

## The Introductory Rites

*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.

All: Amen.

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

All: And with your spirit.

### Penitential Rite

Priest: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart

All: Lord, have mercy

Priest: You came to call sinners

All: Christ, have mercy

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

All: Lord, have mercy

### The Collect

All respond to the prayer: Amen.

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## The Liturgy of the Word

First reading

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A reading from the book of Corinthians

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

Please join in the response to the psalm:

*The Lord has prepared a banquet for me (x2)*

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,

He has blessed the children within you.

All respond: The Lord has prepared a banquet for me

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.

All respond: The Lord has prepared a banquet for me

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.  
All respond: The Lord has prepared a banquet for me

Gospel Acclamation *stand*

Please stand to greet the Gospel

Alleluia, Alleluia

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (14:15-21)

All: Glory to you, O Lord. *We make a sign of the cross on our foreheads, lips and hearts.*

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily *sit*

The Profession of Faith (Apostles' Creed) *stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus

Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, *bow*

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

died and was buried; he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and is

seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy

catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection

of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response – Lord graciously hear us

*After the concluding prayer all say: Amen*

*sit*

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## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Procession is the moment when we bring the gifts forward to the altar.

### Hymn

*Stand as the priest says:*

Priest: Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept this 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

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Priest continues praying.

After the priest says: As they praise you and say

All: 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.

*kneel*

Priest: Blessed be Jesus, whom you sent to be the friend of children and of the poor.

He came to show us how we can love you, Father, by loving one another. He came to take away sin, which keeps us from being friends, and hate, which makes us all unhappy.

He promised to send the Holy Spirit, to be with us always so that we can live as your children.

God our Father, we now ask you to send your Holy Spirit to change these gifts of bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The night before he died, Jesus your Son showed us how much you love us. When he was at supper with his disciples, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. Then he broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it:

For this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup that was filled with wine. He thanked you, gave it to his friends, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:

this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Then he said to them: do this in memory of me.

The mystery of faith

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

Priest: And so, loving Father, we remember that Jesus died and rose again to save the world. He put himself into our hands to be the sacrifice we offer you.

Lord our God listen to our prayer. Send the Holy Spirit to all of us who share in this meal. May this Spirit bring us closer together in the family of the Church, Francis our Pope, and Alan, our bishop, and all who serve your people.

Remember, Father, our families and friends, and all those we do not love as we should. Remember those who have died. Bring them home to you to be with you forever.

Gather us all together into your kingdom. There we shall be happy forever with the Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our mother.

Through him and with him, and in him, O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

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## The Communion Rite

*Stand*

All:

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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles,  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*And all offer one another a sign, in keeping with local customs, that expresses peace, communion,  
and charity.*

All:

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.

*kneel*

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion will be distributed to each First Holy Communicant and their immediate family first. After that all extended family and guests may go up. Those who are not in full communion with the Catholic Church are always invited to come forward for a blessing. When approaching the priest or minister please cross your arms in front of your chest to denote your wish to receive a blessing.

The children are invited to offer a prayer quietly after Communion:

Lord Jesus, I love and adore You.

You are a special friend to me.

Thank You for coming to me.

Thank You, Lord Jesus,

For giving Yourself to me.

Make me strong to show Your love,

Wherever I may be.

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## The Concluding Rites

*stand*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Recessional Hymn**

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