

THE ORDER OF MASS



At the Eucharist, the Church comes together to hear the Word of the Lord, to pray for the world's needs, to offer the sacrifice of the Cross in praise and thanks to God, to receive Christ Jesus in Communion, and then to be sent forth in the Spirit as disciples of the Gospel. Through the experience of these sacred mysteries in the liturgy, the "summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed," the people of God are renewed and given new strength to live out the Christian faith daily (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 10). In the Order of Mass, song numbers given in *Today's Missal* match their accompaniment numbers in the accompaniment books.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

As the Church gathers, "the faithful, who come together as one, establish communion and dispose themselves properly to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily" (GIRM, no. 46).

ENTRANCE CHANT

STAND

Entrance antiphons may be found below. A processional chant or hymn may be sung.

NOVEMBER 27 • *First Sunday of Advent*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted;
let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame. *cf. Psalm 25 (24):1–3*

DECEMBER 4 • *Second Sunday of Advent*

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart. *cf. Isaiah 30:19, 30*

DECEMBER 8 • *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
(Patronal Feastday of the United States of America)

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped
me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels. *Isaiah 61:10*

DECEMBER 11 • *Third Sunday of Advent*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4–5

DECEMBER 12 • *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
Revelation 12:1

DECEMBER 18 • *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior. *cf. Isaiah 45:8*

DECEMBER 24 • *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): At the Vigil Mass*

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us,
and in the morning you will see his glory. *cf. Exodus 16:6–7*

DECEMBER 25 • *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): At the Mass during the Night*

The Lord said to me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day. *Psalm 2:7*

Or

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has been born in the world.
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

DECEMBER 25 • *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): At the Mass at Dawn*

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;
and he will be called Wondrous God,
Prince of peace, Father of future ages;
and his reign will be without end. *cf. Isaiah 9:1, 5; Luke 1:33*

DECEMBER 25 • *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): At the Mass during the Day*

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel. *cf. Isaiah 9:5*

JANUARY 1 • *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King
who rules heaven and earth for ever.

Or

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;
and he will be called Wondrous God,
Prince of peace, Father of future ages:
and his reign will be without end.

cf. Isaiah 9:1, 5; Luke 1:33

JANUARY 7 • *The Epiphany of the Lord: At the Vigil Mass*

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East
and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

cf. Baruch 5:5

JANUARY 8 • *The Epiphany of the Lord: At the Mass during the Day*

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp,
and power and dominion.

cf. Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 29:12

JANUARY 15 • *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Psalms 66 (65):4

JANUARY 22 • *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendor,
strength and honor in his holy place.

cf. Psalm 96 (95):1, 6

JANUARY 29 • *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

Psalms 106 (105):47

FEBRUARY 5 • *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Psalms 95 (94):6–7

FEBRUARY 12 • *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

cf. Psalm 31 (30):3–4

FEBRUARY 19 • *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.

My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Psalm 13 (12):6

FEBRUARY 22 • *Ash Wednesday*

You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that you have made.

You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance,

and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.

Wisdom 11:24, 25, 27

FEBRUARY 26 • *First Sunday of Lent*

When he calls on me, I will answer him;

I will deliver him and give him glory,

I will grant him length of days.

cf. Psalm 91 (90):15–16

MARCH 5 • *Second Sunday of Lent*

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord,
that I seek; hide not your face from me.

cf. Psalm 27 (26):8–9

Or

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love,
for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us.

Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

cf. Psalm 25 (24):6, 2, 22

MARCH 12 • *Third Sunday of Lent*

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.

Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

cf. Psalm 25 (24):15–16

Or

When I prove my holiness among you,

I will gather you from all the foreign lands;

and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your

impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord. *cf. Ezekiel 36:23–26*

MARCH 19 • *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning;

exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

cf. Isaiah 66:10–11

MARCH 26 • *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,

for you, O God, are my strength.

cf. Psalm 43 (42):1–2

GREETING

After the Entrance Chant, all make the Sign of the Cross.

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



A - men.

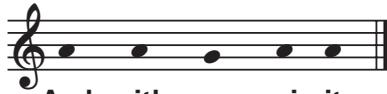
Any of the three forms of Greeting may be used.

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.

Or *(A Bishop says, "Peace be with you.")*



And with your spir-it.

RITE FOR THE BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

From time to time on Sundays, there may be a blessing and sprinkling of holy water to recall Baptism. This replaces the Penitential Act below. For music during the sprinkling, see Music Issue #653, 658, 944, 945. Continue with the "Gloria," page 10 or 11, except on Sundays of Advent, Ash Wednesday and Sundays of Lent.

PENITENTIAL ACT *(Omit on Ash Wednesday)*

The celebration of God's mercy takes one of the following forms:

1

**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,
(Strike breast) 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.**

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



A - men.

Continue with the "Lord, Have Mercy/Kyrie, Eleison," page 9.

Or
2

Have mercy on us, O Lord.



For we have sinned a - gainst you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.



And grant us your sal - va - tion.

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



A - men.

Continue with the "Lord, Have Mercy/Kyrie, Eleison," page 9.

Or
3

Invocation...

Priest/Deacon/Other Minister;
All respond



Lord, have mer - cy.

Or

Priest/Deacon/Other Minister;
All respond



Kýrie, e - lé - i - son.

Invocation...

Priest/Deacon/Other Minister;
All respond



Christ, have mer - cy.

Or

Priest/Deacon/Other Minister;
All respond



Christe, e - lé - i - son.

Invocation...

Priest/Deacon/Other Minister;
All respond

Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest/Deacon/Other Minister;
All respond

Or **Kýrie, e - lé - i - son.**

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

A - men.

Continue with the "Gloria," page 10 or 11, except on Sundays of Advent, Ash Wednesday and Sundays of Lent.

LORD, HAVE MERCY / KYRIE, ELEISON

4

Priest/Deacon/Other Minister All respond Priest/Deacon/Other Minister

Lord, have mer - cy. **Lord, have mer - cy.** Christ, have mer - cy.

All respond Priest/Deacon/Other Minister All respond

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Or

5

Priest/Deacon/Other Minister All respond Priest/Deacon/Other Minister

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. **Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.** Chris - te, e - lé - i - son.

All respond Priest/Deacon/Other Minister All respond

Chris - te, e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. **Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.**

Or

All respond

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

Or

**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.**

COLLECT

Let us pray.

After a period of silence, the Priest says the Collect, and all respond:

NOVEMBER 27

First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the
 heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
 of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. *(Please turn to page 16)*

DECEMBER 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
 of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. *(Please turn to page 20)*

DECEMBER 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America)

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen. *(Please turn to page 22)*

DECEMBER 11

Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen. *(Please turn to page 25)*

DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

O God, Father of mercies, who placed your people under the singular protection of your Son's most holy Mother, grant that all who invoke the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe, may seek with ever more lively faith the progress of peoples in the ways of justice and of peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen. *(Please turn to page 27)*

DECEMBER 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen. *(Please turn to page 29)*

DECEMBER 24

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):
At the Vigil Mass*

O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen. *(Please turn to page 31)*

DECEMBER 25

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):
At the Mass during the Night*

O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendor of the true light, grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen. *(Please turn to page 34)*

DECEMBER 25

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):
At the Mass at Dawn*

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, as we are bathed in the new radiance
of your incarnate Word,
the light of faith, which illumines our minds,
may also shine through in our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Please turn to page 37)

DECEMBER 25

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):
At the Mass during the Day*

O God, who wonderfully created the
dignity of human nature
and still more wonderfully restored it,
grant, we pray,
that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in
our humanity.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Please turn to page 38)

JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of
Blessed Mary
bestowed on the human race
the grace of eternal salvation,
grant, we pray,
that we may experience the intercession
of her,
through whom we were found worthy
to receive the author of life,
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Please turn to page 41)

JANUARY 7

The Epiphany of the Lord: At the Vigil Mass

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord,
we pray,
shed its light upon our hearts,
that we may pass through the shadows of
this world
and reach the brightness of our
eternal home.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Please turn to page 43)

JANUARY 8

*The Epiphany of the Lord:
At the Mass during the Day*

O God, who on this day
revealed your Only Begotten Son to
the nations
by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy
that we, who know you already by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty of
your sublime glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Please turn to page 43)

JANUARY 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Please turn to page 45)

JANUARY 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your
good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Please turn to page 47)

JANUARY 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Please turn to page 49)

FEBRUARY 5

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Keep your family safe, O Lord,
with unfailing care,
that, relying solely on the hope of
heavenly grace,
they may be defended always by
your protection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Please turn to page 51)

FEBRUARY 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by
your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Please turn to page 53)

FEBRUARY 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, always pondering spiritual things,
we may carry out in both word and deed
that which is pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Please turn to page 56)

FEBRUARY 22

Ash Wednesday

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with
holy fasting
this campaign of Christian service,
so that, as we take up battle against
spiritual evils,
we may be armed with weapons of
self-restraint.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Please turn to page 58)

FEBRUARY 26

First Sunday of Lent

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. *(Please turn to page 62)*

MARCH 5

Second Sunday of Lent

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. *(Please turn to page 65)*

MARCH 12

Third Sunday of Lent

O God, author of every mercy and of
all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of
our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by
our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. *(Please turn to page 67)*

MARCH 19

Fourth Sunday of Lent

O God, who through your Word
reconcile the human race to yourself in a
wonderful way,
grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. *(Please turn to page 70)*

MARCH 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen. *(Please turn to page 74)*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

– JANUARY 8, 2023 –

The readings for the Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord are the same as those for Mass during the Day.

FIRST READING

SIT
Isaiah 60:1–6 (20ABC)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!

Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines
upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.

Nations shall walk by your light,
and kings by your shining radiance.

Raise your eyes and look about;
they all gather and come to you:
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters in the arms
of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant

at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for the riches of the sea shall be
emptied out before you,
the wealth of nations shall be
brought to you.

Caravans of camels shall fill you,
dromedaries from Midian
and Ephah;

all from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises
of the LORD.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13



℟. Lord, ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you.

Music: Owen Alstott, © 1977, 1990, OCP (R&A p. 26)

- ▶ O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment. **℟.**
- ▶ Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth. **℟.**
- ▶ The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him. **℟.**

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

- ▶ For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save. **R.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other

generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

STAND

Matthew 2:2

R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Owen Alstott, © 1977, 1990, OCP (R&A p. 27)

(Omit if not sung)

- ▶ We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage. **R.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1–12

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it

has been written through the prophet:
*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among
the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my
people Israel."*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too

The Priest or Deacon preaches the good news of Christ's saving mystery.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

STAND

On Sundays and solemnities, all sing or say the Nicene Creed (for music, see #948 in the Music Issue):

**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.**

Instead of the Nicene (Niceno-Constantinopolitan) Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used.

STAND

**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.

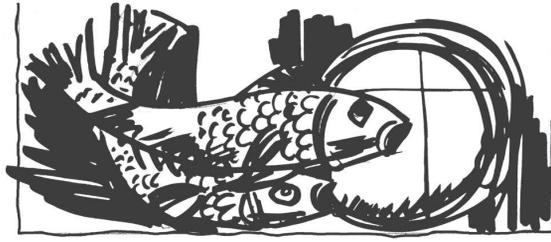
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he 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.**

UNIVERSAL PRAYER *(Prayer of the Faithful)*

As a priestly people, we unite with one another to pray for today's needs in the Church and the world. The Deacon, cantor or other minister offers the petitions, and then says or sings:

Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Christians are baptized into the paschal mystery of Christ's death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sin and fullness of salvation. This mystery is celebrated at every Mass, remembering Christ's loving deed and giving thanks and praise to God. By this action the "Sacrifice of the Cross is continuously made present in the Church" (GIRM, no. 72).

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

SIT

Gifts are collected for the poor and for the Church. Bread and wine are brought to the altar table, and everything is prepared for the celebration. If no chant is sung, the Priest may pray aloud, and all may respond:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

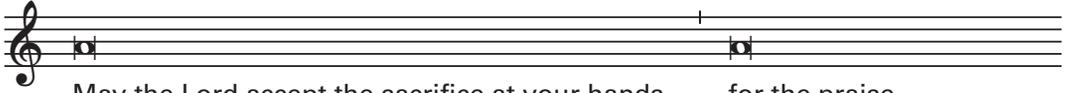
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

STAND

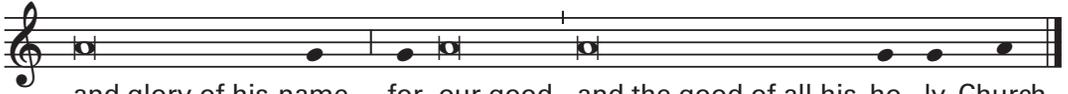
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Or

7



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 ho - ly Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

The Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings; following this, the people respond:

Amen.

NOVEMBER 27

First Sunday of Advent

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings
we make,
gathered from among your gifts to us,
and may what you grant us to celebrate
devoutly here below
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

and grant that, as we profess her,
on account of your prevenient grace,
to be untouched by any stain of sin,
so, through her intercession,
we may be delivered from all our faults.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DECEMBER 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble
prayers and offerings,
and, since we have no merits to plead
our cause,
come, we pray, to our rescue
with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord,
we pray,
be offered to you unceasingly,
to complete what was begun in
sacred mystery
and powerfully accomplish for us your
saving work.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DECEMBER 8

*The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feastday
of the United States of America)*

Graciously accept the saving sacrifice
which we offer you, O Lord,
on the Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we present to you
on this feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
and grant that this sacrifice
may strengthen us to fulfill
your commandments
as true children of the Virgin Mary.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DECEMBER 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,
just as he filled with his power the womb of
the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DECEMBER 24

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):
At the Vigil Mass*

As we look forward, O Lord,
to the coming festivities,
may we serve you all the more eagerly
for knowing that in them
you make manifest the beginnings of
our redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DECEMBER 25

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):
At the Mass during the Night*

May the oblation of this day's feast
be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray,
that through this most holy exchange
we may be found in the likeness of Christ,
in whom our nature is united to you.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

DECEMBER 25

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):
At the Mass at Dawn*

May our offerings be worthy, we pray,
O Lord,
of the mysteries of the Nativity this day,
that, just as Christ was born a man and also
shone forth as God,
so these earthly gifts may confer on us
what is divine.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DECEMBER 25

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):
At the Mass during the Day*

Make acceptable, O Lord, our oblation on
this solemn day,
when you manifested the reconciliation
that makes us wholly pleasing in your sight
and inaugurated for us the fullness of
divine worship.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

O God, who in your kindness begin all
good things
and bring them to fulfillment,
grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity
of the holy Mother of God,
that, just as we glory in the beginnings of
your grace,
so one day we may rejoice in its completion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

JANUARY 7

The Epiphany of the Lord: At the Vigil Mass

Accept we pray, O Lord, our offerings,
in honor of the appearing of your Only
Begotten Son

and the first fruits of the nations,
that to you praise may be rendered
and eternal salvation be ours.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

JANUARY 8

*The Epiphany of the Lord:
At the Mass during the Day*

Look with favor, Lord, we pray,
on these gifts of your Church,
in which are offered now not gold or
frankincense or myrrh,
but he who by them is proclaimed,
sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

JANUARY 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in
these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice
is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

JANUARY 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,
and in sanctifying them
grant that they may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

JANUARY 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O Lord, we bring to your altar
these offerings of our service:
be pleased to receive them, we pray,
and transform them
into the Sacrament of our redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FEBRUARY 5

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O Lord our God,
who once established these created things
to sustain us in our frailty,
grant, we pray,
that they may become for us now
the Sacrament of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FEBRUARY 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse and renew us
and may it become for those who do
your will

the source of eternal reward.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FEBRUARY 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord,
with the observance that is your due,
we humbly ask you,
that what we offer to the honor of your majesty
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FEBRUARY 22

Ash Wednesday

As we solemnly offer
the annual sacrifice for the beginning of Lent,
we entreat you, O Lord,
that, through works of penance and charity,
we may turn away from harmful pleasures
and, cleansed from our sins, may
become worthy
to celebrate devoutly the Passion of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

FEBRUARY 26

First Sunday of Lent

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord,
we pray,
to make these offerings,
for with them we celebrate the beginning
of this venerable and sacred time.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MARCH 5

Second Sunday of Lent

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

And so, with the Angels and all the Saints
we declare your glory,

as with one voice we acclaim:

(Please turn to page 85)

Always used with Eucharistic Prayer IV:

It is truly right to give you thanks,
truly just to give you glory, Father most holy,
for you are the one God living and true,
existing before all ages and abiding for
all eternity,
dwelling in unapproachable light;
yet you, who alone are good,
the source of life,
have made all that is,
so that you might fill your creatures
with blessings
and bring joy to many of them by

the glory of your light.
And so, in your presence are countless hosts
of Angels,
who serve you day and night
and, gazing upon the glory of your face,
glorify you without ceasing.
With them we, too, confess your name
in exultation,
giving voice to every creature under heaven,
as we acclaim:

(Please turn to page 85)

Usually used with Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I:

It is truly right and just
that we should always give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For you do not cease to spur us on
to possess a more abundant life
and, being rich in mercy,
you constantly offer pardon
and call on sinners
to trust in your forgiveness alone.
Never did you turn away from us,
and, though time and again we have broken
your covenant,
you have bound the human family to yourself
through Jesus your Son, our Redeemer,
with a new bond of love so tight
that it can never be undone.

Even now you set before your people
a time of grace and reconciliation,
and, as they turn back to you in spirit,
you grant them hope in Christ Jesus
and a desire to be of service to all,
while they entrust themselves
more fully to the Holy Spirit.
And so, filled with wonder,
we extol the power of your love,
and, proclaiming our joy
at the salvation that comes from you,
we join in the heavenly hymn of
countless hosts,
as without end we acclaim:

(Please turn to page 85)

Usually used with Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II:

It is truly right and just
that we should give you thanks and praise,
O God, almighty Father,
for all you do in this world,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
For though the human race
is divided by dissension and discord,
yet we know that by testing us
you change our hearts
to prepare them for reconciliation.
Even more, by your Spirit you move
human hearts

that enemies may speak to each other again,
adversaries join hands,
and peoples seek to meet together.
By the working of your power
it comes about, O Lord,
that hatred is overcome by love,
revenge gives way to forgiveness,
and discord is changed to mutual respect.
Therefore, as we give you ceaseless thanks
with the choirs of heaven,
we cry out to your majesty on earth,
and without end we acclaim:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he
 who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with one of the following:

- I (“To you, therefore, most merciful Father, ...”) — below
- II (“You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness ...”) — page 88
- III (“You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created ...”) — page 89
- IV (“We give you praise, Father most holy, ...”) — page 90
- Reconciliation I (“You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and from the world’s ...”) — page 92
- Reconciliation II (“You, therefore, almighty Father, ...”) — page 93

In addition to these Eucharistic Prayers, the Eucharistic Prayer for use in Masses For Various Needs may be used at times throughout the liturgical year.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

KNEEL

To you, therefore, most merciful Father,
 we make humble prayer and petition
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:
 that you accept
 and bless † these gifts, these offerings,
 these holy and unblemished sacrifices,
 which we offer you firstly
 for your holy catholic Church.
 Be pleased to grant her peace,
 to guard, unite and govern her
 throughout the whole world,
 together with your servant N. our Pope
 and N. our Bishop,
 and all those who, holding to the truth,
 hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants
 N. and N.
 and all gathered here,
 whose faith and devotion are known to you.

For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise
 or they offer it for themselves
 and all who are dear to them:
 for the redemption of their souls,
 in hope of health and well-being,
 and paying their homage to you,
 the eternal God, living and true.

*On the Nativity of the Lord and throughout
 the Octave:*

Celebrating the most sacred night (day)
 on which blessed Mary
 the immaculate Virgin
 brought forth the Savior for this
 world, and

On the Epiphany of the Lord:

Celebrating the most sacred day
 on which your Only Begotten Son,
 eternal with you in your glory,
 appeared in a human body,
 truly sharing our flesh, and

In communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, (James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian)

and all your Saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help. (Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family; order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen. (Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every respect; make it spiritual and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, he took bread in his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took this precious chalice in his holy and venerable hands, and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR 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.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

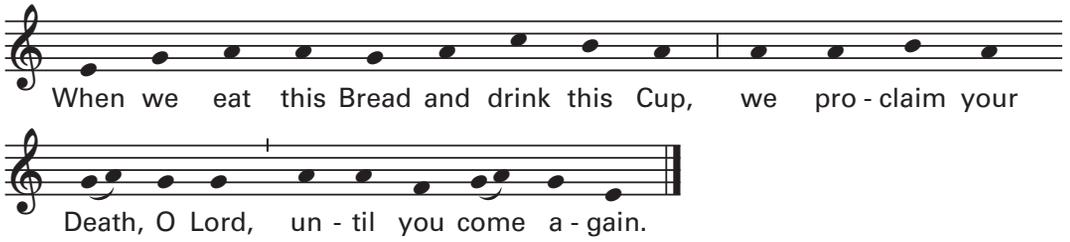
The mystery of faith.

10

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion
un-til you come a-gain.

Or

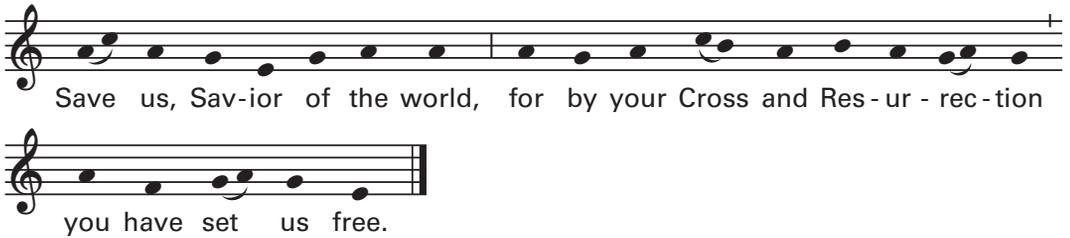
11



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your
Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

Or

12



Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur-rec-tion
you have set us free.

Therefore, O Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of the
blessed Passion,
the Resurrection from the dead,
and the glorious Ascension into heaven
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,
we, your servants and your holy people,
offer to your glorious majesty
from the gifts that you have given us,
this pure victim,
this holy victim,
this spotless victim,
the holy Bread of eternal life
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.
Be pleased to look upon these offerings
with a serene and kindly countenance,
and to accept them,
as once you were pleased to accept
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest
Melchizedek,
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.
In humble prayer we ask you,
almighty God:
command that these gifts be borne

by the hands of your holy Angel
to your altar on high
in the sight of your divine majesty,
so that all of us, who through this
participation at the altar
receive the most holy Body and Blood of
your Son,
may be filled with every grace and
heavenly blessing.
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)
Remember also, Lord, your servants
N. and N.,
who have gone before us with the sign
of faith
and rest in the sleep of peace.
Grant them, O Lord, we pray,
and all who sleep in Christ,
a place of refreshment, light and peace.
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)
To us, also, your servants, who,
though sinners,
hope in your abundant mercies,
graciously grant some share
and fellowship with your holy Apostles
and Martyrs:
with John the Baptist, Stephen,

Matthias, Barnabas,
(Ignatius, Alexander,
Marcellinus, Peter,
Felicity, Perpetua,
Agatha, Lucy,
Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia)

and all your Saints;
admit us, we beseech you,
into their company,

not weighing our merits,
but granting us your pardon,
through Christ our Lord.

Through whom
you continue to make all these good things,
O Lord;
you sanctify them, fill them with life,
bless them, and bestow them upon us.

(Please turn to page 94)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

KNEEL

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.
Make holy, therefore, these gifts,
we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like
the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body and † Blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR 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.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

(For music see page 86–87)

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

Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of his Death
and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray
that, partaking of the Body and Blood
of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the
Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with N. our Pope and
N. our Bishop
and all the clergy.

*In Masses for the Dead, the following may be
added:*

Remember your servant N.,
whom you have called (today)
from this world to yourself.
Grant that he (she) who was united with
your Son in a death like his,
may also be one with him in
his Resurrection.

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of
the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.
Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God,

with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with the blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you
throughout the ages,
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

(Please turn to page 94)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

KNEEL

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
and all you have created
rightly gives you praise,
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
by the power and working of the
Holy Spirit,
you give life to all things and
make them holy,
and you never cease to gather a people
to yourself,
so that from the rising of the sun
to its setting
a pure sacrifice may be offered to
your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:
by the same Spirit graciously make holy
these gifts we have brought to you
for consecration,
that they may become the Body
and † Blood
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate
these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed
he himself took bread,
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples,
saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice,
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR 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.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

(For music see page 86–87)

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

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate
the memorial
of the saving Passion of your Son,
his wondrous Resurrection
and Ascension into heaven,
and as we look forward to his
second coming,
we offer you in thanksgiving
this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of
your Church
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by
whose death
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,
grant that we, who are nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,
so that we may obtain an inheritance with
your elect,
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with your blessed Apostles and
glorious Martyrs
(with Saint N.: *the Saint of the day*
or Patron Saint)
and with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in
your presence
we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all
the world.

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim Church on earth,
with your servant N. our Pope and
N. our Bishop,
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,
and the entire people you have gained for
your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:
in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.

*When this Eucharistic Prayer is used in Masses
for the Dead, the following may be said:*

Remember your servant N.
whom you have called (today)

from this world to yourself.
Grant that he (she) who was united with
your Son in a death like his,
may also be one with him in
his Resurrection,
when from the earth
he will raise up in the flesh those who
have died,
and transform our lowly body
after the pattern of his own glorious body.
To our departed brothers and sisters, too,
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy for ever the
fullness of your glory,
when you will wipe away every tear from
our eyes.
For seeing you, our God, as you are,
we shall be like you for all the ages
and praise you without end,
through Christ our Lord,
through whom you bestow on the world
all that is good.

(Please turn to page 94)

To our departed brothers and sisters
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy for ever
the fullness of your glory
through Christ our Lord,
through whom you bestow on the world all
that is good.

(Please turn to page 94)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV

KNEEL

We give you praise, Father most holy,
for you are great
and you have fashioned all your works
in wisdom and in love.

You formed man in your own image
and entrusted the whole world to his care,
so that in serving you alone, the Creator,
he might have dominion over all creatures.
And when through disobedience he had lost
your friendship,

you did not abandon him to the domain
of death.

For you came in mercy to the aid of all,
so that those who seek might find you.
Time and again you offered them covenants
and through the prophets
taught them to look forward to salvation.

And you so loved the world,
Father most holy,
that in the fullness of time

you sent your Only Begotten Son
to be our Savior.
Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,
he shared our human nature
in all things but sin.
To the poor he proclaimed the good news
of salvation,
to prisoners, freedom,
and to the sorrowful of heart, joy.
To accomplish your plan,
he gave himself up to death,
and, rising from the dead,
he destroyed death and restored life.

And that we might live no longer
for ourselves
but for him who died and rose again for us,
he sent the Holy Spirit from you, Father,
as the first fruits for those who believe,
so that, bringing to perfection his work in
the world,
he might sanctify creation to the full.

Therefore, O Lord, we pray:
may this same Holy Spirit
graciously sanctify these offerings,
that they may become
the Body and † Blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ
for the celebration of this great mystery,
which he himself left us
as an eternal covenant.

For when the hour had come
for him to be glorified by you,
Father most holy,
having loved his own who were
in the world,
he loved them to the end:
and while they were at supper,
he took bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way,
taking the chalice filled with the fruit of
the vine,
he gave thanks,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR 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.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

(For music see page 86–87)

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

Therefore, O Lord,
as we now celebrate the memorial of
our redemption,
we remember Christ's Death
and his descent to the realm of the dead,
we proclaim his Resurrection
and his Ascension to your right hand,
and, as we await his coming in glory,
we offer you his Body and Blood,
the sacrifice acceptable to you
which brings salvation to the whole world.

Look, O Lord, upon the Sacrifice
which you yourself have provided
for your Church,
and grant in your loving kindness
to all who partake of this one Bread and
one Chalice
that, gathered into one body by the
Holy Spirit,
they may truly become a living sacrifice
in Christ
to the praise of your glory.

Therefore, Lord, remember now
all for whom we offer this sacrifice:
especially your servant N. our Pope,

N. our Bishop, and the whole
Order of Bishops,
all the clergy,
those who take part in this offering,
those gathered here before you,
your entire people,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

Remember also
those who have died in the peace of
your Christ
and all the dead,
whose faith you alone have known.

To all of us, your children,
grant, O merciful Father,
that we may enter into a heavenly inheritance
with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
and with your Apostles and Saints
in your kingdom.
There, with the whole of creation,
freed from the corruption of sin and death,
may we glorify you through Christ our Lord,
through whom you bestow on the world all
that is good.

(Please turn to page 94)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION I

KNEEL

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
and from the world's beginning
are ceaselessly at work,
so that the human race may become holy,
just as you yourself are holy.

Look, we pray, upon your people's offerings
and pour out on them the power
of your Spirit,
that they may become the Body and † Blood
of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
in whom we, too, are your sons and daughters.

Indeed, though we once were lost
and could not approach you,
you loved us with the greatest love:
for your Son, who alone is just,
handed himself over to death,
and did not disdain to be nailed for
our sake
to the wood of the Cross.

But before his arms were outstretched
between heaven and earth,
to become the lasting sign of your covenant,
he desired to celebrate the Passover with
his disciples.

As he ate with them,
he took bread
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to them, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
knowing that he was about to reconcile all
things in himself
through his Blood to be shed on the Cross,
he took the chalice, filled with the fruit of
the vine,
and once more giving you thanks,
handed the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR 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.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

(For music see page 86–87)

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

Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of your Son Jesus Christ,

who is our Passover and our surest peace,
we celebrate his Death and Resurrection
from the dead,
and looking forward to his blessed Coming,
we offer you, who are our faithful and
merciful God,
this sacrificial Victim
who reconciles to you the human race.
Look kindly, most compassionate Father,
on those you unite to yourself
by the Sacrifice of your Son,
and grant that, by the power of the
Holy Spirit,
as they partake of this one Bread and
one Chalice,
they may be gathered into one
Body in Christ,
who heals every division.

Be pleased to keep us always
in communion of mind and heart,
together with N. our Pope and
N. our Bishop.
Help us to work together
for the coming of your Kingdom,
until the hour when we stand before you,
Saints among the Saints in the halls
of heaven,
with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God,
the blessed Apostles and all the Saints,
and with our deceased brothers and sisters,
whom we humbly commend to your mercy.
Then, freed at last from the wound
of corruption
and made fully into a new creation,
we shall sing to you with gladness
the thanksgiving of Christ,
who lives for all eternity.

(Please turn to page 94)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION II

KNEEL

You, therefore, almighty Father,
we bless through Jesus Christ your Son,
who comes in your name.
He himself is the Word that brings salvation,
the hand you extend to sinners,
the way by which your peace is offered
to us.
When we ourselves had turned away
from you
on account of our sins,
you brought us back to be reconciled,
O Lord,
so that, converted at last to you,
we might love one another
through your Son,
whom for our sake you handed over
to death.
And now, celebrating the reconciliation
Christ has brought us,
we entreat you:
sanctify these gifts by the outpouring of
your Spirit,
that they may become the Body
and † Blood of your Son,

whose command we fulfill
when we celebrate these mysteries.

For when about to give his life to set us free,
as he reclined at supper,
he himself took bread into his hands,
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples,
saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, on that same evening,
he took the chalice of blessing in his hands,
confessing your mercy,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR 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.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

(For music see page 86–87)

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

Celebrating, therefore, the memorial
of the Death and Resurrection of your Son,
who left us this pledge of his love,
we offer you what you have bestowed
on us,
the Sacrifice of perfect reconciliation.

Holy Father, we humbly beseech you
to accept us also, together with your Son,
and in this saving banquet
graciously to endow us with his very Spirit,

who takes away everything
that estranges us from one another.

May he make your Church a sign of unity
and an instrument of your peace among
all people

and may he keep us in communion
with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop
and all the Bishops
and your entire people.

Just as you have gathered us now at the
table of your Son,

so also bring us together,
with the glorious Virgin Mary,

Mother of God,
with your blessed Apostles and all the Saints,
with our brothers and sisters
and those of every race and tongue
who have died in your friendship.

Bring us to share with them the unending
banquet of unity

in a new heaven and a new earth,
where the fullness of your peace will
shine forth

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Eucharistic Prayer culminates and concludes when the Priest sings or says:

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



A - men.

THE COMMUNION RITE

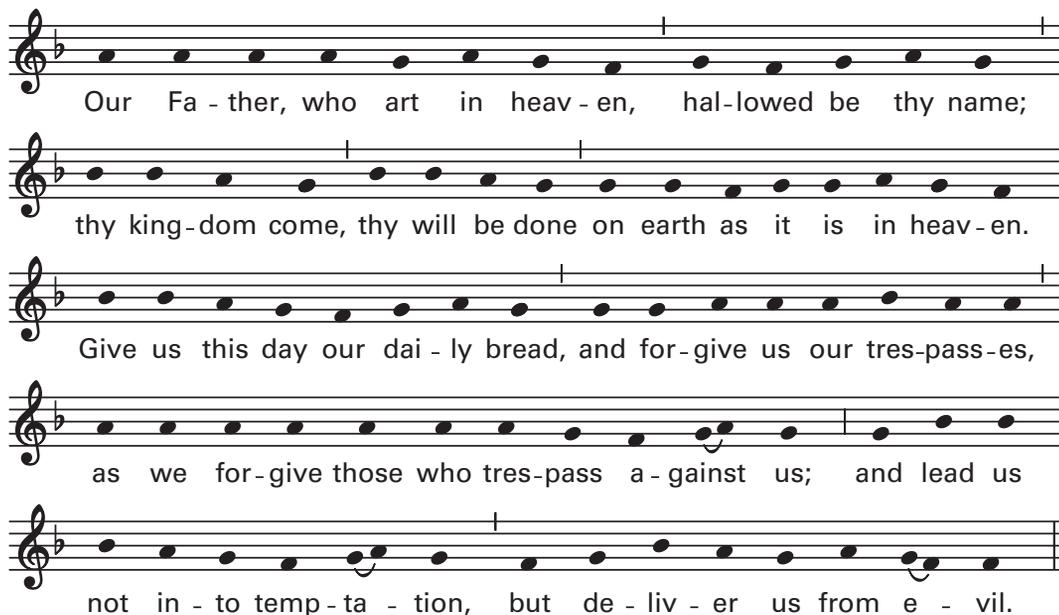
THE LORD'S PRAYER

STAND

The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer:

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

13



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

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 Savior, Jesus Christ.



For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er.

Music: Chant; adapt. by Robert J. Snow, 1926–1998.

SIGN OF PEACE

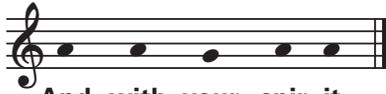
Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity

in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.



A - men.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



And with your spir-it.

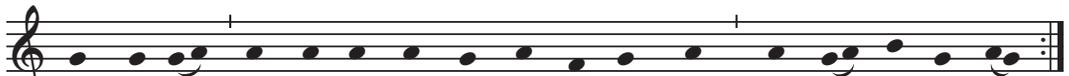
Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The people exchange a sign of peace, according to local custom.

LAMB OF GOD

During the breaking of the bread and the commingling, the following litany is sung and may be repeated several times until the fraction rite is completed, ending only the final time with "grant us peace."

14



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The faithful kneel after the "Agnus Dei" unless the Diocesan Bishop determines otherwise.

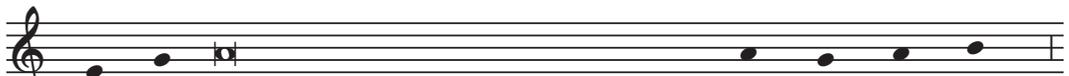
COMMUNION

KNEEL

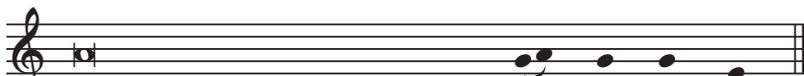
Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All respond:

15



Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter un - der my roof,



but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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

COMMUNION CHANT

*While the Priest is receiving the Sacrament, the Communion Chant or song is begun.
Communion Antiphons may be found below.*

The minister of Communion says,

STAND

“The Body of Christ” or “The Blood of Christ,”

and the communicant answers:

Amen.

NOVEMBER 27 • *First Sunday of Advent*

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Psalm 85 (84):13

DECEMBER 4 • *Second Sunday of Advent*

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

Baruch 5:5; 4:36

DECEMBER 8 • *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America)*

**Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary,
for from you arose the sun of justice,
Christ our God.**

DECEMBER 11 • *Third Sunday of Advent*

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

cf. Isaiah 35:4

DECEMBER 12 • *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

**The Lord has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.**

Luke 1:52

Or

**God has not acted thus for any other nation;
to no other people had he shown his love so clearly.**

cf. Psalm 147 (146):20

DECEMBER 18 • *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

Isaiah 7:14

DECEMBER 24 • *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): At the Vigil Mass*

The glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

cf. Isaiah 40:5

DECEMBER 25 • *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): At the Mass during the Night*

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

John 1:14

DECEMBER 25 • *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): At the Mass at Dawn*

Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem:
Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Savior of the world.

cf. Zechariah 9:9

DECEMBER 25 • *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): At the Mass during the Day*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

cf. Psalm 98 (97):3

JANUARY 1 • *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

Hebrews 13:8

JANUARY 7 • *The Epiphany of the Lord: At the Vigil Mass*

The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem,
and the nations will walk by its light.

cf. Revelation 21:23

JANUARY 8 • *The Epiphany of the Lord: At the Mass during the Day*

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

cf. Matthew 2:2

JANUARY 15 • *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

cf. Psalm 23 (22):5

Or

We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.

1 John 4:16

JANUARY 22 • *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

cf. Psalm 34 (33):6

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.

John 8:12

JANUARY 29 • Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

cf. Psalm 31 (30):17–18

Or

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

Matthew 5:3–4

FEBRUARY 5 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

cf. Psalm 107 (106):8–9

Or

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall have their fill.

Matthew 5:5–6

FEBRUARY 12 • Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

cf. Psalm 78 (77):29–30

Or

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

FEBRUARY 19 • Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Psalm 9:2–3

Or

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

John 11:27

FEBRUARY 22 • Ash Wednesday

He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night
will yield fruit in due season.

cf. Psalm 1:2–3

FEBRUARY 26 • First Sunday of Lent

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4:4*
Or

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will trust. *cf. Psalm 91 (90):4*

MARCH 5 • Second Sunday of Lent

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him. *Matthew 17:5*

MARCH 12 • Third Sunday of Lent

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give
will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life. *John 4:13–14*

MARCH 19 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God. *cf. John 9:11, 38*

MARCH 26 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord. *cf. John 11:26*

PERIOD OF SILENCE OR SONG OF PRAISE

SIT (OR KNEEL)

A period of silence may now be observed, or a psalm or song of praise may be sung.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STAND

Let us pray.

NOVEMBER 27

First Sunday of Advent

May these mysteries, O Lord,
in which we have participated,
profit us, we pray,
for even now, as we walk amid
passing things,
you teach us by them to love the things
of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

DECEMBER 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Replenished by the food of
spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the things
of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

DECEMBER 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America)

May the Sacrament we have received,
O Lord our God,
heal in us the wounds of that fault
from which in a singular way
you preserved Blessed Mary in her
Immaculate Conception.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DECEMBER 11

Third Sunday of Advent

We implore your mercy, Lord,
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us
of our faults
and prepare us for the coming feasts.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Lord God, may the Body and Blood of
your Son,
which we receive in this sacrament,
reconcile us always in your love;
and may we who rejoice in Our Lady
of Guadalupe
live united and at peace in this world
until the day of the Lord dawns in glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DECEMBER 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Having received this pledge of
eternal redemption,
we pray, almighty God,
that, as the feast day of our salvation draws
ever nearer,
so we may press forward all the more eagerly
to the worthy celebration of the mystery of
your Son's Nativity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

DECEMBER 24

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):
At the Vigil Mass*

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that we may draw new vigor
from celebrating the Nativity of your Only
Begotten Son,
by whose heavenly mystery we receive
both food and drink.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

DECEMBER 25

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):
At the Mass during the Night*

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
that we, who are gladdened
by participation
in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity,
may through an honorable way of life
become worthy of union with him.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

DECEMBER 25

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):
At the Mass at Dawn*

Grant us, Lord, as we honor with
joyful devotion
the Nativity of your Son,
that we may come to know with fullness
of faith
the hidden depths of this mystery
and to love them ever more and more.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DECEMBER 25

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):
At the Mass during the Day*

Grant, O merciful God,
that, just as the Savior of the world,
born this day,
is the author of divine generation for us,
so he may be the giver even of immortality.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

We have received this heavenly Sacrament
with joy, O Lord:

grant, we pray,
that it may lead us to eternal life,
for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed
ever-Virgin Mary

Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

JANUARY 7

The Epiphany of the Lord: At the Vigil Mass

Renewed by sacred nourishment,
we implore your mercy, O Lord,
that the star of your justice
may shine always bright in our minds
and that our true treasure may ever consist
in our confession of you.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

JANUARY 8

*The Epiphany of the Lord:
At the Mass during the Day*

Go before us with heavenly light,
O Lord,
always and everywhere,
that we may perceive with clear sight
and revere with true affection
the mystery in which you have willed us
to participate.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

JANUARY 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

JANUARY 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, receiving the grace
by which you bring us to new life,
we may always glory in your gift.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

JANUARY 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,
we pray, O Lord,
that through this help to eternal salvation
true faith may ever increase.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FEBRUARY 5

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who have willed that we
be partakers
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,
grant us, we pray, so to live
that, made one in Christ,
we may joyfully bear fruit
for the salvation of the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FEBRUARY 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FEBRUARY 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we may experience the effects of
the salvation
which is pledged to us by these mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FEBRUARY 22

Ash Wednesday

May the Sacrament we have received
sustain us, O Lord,
that our Lenten fast may be pleasing to you
and be for us a healing remedy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FEBRUARY 26

First Sunday of Lent

Renewed now with heavenly bread,
by which faith is nourished,
hope increased,
and charity strengthened,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may learn to hunger for Christ,
the true and living Bread,
and strive to live by every word
which proceeds from your mouth.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MARCH 5

Second Sunday of Lent

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things
of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MARCH 12

Third Sunday of Lent

As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being brought about in us
in mystery
may come to true completion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MARCH 19

Fourth Sunday of Lent

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes
into this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendor of your grace,
that we may always ponder
what is worthy and pleasing to
your majesty
and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MARCH 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent

We pray, almighty God,
that we may always be counted among the
members of Christ,
in whose Body and Blood we
have communion.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

GREETING

The Lord be with you.



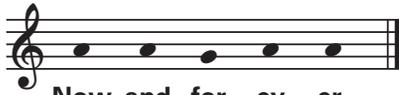
And with your spir-it.

FINAL BLESSING

In a Pontifical Mass, the celebrant says:

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All reply:

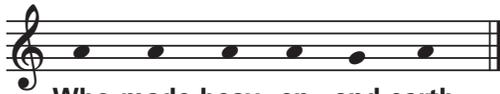


Now and for ev - er.

The celebrant says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All reply:



Who made heav - en and earth.

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



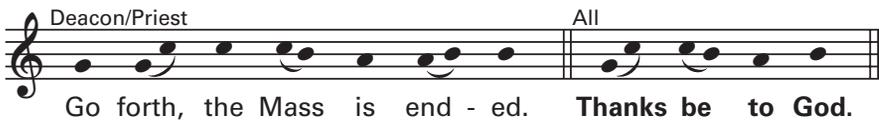
A - men.

A Solemn Blessing or Prayer over the People may be chosen by the Priest, in place of the above blessing.

DISMISSAL

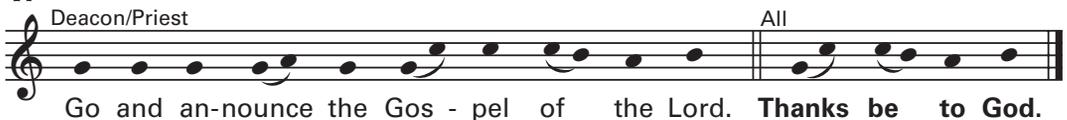
The Deacon/Priest invites all to go in the peace of Christ:

16

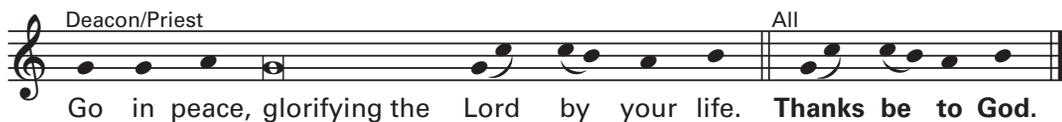


Or

17



Or



Deacon/Priest All

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. **Thanks be to God.**

Or



Deacon/Priest All

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

A final psalm or hymn may be sung.

PRAYERS

ACT OF FAITH

O my God, I firmly believe that you are One God in Three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit; I believe that your Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

ACT OF LOVE

O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

TRUST IN GOD

May nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass; God does not leave. Patient endurance attains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing: God alone is enough.

St. Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

INTO YOUR HANDS

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures — I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father.

Charles de Foucauld (1858–1916)

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Lord, our God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. For your servants who are sick, we ask that your blessing will give them strength to overcome their weakness through the power of patience and the comfort of hope and that with your aid they will soon be restored to health. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.