

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Entrance Antiphon *(Cf. Eccles 36:18)*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ... 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 *(Is 50:5-9)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.

Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*(Ps 114:1-6.8-9)*

**R** I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. **R**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. **R**
4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. **R**

### SECOND READING

*(Jas 2:14-18)*

A reading from the letter of St James.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has  
never done a single good act but claims that he has  
faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or  
one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not  
enough food to live on, and one of you says to them,  
'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,'  
without giving them these bare necessities of life, then  
what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do  
not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say  
you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to  
you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds

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– now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Jn 14:5)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.


Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

(Mk 8:27-35)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say I am?’ And they told him. ‘John the Baptist,’ they said, ‘others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he asked, ‘who do you say I am?’ Peter spoke up and said to him, ‘You are the Christ.’ And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, ‘Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.’

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.

**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 ...

### Communion Antiphon

(Cf. Ps 35:8)

How precious is your mercy, O God!

**The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**