

# PARISH MASS CARD

## THE ORDER OF MASS

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Introductory Rites help the faithful, come together as one, establish communion and prepare themselves properly to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

#### Entrance Procession.

*All stand.* The Priest approaches the altar with the ministers and venerates it while the Entrance Song is sung.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### The Priest greets the people:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**Or.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Or.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

#### Penitential Act.

**Priest:** Brethren (brothers and sisters),  
let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred  
mysteries.

*He pauses, and then begins one of three forms of the Penitential Act:*

**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,**

*All strike their breast as 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.**

**Or.**

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**And grant us your salvation.**

**Or.**

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. **Or:** Kyrie, eleison.

**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. **Or:** Christe, eleison.

**Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to  
intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. **Or:** Kyrie, eleison.

**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

*The following is not said here if it has  
already been incorporated in the Penitential Act.*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

#### The Gloria.

*This hymn of praise is sung or said on Sundays  
outside the Season of Advent and Lent, on  
solemnities and feasts, and on other occasions of  
special importance.*

**Glorify 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.

**Collect.**

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.

Then the Priest says the Collect prayer, at the end of which the people acclaim: Amen

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

By hearing the word proclaimed in worship, the faithful again enter into the unending dialogue between God and the covenant people, a dialogue sealed in the sharing of the Eucharistic food and drink. The proclamation of the word is thus integral to the Mass and at its very centre.

**First Reading.**

At the end of the reading:

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm.**

The psalmist or cantor sings or says the Psalm, with the people making the response.

**Second Reading.**

At the end of the reading:

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel.**

All stand as the Acclamation before the Gospel is sung or said.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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

After the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Homily.**

(All sit)

**Profession of Faith.**

(All stand): This is said or sung on all Sundays of the Year and on Solemnities.

**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. On Christmas Day and on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, all kneel.

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.

Or the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and  
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

#### **The Bidding Prayers.**

Several intentions are announced.  
Join in the response after each intention.  
The priest concludes with a prayer to which the  
people answer: **Amen.**

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

For Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and  
summit of the whole Christian life. It is the vital  
centre of all that the Church is and does, because at  
its heart is the real presence of the crucified, risen  
and glorified Lord, continuing and making available  
his saving work among us.

During the Offertory Song the faithful usually  
express their participation by making an offering,  
bringing forward bread and wine for the celebration  
of the Eucharist and perhaps other gifts to relieve  
the needs of the Church and of the poor.

When he has received the bread and wine for the  
celebration, the Priest prays quietly at the altar.  
Sometimes these prayers are said aloud, in which  
case the assembly's acclamation each time is:

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, brethren,  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.  
*(All stand)*

**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.**

The Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings.  
**Amen.**

#### **EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

The Priest says or sings the Preface, at the end of  
which all acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*(All kneel)*

The Eucharistic Prayer continues. After the  
Consecration, the Priest sings or says:

The mystery of faith.

The people respond with one of the following  
acclamations:

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

**Or.**

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

**Or.**

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

The priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer with:

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever. **Amen**

#### **COMMUNION RITE**

*(All stand)*

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*The Priest continues alone:*

Deliver us, Lord . . . the coming of our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ . . . Who live and reign for ever  
and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon or Priest may add,*

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Those present share a sign of peace, for example a  
handshake.*

*The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread while the  
following is said or sung:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us,  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us,  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, grant us peace.**

*(All kneel)*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the  
world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the  
Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

*After the Priest has reverently consumed the Body  
and Blood of Christ the communicants come  
forward in reverent procession, and make a  
preparatory act of reverence by bowing their head  
in honour of Christ's presence in the Sacrament.*

*The Priest says:*

The Body of Christ.

*The communicant replies: Amen and receives  
communion.*

*When Communion is ministered under both kinds  
the minister of the chalice raises it slightly and  
shows it to each of the communicants, saying:  
The Blood of Christ.*

*The communicant replies: Amen. and receives  
from the chalice.*

### **Prayer After Communion**

#### **CONCLUDING RITES**

The brief Concluding Rite sends the people forth to  
put into effect in their daily lives the Mystery of  
Christ's Death and Resurrection and the unity in  
Christ which they have celebrated. Their mission is  
to witness to Christ in the world and to bring the  
Gospel to the poor.

*If there are any brief announcements, they are  
made at this time.*

#### **Blessing**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

*The Priest may use a Prayer over the People or a  
Solemn Blessing. He concludes:*

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Or:**

And may the blessing of Almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you forever.

**Amen.**

#### **Dismissal**

*The Priest or Deacon may say :*

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**Or:**

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**Or:**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**Or:**

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

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