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The Communion Rite

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
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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.
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the world, have mercy on us.
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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

**You have given us, O Lord, bread from
heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness
in every taste.**

or

**I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
whoever comes to me will not hunger
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.**

Prayer after Communion

Accompany with constant protection, O
Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption...
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 God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.**

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as the priest says:*

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and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

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in what I have done and in what I have
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(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.**

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Have mercy on us, O Lord.
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Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

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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

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing
kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their
Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored...
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Come and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good
things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting
covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 144

**R. You open wide your hand, O Lord,
you grant our desires.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

*No created thing can ever come between us
and the love of God made visible in Christ.*
Nothing can come between us and the love of
Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or
being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes,
or being threatened or even attacked. These
are the trials through which we triumph, by
the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor
life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists,
nothing still to come, not any power, or
height or depth, nor any created thing, can
ever come between us and the love of God
made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!**

Peace in heaven

and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

or

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.
Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

They all ate as much as they wanted.

When Jesus received the news of John
the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat
to a lonely place where they could be by
themselves. But the people heard of this
and, leaving the towns, went after him on
foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a
large crowd; and he took pity on them and
healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went
to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and
the time has slipped by; so send the people
away, and they can go to the villages to
buy themselves some food." Jesus replied,
"There is no need for them to go: give them
something to eat yourselves." But they
answered, "All we have with us is five loaves
and two fish." "Bring them here to me," he
said. He gave orders that the people were
to sit down on the grass; then he took the
five loaves and the two fish, raised his

eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And
breaking the loaves he handed them to his
disciples who gave them to the crowds.
They all ate as much as they wanted, and
they collected the scraps remaining, twelve
baskets full. Those who ate numbered
about five thousand men, to say nothing of
women and children.

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.**

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apostolic Church.**

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of sins**

**and I look forward to the resurrection of
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Let us pray to the Lord.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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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

Graciously sanctify these gifts,
O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of this
spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you...
Amen.

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.
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that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

**O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**

or

**The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.**

Prayer after Communion

**May the communion in your Sacrament
that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,
and confirm us in the light of your truth...
Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

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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:
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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

**Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones
for ever.**

**Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who
seek you.**

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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

**Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and
daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the
inheritance
which you have promised... Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9. 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings.

Stand on the mountain before the Lord.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord." Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 84

R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be

condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

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**My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.**

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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

Tell me to come to you across the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." It was Peter who answered. "Lord," he said, "if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water." "Come," said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started

walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. "Lord! Save me!" he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. "Man of little faith," he said "why did you doubt?" And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters)...
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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

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings
of your Church,
for in your mercy you have given them to be
offered
and by your power you transform them
into the mystery of our salvation...
Amen.

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.**

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, our tribute of homage,
rise up to you, O Lord,
and, through the intercession of the most

Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love,
constantly long for you... **Amen.**

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and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

**All generations will call me blessed,
for he who is mighty has done great things
for me.**

Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,
we ask you to grant, O Lord,
that, through the intercession of the Blessed
Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
we may be brought to the glory of the
resurrection... **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

**A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun, and the
moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.**

or

**Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of
the Virgin Mary,
at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.**

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as the priest says:*

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and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

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**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

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are
above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory...
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6. 10
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.
A woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, "Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ." The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 44

**R. On your right stands the queen,
in garments of gold.**

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. **R.**

2. So will the king desire your beauty:
he is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

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

Christ as the first-fruits and then those who belong to him.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Mary has been taken up into heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.**

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Luke 1:39-56

*The Almighty has done great things for me,
he has exalted the lowly.*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured

with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly
handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations
will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for
me.

Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for
those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their
thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things,
the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his
servant, mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to
our ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his
descendants for ever."

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three
months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

The Profession of Faith

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of all things visible and invisible.**

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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
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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
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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;
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thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
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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.
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the world, have mercy on us.
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**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

**The earth is replete with the fruits of your
work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.**

or

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my
blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.**

Prayer after Communion

**Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you...
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

**Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to
you all the day long.**

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Priest In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
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and the love of God,
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Grace to you and peace from God our Father
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in my thoughts and in my words,
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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.

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Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie, eleison.
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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, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you
command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found... **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm137

**R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the
lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

*All that exists comes from him; all is by him
and for him.*

How rich are the depths of God – how
deep his wisdom and knowledge – and
how impossible to penetrate his motives or
understand his methods! Who could ever
know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever
be his counsellor? Who could ever give him
anything or lend him anything? All that exists
comes from him; all is by him and for him. To
him be glory for ever! Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God in Christ was reconciling the world
to himself,**

**and he has entrusted to us the news that
they are reconciled.**

Alleluia!

or

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter

and on this rock I will build my Church.

**And the gates of the underworld can
never hold out against it.**

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of
the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea
Philippi he put this question to his disciples,
“Who do people say the Son of Man is?”
And they said, “Some say he is John the
Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah
or one of the prophets.” “But you,” he said,
“who do you say I am?” Then Simon Peter
spoke up, “You are the Christ,” he said,
“the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied,
“Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy
man! Because it was not flesh and blood

that revealed this to you but my Father in
heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter
and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld can never
hold out against it. I will give you the keys
of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you
bind on earth shall be considered bound in
heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall
be considered loosed in heaven.” Then he
gave the disciples strict orders not to tell
anyone that he was the Christ.

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for our good
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Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by
adoption
through the one sacrifice offered once for
all,
bestow graciously on us, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace in your
Church... **Amen.**

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.

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the Lord.**

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**How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.**

or

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for
the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly
table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour...
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

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And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
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**For you alone are the Holy One,
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Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of
reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured... **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: "Violence and ruin!"

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, "I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more."

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in
my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms Psalm 62

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a
banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and
worship him, I beg you, in a way that is
worthy of thinking beings, by offering
your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly
pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves
on the behaviour of the world around you,
but let your behaviour change, modelled
by your new mind. This is the only way to
discover the will of God and know what is
good, what it is that God wants, what is the
perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see
what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!**

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And with your spirit.

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Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

*If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let
him renounce himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples
that he was destined to go to Jerusalem
and suffer grievously at the hands of the
elders and chief priests and scribes, to be
put to death and to be raised up on the third
day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started
to remonstrate with him. "Heaven preserve
you, Lord," he said. "This must not happen
to you." But he turned and said to Peter,
"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle
in my path, because the way you think is
not God's way but man's."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If
anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let
him renounce himself and take up his cross
and follow me. For anyone who wants to

save his life will lose it; but anyone who
loses his life for my sake will find it. What,
then, will a man gain if he wins the whole
world and ruins his life? Or what has a man
to offer in exchange for his life?

"For the Son of Man is going to come in
the glory of his Father with his angels, and,
when he does, he will reward each one
according to his behaviour."

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Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacred offering, O Lord,
confer on us always the blessing of
salvation,

that what it celebrates in mystery
it may accomplish in power...

Amen.

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