

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

As we receive the body of Christ, the priest or Eucharistic Minister says, "The body of Christ". We bow our head then respond:

Amen.

As we receive the blood of Christ, the priest or Eucharistic Minister says, "The blood of Christ". We bow our head then respond:

Amen.

After receiving Communion, we kneel and keep silent. We say a private prayer to thank God for all we have. We may also sing a song of thanksgiving or listen quietly to music.

CONCLUDING RITE

We have now come to the end of the Mass. The priest says, "The Lord be with you". We respond:

And with your Spirit.

We make the Sign of the Cross as the priest says, "May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit". We respond:

Amen.

The priest might say, "Go forth the Mass is ended". We respond:

Thanks be to God.

We sing a song of praise as the priest, servers, and readers leave the Church.

GATHERING RITE

As Mass begins, we stand and sing a gathering song. Everyone here has been invited by God! We have gathered to share in the feast prepared by God! We begin with the sign of our faith...the Sign of the Cross:

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

The priest welcomes everyone by saying, "The Lord be with you." We respond:

And with your Spirit.

We remember our sins and God's special love and forgiveness by repeating:

**Lord have mercy;
Christ have mercy;
Lord have mercy.**

The we say (or sing) this hymn of praise:

**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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Jesus speaks to us through the readings at Mass. While we are seated, a member from our parish community will read from the bible. The first reading is from the Old Testament, and the second reading is from the New Testament. After each reading, the reader will say, "The Word of the Lord." We respond:

Thanks be to God.

As the priest walks to the ambo to read, we stand and sing:

Alleluia

The priest also reads from the Bible. This reading is called the Gospel. It tells about Jesus' life and teachings. Before he begins reading, the priest says, "The Lord be with You." We respond:

And with your Spirit.

The priest says, "A reading from the Gospel according to..." We respond:

Glory to you, O Lord,

(while making the sign of the cross on our forehead, our lips, and our hearts.)

(This means that we want the gospel to live in our thoughts, on our lips, and in our heart.)

Amen.

Together we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, the Lord's prayer.

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

Deliver us 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 in blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours, now and forever. Amen.**

We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. We gather together in peace. The priest says, "The peace of the Lord be with you always". We respond:

And with your Spirit.

"Let us offer each other a sign of peace."

(We turn to the people around us, shake their hands and say)

Peace be with you!

The priest invites those who wish, to come to the table of the Lord and receive the body and blood of Christ. He says, "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." We respond:

We sing a song praising Jesus for being so holy:

**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.**

Then the priest begins to pray over the bread and wine. He tells God why we are offering it and for whom it is offered. Just as Jesus did at the Last Supper, the priest prays over the bread and says, "Take this, all of you and eat of it, for this is my body which will be given up for you."

We bow our heads as a sign of respect for Jesus.

The priest prays over the chalice of wine and says, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me".

We bow our heads as a sign of respect for Jesus.

These prayers symbolize that the bread and wine is now Jesus' body and blood. We celebrate the sacrifice Jesus made for us. One response might be:

**We proclaim your death, O Lord,
And profess your resurrection
Until you come again.**

The priest thanks God for everything Jesus has done for us. He also prays for the people who have died. He asks God to help us all live as Jesus taught us.

When he finishes this prayer, the priest says "Through him, 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". We respond:

When the priest finishes reading the gospel, he says, "The Gospel of the Lord." We respond:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We sit down quietly and listen as the priest talks about the Gospel. He helps us understand what Jesus is telling us and connects it to our lives. This is called the Homily.

After the Homily, we are invited to stand and profess our faith. We respond:

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
The Father, the 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**

(bow)

**He came down from heaven and became man,
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.**

We pray for the Church, for our country, and for all God's people. We especially remember those who are sick or who have died. These prayers are called "Prayers of the Faithful".

A member of the parish community reads the prayers and tells us how to respond. After each prayer, the reader says, "We pray to the Lord". Usually we respond:

Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The second part of Mass is called the Liturgy of the Eucharist. As a family from the community brings our gifts to the priest, we usually sing or quietly listen to music.

The gifts include the bread, the wine, and the water needed for the meal we are about to share. The altar servers prepare the altar and the gifts are placed on the altar. The priest may say these prayers aloud.

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. We respond:

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. We respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The priest prays over the gifts and asks God to accept them, saying, "Pray, brethren that our sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father". We respond:

**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.**

We stand to thank and praise God for all God's blessings, especially for the gift of Jesus. This is called the Eucharistic Prayer. The priest says, "The Lord be with you." We respond:

And with your Spirit.

"Lift up your hearts".

We lift them up to the Lord.

"Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God".

It is right and just.