

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon *(Cf. Ps 87:3)*

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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 *(1 Kg 17:10-16)*

A reading from the first book of the Kings.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he
reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering
sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little
water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off
to bring it when he called after her. 'Please', he said,

'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord
your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread,
but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a
jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and
prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then
we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid,
go and do as you have said; but first make a little
scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make
some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord
speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they
ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal
was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the
Lord had foretold through Elijah.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Ps 145:7-10)*

R My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

SECOND READING *(Heb 9:24-28)*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made
sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one;
but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the
actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does
not have to offer himself again and again, like the high
priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the
blood that is not his own, or else he would have had
to suffer over and over again since the world began.
Instead of that, he has made his appearance once
and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away
with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die
once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too,
offers himself only once to take the faults of many on
himself, and when he appears a second time, it will

not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Apoc 2:10)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you
the crown of life.


Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Mk 12:38-44)

(For Shorter Form, read between ♦ ♦.)

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

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

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

♦ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.' ♦

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.

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

(Cf. Ps 22:1-2)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.