

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. Ps 97:1-2)

O Sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

In the name of the Father, ... Amen.
The grace of our Lord ... And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...

A brief pause for silence follows.

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,

And, striking their breast, they 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.

May almighty God have mercy on us, ... 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

(Acts 9:26-31)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the
disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could
not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas,
however, took charge of him, introduced him to the

apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared
to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he
had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of
Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in
Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the
Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and
argued with them, they became determined to kill him.
When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea,
and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria
were now left in peace, building themselves up,
living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the
consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 21:26-28.30-32)

R You, Lord, are my praise in the great
assembly.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to
the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of
the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down
to the dust. **R**
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children
serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet
to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' **R**

SECOND READING

(1 Jn 3:18-24)

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere
talk, but something real and active; only by this can
we be certain that we are the children of the truth and
be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us, because
God is greater than our conscience and he knows
everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our
conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because
we keep his commandments and live the kind of life
that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the
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name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Jn 15:4.5)

Alleluia, alleluia!


Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Jn 15:1-8)

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to

make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by

means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make

your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch

cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of

the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains

in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off

from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not

remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown

away – he withers; these branches are collected and

thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you

may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the

glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and

then you will be my disciples.'

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,

co-substantial 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 holy Church.

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.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...

After the Consecration

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your Death, O Lord,

until you come again.

THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command ...

Our Father, who art in heaven, ...

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, ...

For the kingdom,

the power and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, ...

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins ...

Behold the Lamb of God, ...

Lord, I am not worthy ...

Communion Antiphon (Cf. Jn 15:1.5)

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the Lord.

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in plenty, alleluia.