

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Entrance Antiphon *(Cf. Ps 47:10-11)*

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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

Glorify 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 *(Ez 2:2-5)*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up,

and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*(Ps 122)*

**R** Our eyes are on the Lord  
till he show us his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords. **R**
2. Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he show us his mercy. **R**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain. **R**

### SECOND READING

*(2 Cor 12:7-10)*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul  
to the Corinthians.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these  
revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was  
given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat  
me and stop me from getting too proud! About this  
thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for  
it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough  
for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I  
shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my  
special boast so that the power of Christ may stay  
over me, and that is why I am quite content with my  
weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecu-  
tions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's  
sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

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!**

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## GOSPEL

(Mk 6:1-6)

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

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

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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 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.

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

*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 ...**

*Showing the Eucharist to the people, the priest says:*

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**

(Ps 33:9)

**Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.**