

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.

The priest prays, then all conclude:

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

P: 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.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

[P: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All may make a sign of peace according to local custom.]

Breaking of the Bread

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

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Taking the host, the priest says aloud:

P: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion of Priest and People

Those now in communion with the Catholic Church share in the Eucharist. Anyone who is not a Catholic may receive a sign of unity and support—a blessing—by approaching the front with arms crossed over your chest.

Communion Antiphon

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself, says the Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing and Dismissal

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

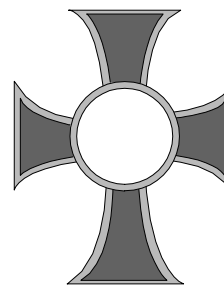
All: Amen.

P: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Final Hymn may be sung.

THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (or a Hymn may be sung)

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free.

Introduction and Penitential Rite

The people are invited to approach the Mass 'with humble and contrite hearts' with these or similar words:

P: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

There is a pause for silent reflection. These or similar invocations may be used: the responses are always the same.

P: You were sent to heal the contrite: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

P: You plead for us at the right hand of the Father: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

The priest says the absolution:

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

All: Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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.

Opening Prayer

The priest says the prayer; the people reply:

All: Amen.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

If anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

Responsorial Psalm

Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

- 1 Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past.
- 2 When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer.
- 3 But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant.
- 4 Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God raised him high.

Gospel Acclamation

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Gospel: John 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Homily

Profession of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

(All bow during these two lines:)

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and

the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Each intercession is followed by a response such as:

R: Lord, in your mercy. **All: Hear our prayer or**
R: Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

There is a pause for silent prayer: the conclusion is said by the priest, to which all reply: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

A hymn may be sung as the gifts are collected and presented at the altar. When all is ready, the priest says:

P: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The priest says the Preface: all join in the acclamation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

(This text should be sung at Sunday Mass: musical settings may use slightly different words—please consult your hymnal.)

The priest says the Eucharistic prayer of thanksgiving, recalling the command of Jesus Christ, 'Do this in memory of me'.

The priest introduces and all then acclaim:

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free: you are the Saviour of the world.

(There are four possible texts for this acclamation, one of which ideally should be sung at Sunday Mass: please consult your hymnal.)

At the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, all join in the Great Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on