

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Ps 16:6.8)

To you I call; for you will surely heed me,
O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow
of your wings protect me.

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.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into
the peace of God's kingdom:

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

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us
in holiness:

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

You will come in glory with salvation for
your people:

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

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

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 45:1.4-6)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the
setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 95:1.3-5.7-10)

R Give the Lord glory and power.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

SECOND READING

(1 Thess 1:1-5)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Thessalonians.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank
God for you all, and constantly remember before
God our Father how you have shown your faith in
action, worked for love and persevered through
hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you
have been chosen, because when we brought the
Good News to you, it came to you not only as words,
but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter
conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

(Mt 22:15-21)

And with your spirit.



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

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar-and to God what belongs to God.'

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.

Sanctus

It is right and just.

**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

(Cf. Ps 32: 18-19)

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.**