

# The People's Mass

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

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.*

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. **Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

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You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. **Or: Christe, eleison.**

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

Lord, have mercy. **Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

Lord, have mercy. **Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **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

(Prov 8:22-31)

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,

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

(Gal 4:6)

**Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.**

before the oldest of his works.

From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the children of men.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 8:4-9)

**R How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!**

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him? **R**
2. Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet. **R**
3. All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters. **R**

### SECOND READING

(Rm 5:1-5)

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

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings.

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These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Cf. Rev 1:8)

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

(Jn 16:12-15)

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 to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

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**

