

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will
hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

In the name of the Father, ... **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **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

(Is 55:6-9)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,

the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity
on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who
speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above the earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18)

R The Lord is close to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R**

SECOND READING (Phil 1:20-24, 27)

A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Philippians.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my
life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ,
but then death would bring me something more; but
then again, if living in this body means doing work
which is having good results – I do not know what I
should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want
to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very
much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body
is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Lk 19:38; 2:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessings on the King who comes, in the name
of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest heavens!**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Mt 20:1-16)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.



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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us," they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last," they said, "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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

(Ps 118:4-5)

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.