

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

The priest gives praise to God and all acclaim:

**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.

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mystery of faith:*

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

or

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

or

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.

The Communion Rite

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us...

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.**

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

**Like the deer that yearns for running
streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living
God.**

or

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in
darkness,
but will have the light of life.**

Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly
Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's
great gifts
that we may merit an eternal share in his
life... **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

At the end of Mass the people respond:
Thanks be to God.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgement
is right;
treat your servant in accord with your
merciful love.**

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the priest
says:*

Priest In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

*The priest greets the people in one of
these ways:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And with your spirit.

or

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Penitential Act

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now made:*

**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,**

(all strike their breast and 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.**

or

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

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Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie, eleison.
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After the absolution all respond: Amen.

The 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 Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance... **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.

Say to all faint hearts,
"Courage! Do not be afraid.

"Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 145

R. My soul, give praise to the Lord.

or

Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down,
the Lord, who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James.

God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, "Come this way to the best seats"; then you tell the poor man, "Stand over there" or "You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest." Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs of the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.**

Alleluia!

or

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.
Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of

Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, "Ephphatha", that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. "He has done all things well," they said, "he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

The Profession of Faith

**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,
(all bow during the next three lines)
**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 bidding prayers now follow:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the people acclaim each time:

Blessed be God for ever.

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.**

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart... **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

The priest gives praise to God and all acclaim:

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that you should enter under my roof,
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and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

**How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the
shadow of your wings.**

or

**The chalice of blessing that we bless
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;
and the bread that we break
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.**

Prayer after Communion

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord,
we pray,
take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its effects, and not our own desires,
may always prevail in us...
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

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*At the end of Mass the people respond:
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Entrance Antiphon

**Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.**

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**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 Collect

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart...
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I offered my back to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start
proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 114

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

or

Alleluia!

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **R.**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **R.**

Second Reading James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James.

If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty," without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: "You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

or

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord,
through whom the world is crucified to me,
and I to the world.**

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" And they told him. "John the Baptist," they said, "others Elijah; others again, one of

the prophets." "But you," he asked, "who do you say I am?" Peter spoke up and said to him, "You are the Christ." And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, "Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's."

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

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**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

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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,**

(all bow during the next three lines)

**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,
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**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 bidding prayers now follow:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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*If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the
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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.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,
and in your kindness accept these, your
servants' offerings,
that what each has offered to the honour of
your name
may serve the salvation of all...
Amen.

The 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.

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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

You have laid down your precepts to be
carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your
statutes.

or

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your
redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our life...
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
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Amen.

At the end of Mass the people respond:
Thanks be to God.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the
Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for
ever.

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and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

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and the love of God,
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through my fault, through my fault, through
my most grievous fault;

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all the Angels and Saints,
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Have mercy on us, O Lord.

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Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
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**Glorify to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

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we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

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you take away the sins of the world,
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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 Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of
your sacred Law
upon love of you and of our neighbour,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life...
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

“Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us

and opposes our way of life,

reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,

let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part

and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his

and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms Psalm 53

R. The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R.**
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

Second Reading James 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James.

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is

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Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

or

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Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, “The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you

arguing about on the road?” They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, “If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.” He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, “Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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The Homily

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Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries... **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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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.

The priest gives praise to God and all acclaim:

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.

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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
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or

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer:
Amen.

The Communion Rite

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against
us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us...

For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.
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the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.

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

Remember your word to your servant,
O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

or

By this we came to know the love of God:
that Christ laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for one
another.

Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death...
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

At the end of Mass the people respond:
Thanks be to God.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty
of your mercy.

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the priest
says:*

Priest In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

*The priest greets the people in one of these
ways:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
And with your spirit.

or

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And with your spirit.

or

The Lord be with you.
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Penitential Act

*One of the following acts of penance is now
made:*

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,

(all strike their breast and 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.

or

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

or

Lord, have mercy. or Kyrie, eleison.
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After the absolution all respond:
Amen.

The 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,
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you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
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Father,
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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 Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven...
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Numbers 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers.

Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, "Look," he said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, "My Lord Moses, stop them!" Moses answered him, "Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!"

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Psalms Psalm 18

R. The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

3. So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **R.**

Second Reading James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James.

Your wealth is all rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

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Gospel Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

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John said to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in

your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him." But Jesus said, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

"If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

"But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out."

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