

# The People's Mass

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Rv 21:2*

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:

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

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

**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

*Ezk 47:1-2.8-9.12*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple,  
where a stream came out from under the Temple  
threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple  
faced east. The water flowed from under the right side  
of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by  
the north gate and led me right round outside as far  
as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on  
the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding  
his measuring line and measured off a thousand  
cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the  
water reached my ankles. He measured off another

thousand and made me wade across the stream  
again; the water reached my knees. He measured off  
another thousand and made me wade across again;  
the water reached my waist. He measured off another  
thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross;  
the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a  
river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see,  
son of man?' He took me further, then brought me  
back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there  
were many trees on each bank of the river. He said,  
'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the  
sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters  
wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living  
creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very  
plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health,  
and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the  
river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree  
with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails;  
they will bear new fruit every month, because this  
water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be  
good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 45:2-3.5-6.8-9*

**℟ The waters of a river give joy to God's city,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

1. God is for us a refuge and strength,  
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:  
so we shall not fear though the earth  
should rock,  
though the mountains fall into the depths  
of the sea. **℟**
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within, it cannot be shaken;  
God will help it at the dawning of the day. **℟**
3. The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
Come, consider the works of the Lord  
the redoubtable deeds he has done  
on the earth. **℟**

### SECOND READING

*1 Cor 3:9-11.16-17*

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

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me,  
I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations,  
on which someone else is doing the building.  
Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For  
the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the  
one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

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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 that you should enter under  
my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall  
be healed.**

### Communion Antiphon

*(Cf. 1 Pt 2:5)*

**Be built up like living stones,  
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.**

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and  
that the Spirit of God was living among you? If  
anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will  
destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred;  
and you are that temple.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*2 Ch 7:16*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I have chosen and consecrated this house, says  
the Lord, for my name to be there for ever.**

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

*Jn 2:13-22*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**



A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to  
Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling  
cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money  
changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip  
out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple,  
cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money  
changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said  
to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and  
stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then  
his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal  
for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened  
and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what  
you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this  
sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The  
Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this  
sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?'  
But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his  
body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his  
disciples remembered that he had said this, and they  
believed the scripture and the words he had said.'

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.*