

## CONCLUDING RITE

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### Greeting:

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.  
*All:* And also with you.

### Blessing:

#### Option A: Simple Form

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

*All:* Amen.

#### Option B: Solemn Blessing

*Deacon or Priest:* Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

[One or more invocations may be spoken, and the people usually respond "Amen" to each one. The following conclusion is always used.]

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

*All:* Amen.

#### Option C: Prayer over the People

*Deacon or Priest:* Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

[The priest may choose from several options, depending on the occasion or special need. The following conclusion is always used.]

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

*All:* Amen.



### Dismissal:

*Deacon or Priest:* Go in the peace of Christ.  
*or* The Mass is ended, go in peace.  
*or* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*All:* Thanks be to God!

### [Recessional and Closing Song]:

[Although it is traditional in many countries and many parishes to sing a final song or to have some instrumental music played as the priest and ministers process out of the church, this is not prescribed in the Order of Mass.]

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## THE ORDER OF MASS

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

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### Entrance Procession:

[After the people have assembled, an opening song or entrance antiphon is sung or recited as the priest and the ministers enter the church and process to the altar; after reverencing the altar (sometimes also using incense), they go to their chairs.]

### Greeting:

*Priest:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. [All together make the sign of the cross.]  
*All:* Amen.

#### Option A:

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

*All:* And also with you.

#### Option B:

*Priest:* The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*All:* Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
*or*  
*All:* And also with you.

#### Option C:

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.  
[or *Bishop:* Peace be with you.]

*All:* And also with you.



[The priest or another minister may then briefly introduce the Mass of the day, saying something about the readings, the feast, and/or the special occasion being celebrated.]

### Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling Holy Water:

*Priest:* Dear friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism. Let us ask God to bless it, and to keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us. [or similar words of introduction]

#### Option A:

*Priest:* God our Father, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; it washes away our sins and brings us eternal life.

We ask you now to bless this water, and to give us your protection on this day which you have made your own. Renew the living spring of your life within us, and protect us in spirit and body, that we may be free from sin and come into your presence to receive your gift of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen.

#### Option B:

*Priest:* Lord God almighty, creator of all life, of body and soul, we ask you to bless this water: as we use it in faith forgive our sins and save us from all illness and the power of evil.

Lord, in your mercy give us living water, always springing up as a fountain of salvation: free us, body and soul, from every danger, and admit us to your presence in purity of heart.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen.

#### Option C (during the Easter Season):

*Priest:* Lord God almighty, hear the prayers of your people: we celebrate our creation and redemption. Hear our prayers and bless this water which give fruitfulness to the fields, and refreshment and cleansing to man. You chose water to show your goodness when you led your people to freedom through the Red Sea and satisfied their thirst in the desert with water from the rock. Water was the symbol used by the prophets to foretell your new covenant with us. You made the water of baptism holy by Christ's baptism in the Jordan: by it you give us a new birth and renew us in holiness. May this water remind us of our baptism, and let us share the joy of all who have been baptized at Easter.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen.

[After blessing the water, the priest moves through the church sprinkling all of the people while an antiphon or other song is sung. When the sprinkling and the song is finished, the priest concludes this rite as follows:]

## COMMUNION RITE

### Lord's Prayer:

*Priest:* Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.  
*or* Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to say:  
*or* Let us ask our Father to forgive our sins and to bring us to forgive those who sin against us.  
*or* Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us.

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

*Priest:* Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

***All:* For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

### Sign of Peace:

*Priest:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

***All:* Amen.**

*Priest:* The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

***All:* And also with you.**

*Deacon or Priest:* Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

*[The ministers and all the people exchange an embrace, handshake, or other appropriate gesture of peace with those near them, according to local custom.]*

### Breaking of the Bread:

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

*[kneel]*

*[This text may be sung or recited, and may be repeated several more times until the breaking of bread and the preparation of the communion vessels is finished; but the last phrase is always "Grant us peace."]*



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading:

*Lector:* A reading from the Book (or Letter, or Acts) of ...

*[Different readings are prescribed for each day.*

*At the end of the reading, the lector proclaims, and the people respond:]*

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

***All:* Thanks be to God!**

### Responsorial Psalm:

*[The choir and/or cantor sing or recite the psalm; the people join in the repeated response.]*

### Second Reading:

*[A second reading is prescribed for all Sundays and major feasts, but not for most weekdays or minor feasts.*

*The lector's introduction and conclusion and the people's response are the same as in the First Reading, above.]*

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### Alleluia or Gospel Acclamation:

*Choir or Cantor:* Alleluia! ***All repeat:* Alleluia!**

*Choir or Cantor:* *[verse]* ***All repeat:* Alleluia!**

*[The "Alleluia" may be repeated two or more times, especially during the Easter Season. If it is not sung, it should be omitted.]*

*[During the Season of Lent, a different "Gospel Acclamation" is used, such as "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!" or "Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ!" or "Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!" or something similar.]*

### Gospel:

*Before the Gospel Proclamation:*

*Deacon (or Priest):* The Lord be with you. ***All:* And also with you.**

*Deacon (or Priest):* A reading from the Holy Gospel according to... *[Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John]*

***All:* Glory to you, Lord!**

*After the Gospel Proclamation:*

*Deacon (or Priest):* The Gospel of the Lord.

***All:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

*[sit]*

### Homily:

*[The bishop, priest, or deacon then speaks to the people, usually focusing on that day's scriptures and/or on the feast or special occasion being celebrated at that Mass; but the homily may also be based on any liturgical text from the Mass.]*

*[stand]*



## Anamnesis, Offering, and Intercessions:

Father, we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son. We, your people and your ministers, recall his passion, his resurrection from the dead, and his ascension into glory; and from the many gifts you have given us we offer to you, God of glory and majesty, this holy and perfect sacrifice: the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.

Look with favor on these offerings and accept them as once you accepted the gifts of your servant Abel, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the bread and wine offered by your priest Melchizedek.

Almighty God, we pray that your angel may take this sacrifice to your altar in heaven. Then, as we receive from this altar the sacred body and blood of your Son, let us be filled with every grace and blessing. *[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]*

Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now pray, *{names deceased loved ones whom the celebrant or parishioner wishes to offer before God}*. May these, and all who sleep in Christ, find in your presence light, happiness, and peace. *[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]*

For ourselves, too, we ask some share in the fellowship of your apostles and martyrs, with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, *{Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia}* and all the saints. Though we are sinners, we trust in your mercy and love. Do not consider what we truly deserve, but grant us your forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord.

Through him you give us all these gifts. You fill them with life and goodness, you bless them and make them holy.

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with *{Benedict}* our Pope, *{name of local bishop}*, our bishop, and all the clergy.

*[In Masses for the dead, the following may be added: Remember N., whom you have called from this life. In baptism he (she) died with Christ: may he (she) also share his resurrection.]*

Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence. Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation, his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven, and ready to greet him when he comes again, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look with favor on your Church's offering, and see the Victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself. Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make us an everlasting gift to you and enable us to share in the inheritance of your saints, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with the apostles, the martyrs, and all your saints, on whose constant intercession we rely for help.

Lord, may this sacrifice, which has made our peace with you, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth; your servant, Pope *{Benedict}*, our Bishop *{name of local bishop}*, and all the bishops, with the clergy and the entire people your Son has gained for you. Father, hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children wherever they may be.

\* Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory, through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. We recall Christ's death, his descent among the dead, his resurrection, and his ascension to your right hand; and, looking forward to his coming in glory, we offer you his body and blood, the acceptable sacrifice which brings salvation to the whole world.

Lord, look upon this sacrifice which you have given to your Church; and by your Holy Spirit, gather all who share this one bread and one cup into the one body of Christ, a living sacrifice of praise.

Lord, remember those for whom we offer this sacrifice, especially *{Benedict}* our Pope, *{name of local bishop}*, our bishop, and bishops and clergy everywhere.

Remember those who take part in this offering, those here present and all your people, and all who seek you with a sincere heart. Remember those who have died in the peace of Christ and all the dead whose faith is known to you alone. Father, in your mercy grant also to us, your children, to enter into our heavenly inheritance in the company of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, and your apostles and saints. Then, in your kingdom, freed from the corruption of sin and death, we shall sing your glory with every creature through Christ our Lord, through whom you give us everything that is good.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Presentation of the Gifts / Preparation of the Altar:

*Priest:* Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

***All:*** Blessed be God for ever.

*Priest:* Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

***All:*** Blessed be God for ever.

*Priest:* Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

***All:*** 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 Church.

### Prayer over the Gifts:

***All:*** Amen.

### Preface Dialogue:

*Priest:* The Lord be with you. ***All:*** And also with you.

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

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. ***All:*** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### Preface *(giving praise and thanks to God):*

#### EP I (Roman Canon)

*[\*Choice of dozens of texts, as appropriate for the particular feast or liturgical season.]*

#### EP II

\* Father, it is our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

He is the Word through whom you made the universe, the Savior you sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit he too flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary.

For our sake he opened his arms on the cross; he put an end to death and revealed the resurrection. In this he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And so we join the angels and saints in proclaiming your glory:

#### EP III

*[\*Choice of dozens of texts, as appropriate for the particular feast or liturgical season.]*

#### EP IV

Father in heaven, it is right that we should give you thanks and glory: you are the one God, living and true. Through all eternity you live in unapproachable light.

Source of life and goodness, you have created all things, to fill your creatures with every blessing and lead all men to the joyful vision of your light. Countless hosts of angels stand before you to do your will; they look upon your splendor and praise you, night and day.

United with them, and in the name of every creature under heaven, we too praise your glory as we say:

