

# The Eucharist

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It is worth noting that Abraham does not ask the Lord to punish the wicked and to spare the innocent. In fact, his request is that the Lord would forgive the guilty for the sake of the innocent. The theological point behind this detail is that those who are upright and faithful bring about the rescue of the whole community where they live.



*'My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travel has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him.'*

## FIRST READING (Genesis 18:20-32)

The Talmud from the time of the Rabbis, commenting on Abraham's declaration that he is but dust and ashes, says: 'The Holy One (blessed be He) said to Israel "I deeply love you, for even when I give you abundant greatness, you make yourself small before Me. I gave greatness to Abraham, and he said 'I who am but dust and ashes'"' (b. Chul. 89a).

## SECOND READING (Colossians 2:12-14)

The salvation of the Gentiles in Christ is highlighted in this reading. This theme is a central one in Paul's life and writings. It is clear that the writer of these verses knew Paul's general way of writing so well that it is difficult not to conclude that it was written by one of those who had worked with Paul for a long time.

## GOSPEL (Luke 11:1-13)

Prayer is a favourite theme of the Gospel according to Luke. He likes to portray Jesus at prayer and he frequently presents the faithful disciple of Jesus praying. The form of the Lord's Prayer which we find here is shorter than the version found in Matthew's Gospel, which is the form normally used in the church. In Luke's version the prayer consists of five requests to God.

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Entrance Antiphon

*(Cf. Ps 67:6-7:36)*

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

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

**Amen.**

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.**

### Penitential Act

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

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

**Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

**Or: Christe, eleison.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Or: Christe, eleison.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father  
to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy.

**Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

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.**

### 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.  
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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

(Gn 18:20-32)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it,' he replied, 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it,' he replied, 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it,' he replied, 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 137:1-3.6-8)

**R** On the day I called,  
you answered me, O Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **R**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **R**

### SECOND READING

(Col 2:12-14)

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

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Jn 1:14.12)

**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!**

### GOSPEL

(Lk 11:1-13)



The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travel has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Profession of Faith

(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,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including  
and became man, all 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.**

*The priest introduces the Prayer of the Faithful.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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 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.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer II

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,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Father most holy,

*(Preface Proper)*

through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
your Word through whom you made all things,  
whom you sent as our Saviour and Redeemer,  
incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin.  
Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people,  
he stretched out his hands as he endured his Passion,  
so as to break the bonds of death and manifest  
the resurrection.

And so, with the Angels and all the Saints  
we declare your glory,  
as with one voice we 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.**

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 ☩ 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.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
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 N. 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.

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.**

## THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour'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;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

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 may invite the people to exchange a sign of peace and Christian fellowship. As the priest breaks the consecrated Host the following is sung or said:*

**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.**

*Showing the Host to the people, the priest 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.**

**Communion Antiphon**

(Ps 102:2)

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

**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.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

**Amen.**

May he let his face shine upon you  
and show you his mercy.

**Amen.**

May he turn his countenance towards you  
and give you his peace.

**Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Personal Prayer

Father, teach me to pray. Fill my lips with words that you want to hear. You are the Holy One whom all should honour and revere. May your kingdom come in the fullness of time. I pray that the love of you may permeate the universe.

Teach me the way to forgive and forget. Help me not to have bitterness within me. Give me the spirit, Lord, to forgive those who sinned against me. Do not let me wander to occasions of sin.

Help me to love you with all my heart, loving my neighbour as myself. May I always be humble enough to say: 'Your will be done.' You know, Lord, what is best for me and those around me. As I storm heaven with prayer, you are listening, giving what I need. Thank you, Lord, for all you did for me. Don't forget me in the months and years to come. Give me the chance to honour and praise you for all eternity. Amen.