

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Eucharistic Prayer, the centre and summit of the entire celebration is a memorial proclamation of praise and thanksgiving for God's work of salvation, a proclamation in which the Body and Blood of Christ are made present by the power of the Holy Spirit and the people are joined to Christ in offering his Sacrifice to the Father.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right and just.

The Sanctus

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.

All kneel.

The Mystery of Faith

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: 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.

The Doxology and Great Amen

Priest: 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.

People: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The eating and drinking together of the Lord's Body and Blood in a Paschal meal is the culmination of the Eucharist. The themes underlying these rites are the mutual love and reconciliation that are both the condition and the fruit of worthy communion and the unity of the many in the One.

The Lord's Prayer

All stand.

Priest: At the Saviour's command...

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...

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

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ... for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The Sign of Peace

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

People: And with your spirit.

Then the Deacon, or the Priest, adds:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

And all offer one another the customary sign of peace: a handclasp or handshake, which is an expression of peace, communion, and charity.

Breaking of the Bread

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.

Invitation to Communion

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

*The communicants come forward in reverent procession
They stand to receive Holy Communion.
The Priest raises the host slightly and shows it to
each of the communicants, saying:*

Priest: The Body of Christ.

People: Amen.

Priest: The Blood of Christ.

People: Amen.



THE CONCLUDING RITES

The people are sent forth to put into effect in their daily lives the Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection and the unity in Christ which they have celebrated. Their mission is to witness to Christ in the world and to bring the Gospel to the poor.

The Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

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

People: Amen.

The Dismissal

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Or: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Or: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.



THE INTRODUCTORY RITES



The Introductory Rites help the faithful come together as one, establish communion and prepare themselves properly to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

All stand. The Priest approaches the altar with the ministers and venerates it while the Entrance Song is sung.

Sign of the Cross

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.

Greeting

Then the Priest greets the people:

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

Or: Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

1ST FORM (Confiteor)

All: 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,

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.



Penitential Act / 2ND FORM

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
People: For we have sinned against you.
Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
People: And grant us your salvation.

Penitential Act / 3RD FORM

Priest: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
 Lord, have mercy. **Or:** *Kyrie, eleison.*
People: Lord, have mercy. **Or:** *Kyrie, eleison.*
Priest: You came to call sinners:
 Christ, have mercy. **Or:** *Christe, eleison.*
People: Christ, have mercy. **Or:** *Christe, eleison.*
Priest: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to
 intercede for us:
 Lord, have mercy. **Or:** *Kyrie, eleison.*
People: Lord, have mercy. **Or:** *Kyrie, eleison.*

The Absolution

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
 forgive us our sins,
 and bring us to everlasting life.
People: Amen.

Kyrie

Priest: Lord, have mercy. **Or:** *Kyrie, eleison.*
People: Lord, have mercy. **Or:** *Kyrie, eleison.*
Priest: Christ, have mercy. **Or:** *Christe, eleison.*
People: Christ, have mercy. **Or:** *Christe, eleison.*
Priest: Lord, have mercy. **Or:** *Kyrie, eleison.*
People: Lord, have mercy. **Or:** *Kyrie, eleison.*

Gloria

All: 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

By hearing the word proclaimed in worship, the faithful again enter into the unending dialogue between God and the covenant people, a dialogue sealed in the sharing of the Eucharistic food and drink. The proclamation of the word is thus integral to the Mass and at its very centre.

First Reading

To indicate the end of these readings, the reader acclaim:

Reader: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

The psalmist or cantor sings or says the Psalm.

Second Reading

If there is a second reading, the same response is used as above.

Gospel

The assembly stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation.

Minister: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
Minister: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

All sit for the Homily. After the homily the congregation stands.

Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

All: 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 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 Apostle's Creed

All: I believe in God,
 the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

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

The Prayer of the Faithful

Minister: We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Or:

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

The Priest says the concluding prayer, after which the people reply:

People: Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

For Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. It is the vital centre of all that the Church is and does, because at its heart is the real presence of the crucified, risen and glorified Lord, continuing and making available his saving work among us.

The Priest offers a prayer of blessing quietly at the altar. Sometimes these prayers are said aloud. If the priest says the prayers aloud the assembly's acclamation each time is:

Blessed be God for ever.

Orate Fratres

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
 that my sacrifice and yours
 may be acceptable to God,
 the almighty Father.

People: 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.

The Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings, then the people acclaim:

People: Amen.