

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon *(Cf. Is 48:20)*

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

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

Amen.

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

And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

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

A brief pause for silence follows.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, ... **Amen.**

Gloria

**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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *(Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to
meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But
Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a
man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now
come to realise,' he said, 'is that God does not have
favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who
fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came
down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had
accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of
the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans
too, since they could hear them speaking strange
languages and proclaiming the greatness of God.
Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the
water of baptism to these people, now they have
received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He
then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name
of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay
on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 97:1-4)

**℟. The Lord has shown his salvation to the
nations.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **℟.**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **℟.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **℟.**

SECOND READING

(1 Jn 4:7-10)

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My dear people, let us love one another since love
comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten
by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can
never have known God, because God is love. God's
love for us was revealed when God sent into the world
his only Son so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's
love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice
that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Jn 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my
word,**

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and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Jn 15:9-17)

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

 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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. 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.

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

(Jn 14:15-16)

If you love me, keep my commandments,

says the Lord,

and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.