

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,  
the sacrifices instituted by your commands  
and, through the sacred mysteries,  
which we celebrate with dutiful service,  
graciously complete the sanctifying work  
by which you are pleased to redeem us...  
**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.**

*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

**The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.**

*or*

**Though many, we are one bread, one body,  
for we all partake of the one Bread and  
one Chalice.**

### Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God,  
that we may be refreshed and nourished  
by the Sacrament which we have received,  
so as to be transformed into what we  
consume... **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

**Within your will, O Lord, all things are  
established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven  
and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of  
heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.**

*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

**Glorify 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

Almighty ever-living God,  
who in the abundance of your kindness  
surpass the merits and the desires of those  
who entreat you,  
pour out your mercy upon us  
to pardon what conscience dreads  
and to give what prayer does not dare to  
ask... **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

**The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.**

Let me sing to my friend  
the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,  
and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower,  
he dug a press there too.  
He expected it to yield grapes,  
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
I ask you to judge  
between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard  
that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes.  
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?  
Very well, I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,  
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled  
on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;  
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds  
to rain no rain on it.  
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the House of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
that chosen plant.  
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,  
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm Psalm 79

#### **R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its  
shoots. **R.**

2. Then why have you broken down its  
walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

4. And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your  
name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall  
be saved. **R.**

### Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9

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

**The God of peace will be with you.**

There is no need to worry; but if there is  
anything you need, pray for it, asking God  
for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that  
peace of God, which is so much greater than  
we can understand, will guard your hearts  
and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally,  
brothers, fill your minds with everything that  
is true, everything that is noble, everything  
that is good and pure, everything that we  
love and honour, and everything that can be  
thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep  
doing all the things that you learnt from me  
and have been taught by me and have heard  
or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will  
be with you.

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!  
I chose you from the world  
to go out and bear fruit,  
fruit that will last,  
says the Lord.  
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 21:33-43

**He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the  
elders of the people, "Listen to another  
parable. There was a man, a landowner, who  
planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug  
a winepress in it and built a tower; then he  
leased it to tenants and went abroad. When  
vintage time drew near he sent his servants  
to the tenants to collect his produce. But  
the tenants seized his servants, thrashed  
one, killed another and stoned a third. Next  
he sent some more servants, this time a  
larger number, and they dealt with them  
in the same way. Finally he sent his son to  
them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.  
But when the tenants saw the son, they said  
to each other, 'This is the heir. Come on, let  
us kill him and take over his inheritance.'  
So they seized him and threw him out of  
the vineyard and killed him. Now when the  
owner of the vineyard comes, what will he  
do to those tenants?" They answered, "He  
will bring those wretches to a wretched end  
and lease the vineyard to other tenants who  
will deliver the produce to him when the  
season arrives." Jesus said to them, "Have  
you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone.  
This was the Lord's doing  
and it is wonderful to see?

"I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God  
will be taken from you and given to a people  
who will produce its fruit."

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.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.  
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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**  
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*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer:*  
**Amen.**

**The Communion Rite**

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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**  
**The rich suffer want and go hungry,**  
**but those who seek the Lord lack no**  
 **blessing.**

*or*

**When the Lord appears, we shall be like**  
**him,**  
**for we shall see him as he is.**

**Prayer after Communion**  
 We entreat your majesty most humbly,  
 O Lord,  
 that, as you feed us with the nourishment  
 which comes from the most holy Body and  
 Blood of your Son,  
 so you may make us sharers of his divine  
 nature... **Amen.**

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

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**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**  
**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,**  
**Lord, who could stand?**  
**But with you is found forgiveness,**  
**O God of Israel.**

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*says:*

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**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**  
 May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
 at all times go before us and follow after  
 and make us always determined  
 to carry out good works...  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.*

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine  
wines,

of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord  
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm Psalm 22

**R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your  
staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall  
follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**

**Second Reading** Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians.

*There is nothing I cannot master with the  
help of the One who gives me strength.*

I know how to be poor and I know how to  
be rich too. I have been through my initiation  
and now I am ready for anything anywhere:  
full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or  
plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with  
the help of the One who gives me strength.  
All the same, it was good of you to share  
with me in my hardships. In return my God  
will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as  
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our  
Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Word was made flesh and lived  
among us;**

**to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of  
God.**

**Alleluia!**

*or*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call  
holds for us.**

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to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel** Matthew 22:1-14

*Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.  
(for shorter form read between > <)*

> Jesus said to the chief priests and elders  
of the people: "The kingdom of heaven  
may be compared to a king who gave

a feast for his son's wedding. He sent  
his servants to call those who had been  
invited, but they would not come. Next he  
sent some more servants. 'Tell those who  
have been invited,' he said, 'that I have  
my banquet all prepared, my oxen and  
fatted cattle have been slaughtered,  
everything is ready. Come to the wedding.'  
But they were not interested: one went off  
to his farm, another to his business, and the  
rest seized his servants, maltreated them  
and killed them. The king was furious. He  
despatched his troops, destroyed those  
murderers and burnt their town. Then he  
said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready;  
but as those who were invited proved to be  
unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town  
and invite everyone you can find to the  
wedding.' So these servants went out on to  
the roads and collected together everyone  
they could find, bad and good alike; and  
the wedding hall was filled with guests. <  
When the king came in to look at the guests  
he noticed one man who was not wearing  
a wedding garment, and said to him, 'How  
did you get in here, my friend, without a  
wedding garment?' And the man was silent.  
Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind  
him hand and foot and throw him out into  
the dark, where there will be weeping and  
grinding of teeth.' For many are called, but  
few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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**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**

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.**

*or*

**The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal...  
**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**

**To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

*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.  
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#### **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.**

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

*After the absolution all respond: Amen.*

### **The Gloria**

**Glorify 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**

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart...  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

**I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;

there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun

that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm Psalm 95

#### R. Give the Lord glory and power.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: "God is king." He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

### Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

**We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.**

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**

*or*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

**Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, "Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then.

Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, "You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with." They handed him a denarius, and he said, "Whose head is this? Whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. He then said to them, "Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

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

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve...  
**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.**

*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.**

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

We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.

*or*

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,  
as a fragrant offering to God.

### Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,  
perfect in us what lies within them,  
that what we now celebrate in signs  
we may one day possess in truth...  
Amen.

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

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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:*  
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Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

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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

Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise...  
Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus.

*If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will flare against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, 'You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

'If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not put the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

'If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.'"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm Psalm 17

#### R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my  
stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

### Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

*You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your

instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!**

*or*

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.  
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 22:34-40

*You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?" Jesus said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it:

You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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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:

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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

Look, we pray, O Lord,  
on the offerings we make to your majesty,  
that whatever is done by us in your service  
may be directed above all to your glory...  
**Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

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**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*