

# The People's Mass

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** (Wt 18:14-15)

When a profound silence covered all things  
and night was in the middle of its course,  
your all-powerful Word, O Lord,  
bounded from heaven's royal throne.

In the name of the Father, ... Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ...  
And with your spirit.

**Penitential Act**

Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

**I confess to almighty 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**

**Gloria 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** (Eccl 24:1-2. 8-12)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her  
people she glories in herself. She opens her mouth  
in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in  
herself in the presence of the Mighty One;

"Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he  
who created me fixed a place for my tent. He said,  
"Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your  
inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he  
created me, and for eternity I shall remain. I  
ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and  
thus was I established on Zion. In the beloved city  
he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my

authority. I have taken root in a privileged people, in  
the Lord's property, in his inheritance."

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 147:12-15.19-20)

**R. The Word was made flesh,  
and lived among us.**

- O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. **R.**
- He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. **R.**
- He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

**SECOND READING** (Eph 1:3-6.15-18)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.  
Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings  
of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he  
chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and  
spotless, and to live through love in his presence,  
determining that we should become his adopted  
children, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind  
purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace,  
his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about  
your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you  
show towards all the saints, have never failed to  
remember you in my prayers and to thank God for  
you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the  
Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and  
perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full  
knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your  
mind so that you can see what hope his call holds  
for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints  
will inherit.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Cf. 1 Tim 3:16)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the  
pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by  
the world.**

**Alleluia!**

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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, ...**  
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** (Cf. Jn 1:12)

**To all who would accept him,  
he gave the power to become children of God.**

**GOSPEL** (Shorter Form Between ♦ ♦) (Jn 1:1-18)  
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

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

♦ In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with  
God and the Word was God. He was with God in the  
beginning. Through him all things came to be, not  
one thing had its being but through him. All that  
came to be had life in him and that life was the light  
of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that  
darkness could not overpower. ♦

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He  
came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the  
light, so that everyone might believe through him.  
He was not the light, only a witness to speak for  
the light.

♦ The Word was the true light that enlightens all; and  
he was coming into the world. He was in the world  
that had its being through him, and the world did not  
know him. He came to his own domain and his own  
people did not accept him. But to all who did accept  
him he gave power to become children of God, to  
all who believe in the name of him who was born not  
out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man  
but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he  
lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that  
is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace  
and truth. ♦

John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is  
the one of whom I said: He who comes after me  
ranks before me because he existed before me'.

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received  
– yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the  
Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have  
come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen  
God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's  
heart, who has made him known.

♦ 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,**