

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

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 (Deut 4:32-34.39-40)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the
ages that are past, that went before you, from the

time God created man on earth: Was there ever a
word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the
other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people
hear the voice of the living God speaking from the
heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive?
Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation
from the midst of another by ordeals, signs,
wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched
arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your
God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to
heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as
on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws
and commandments as I give them to you today so
that you and your children may prosper and live
long in the land that the Lord your God gives you
for ever.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 32:4-6.9.18-20.22)

℟ Happy the people the Lord has chosen as
his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. ℟
2. By his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and they came to be.
He commanded; they sprang into being. ℟
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. ℟
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. ℟

SECOND READING (Rm 8:14-17)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.
Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The
spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing
fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and
it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit him-
self and our spirit bear united witness that we are
children of God. And if we are children we are heirs
as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ,
sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Cf. Apoc 1:8)


Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Mt 28:16-20)

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

 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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), 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.

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

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 that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

(Gal 4:6)

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.