

# The People's Mass

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** (Cf. Ps 32:5-6)

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

In the name of the Father, ... **Amen.**  
Grace to you and peace ... **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** (Acts 13:14.43-52)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their

talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this, and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 99:1-3.5)

**R** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

*or*

**Alleluia!**

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R**

**SECOND READING** (Apoc 7:9.14-17)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the

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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, 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.**

*As the priest breaks the consecrated Host the following is sung or said:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins ...**

*Showing the Host to the people, the priest says:*

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**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Jn 10:14)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.**

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** (Jn 10:27-30)

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

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

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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