

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**Stand Entrance Antiphon**

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure,
spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Or:

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to
God,
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom,
alleluia.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Priest greets the people.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

The Priest may very briefly introduce the Mass.

Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge
our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.

*After a brief examination of conscience, the following
or an alternative form of the Penitential Act may be
used.*

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

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

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

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.**

Collect

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your
own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD**Sit****First Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*The faithful all lived together and owned everything
in common. 2:42-47*

The whole community remained faithful to the
teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the
breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the
apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned
everything in common; they sold their goods and
possessions and shared out the proceeds among
themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but
met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they
shared their food gladly and generously; they praised
God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day
the Lord added to their community those destined to
be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps.117

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R.**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

*In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his
sons by raising Jesus from the dead.* 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his
sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we
have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance
that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade
away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens.
Through your faith, God's power will guard you until
the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at
the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you,
even though you may for a short time have to bear
being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when
Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been
tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious
that gold, which is corruptible even though it bears
testing by fire - and then you will have praise and
glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love
him; and still without seeing him, you are already
filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be
described, because you believe; and you are sure of
the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the
salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet
believe.'**

Alleluia!

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Eight days later, Jesus came.

20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the
week, the doors were closed in the room where the
disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and
stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with

you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The
disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord,
and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me

so I am sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came. When the
disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered,
'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his
hands and can put my finger into the holes they made,
and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to
believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the
house again and Thomas was with them. The doors
were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among
them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to
Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my
hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side.
Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My
Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet
believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and
the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this
book. These are recorded so that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that
believing this, you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sit

Homily

Stand Profession of Faith

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.

} *All bow.*

Prayer of the Faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

A hymn may now be sung.

Sit

The Priest takes the paten with the bread.

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.

The Priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice.

Then the Priest takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, says:

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.

He may now incense the offerings and the altar.

Afterwards the Deacon or a minister incenses the priest and people.

Stand

Pray, brethren (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.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your people
(and of those you have brought to new birth),
that, renewed by confession of your name and by
Baptism,

they may attain unending happiness.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Priest may use the following or an alternative.

Eucharistic Prayer II Preface I of Easter

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.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
at all times to acclaim you, O Lord,
but on this day above all
to laud you yet more gloriously,
when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For he is the true Lamb
who has taken away the sins of the world;
by dying he has destroyed our death,
and by rising, restored our life.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,
every land, every people exults in your praise
and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts,
sing together the unending hymn of your glory,
as they 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.

Kneel

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the
dewfall,

so that they may become for us
the Body and \times Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice,
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

All respond with the following or one of the alternatives:

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with Francis our Pope and N. our Bishop
and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the
resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.
Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with the blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout
the ages,
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

*The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the
Host and raising both, says:*
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. **Amen.**

Stand COMMUNION RITE

The Priest now introduces the Lord's Prayer.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven.....

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.**

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 Priest or Deacon may add:
Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Those present share a sign of peace, for example a
handshake.*

*The Priest takes the Host and breaks it over the
paten. He places a small piece in the chalice.*

**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.**

Kneel

Then, showing the Host to the people, he 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.**

*After the Priest has reverently consumed the Body
and Blood of Christ the communicants come forward
in reverent procession, and make a preparatory act of
reverence by bowing their head in honour of Christ's
presence in the Sacrament. They receive Holy
Communion.*

*The Priest says: The Body (Blood) of Christ.
The communicant replies: Amen and receives
communion.*

Communion Antiphon

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**

Stand **Prayer after Communion**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

*If there are any brief announcements, they are now
made*

Then the Priest says:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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

Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

Or: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.