy.*
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy,
~ *Lord, have mercy.*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
~ *And with your spirit.*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to ...
~ *Glory to you, O Lord.*

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 became man (bow)
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, (bow)
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 LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.
~ *Blessed be God for ever.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.
~ *Blessed be God for ever.*

INVITATION TO PRAYER

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

*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.*

PREFACE DIALOGUE

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.*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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.

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, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Savior's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

*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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever.

SIGN OF PEACE

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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 CONCLUDING RITES

FINAL BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

~ And with your spirit.

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

~ Amen.

DISMISSAL

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.