

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

*The priest gives praise to God and all acclaim:*  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of**  
**the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*After the Consecration we acclaim the*  
*mystery of faith:*

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

*or*

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

*or*

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

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer:*  
**Amen.**

**The Communion Rite**

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

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

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

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

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

**Communion Antiphon**

**There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only**  
**this do I seek:**  
**to live in the house of the Lord all the days**  
**of my life.**

*or*

**Holy Father, keep in your name those you**  
**have given me,**  
**that they may be one as we are one, says**  
**the Lord.**

**Prayer after Communion**

As this reception of your Holy Communion,  
 O Lord,  
 foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,  
 so may it bring about unity in your Church.  
 Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

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

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

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Antiphon**

**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called**  
**to you; be my help.**  
**Do not abandon or forsake me, O God,**  
**my Saviour!**

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

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

**People** Amen.

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

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

**And with your spirit.**

*or*

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

**And with your spirit.**

*or*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

**Penitential Act**

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

**I confess to almighty God**  
**and to you, my brothers and sisters,**  
**that I have greatly sinned,**  
**in my thoughts and in my words,**  
**in what I have done and in what I have**  
**failed to do,**

*(all strike their breast and say:)*

**through my fault, through my fault,**  
**through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,**  
**all the Angels and Saints,**  
**and you, my brothers and sisters,**  
**to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*or*

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

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

*or*

Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie, eleison.  
**Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison.**

Christ, have mercy. *or* Christe, eleison.  
**Christ, have mercy. Christe, eleison.**

Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie, eleison.  
**Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison.**

*After the absolution all respond:*  
**Amen.**

**The Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,**  
**and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,**  
**we bless you,**  
**we adore you,**  
**we glorify you,**  
**we give you thanks for your great glory,**  
**Lord God, heavenly King,**  
**O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,**  
**Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**  
**you take away the sins of the world,**  
**have mercy on us;**  
**you take away the sins of the world,**  
**receive our prayer;**  
**you are seated at the right hand of the**  
**Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**  
**you alone are the Lord,**  
**you alone are the Most High,**  
**Jesus Christ,**  
**with the Holy Spirit,**  
**in the glory of God the Father.**  
**Amen.**

### The Collect

O God, strength of those who hope in you,  
graciously hear our pleas,  
and, since without you mortal frailty can do  
nothing,  
grant us always the help of your grace,  
that in following your commands  
we may please you by our resolve and our  
deeds...

**Amen.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

*I make low trees grow.*

The Lord says this:

“From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of  
its branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I,  
the Lord, am the one  
who stunts tall trees and makes the low  
ones grow,  
who withers green trees and makes the  
withered green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalms Psalm 91

**R. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most  
High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the  
night. **R.**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

3. Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

#### Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians.

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled  
from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we  
remember that to live in the body means to be  
exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith  
and not by sight – we are full of confidence,  
I say, and actually want to be exiled from  
the body and make our home with the Lord.  
Whether we are living in the body or exiled  
from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all  
the truth about us will be brought out in the  
law court of Christ, and each of us will get  
what he deserves for the things he did in the  
body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!**

*or*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The seed is the word of God, Christ the  
sower;  
whoever finds the seed will remain for  
ever.  
Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### Gospel Mark 4:26-34

*It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows  
into the biggest shrub of them all.*

Jesus said to the crowds: “This is what the  
kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed  
on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps,  
when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and  
growing; how, he does not know. Of its own  
accord the land produces first the shoot, then  
the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when  
the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to  
reap because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “What can we say the kingdom  
of God is like? What parable can we find for  
it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time  
of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the  
seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into  
the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big  
branches so that the birds of the air can shelter  
in its shade.”

Using many parables like these, he spoke  
the word to them, so far as they were capable  
of understanding it. He would not speak to  
them except in parables, but he explained  
everything to his disciples when they were  
alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### The Homily

##### The Profession of Faith

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

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,**

*(all bow during the next three lines)*

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of  
the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of  
the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The bidding prayers now follow:*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters)...

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

#### Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the offerings presented here  
provide for the twofold needs of human  
nature,  
nourishing us with food  
and renewing us with your Sacrament,  
grant, we pray,  
that the sustenance they provide  
may not fail us in body or in spirit... **Amen.**