

LITURGY OF THE WORD

with Holy Communion

on a Sunday



INTRODUCTORY RITES

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Ministers of Hospitality greet and welcome parishioners as they enter the church.

The usual presidential chair, a sign of the office of the bishop or presbyter, remains empty. If a deacon presides, a chair or stool is placed to the right of the presidential chair. If a lay person leads the prayer of the community, he/she may lead the prayer from a lectern, and then be seated in a suitable place in the sanctuary.

There is no procession. The leader of prayer begins the Liturgy from their place.

GATHERING HYMN

A brief familiar song may be sung.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

Immediately after the hymn, all make the sign of the cross, as the leader of prayers says:

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

All: Amen

Blessed be God, who has begun a good work in us
and who will bring it to completion
on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God forever.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The leader introduces the Celebration with the Penitential Act in these words:

Today, as the People of God and the Body of Christ,
we gather to hear and respond to God's word,
and to give God praise and thanks.

Opening our ears to the Lord's word,
let us open our hearts to his merciful and forgiving love.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy

GLORIA (OUTSIDE LENT AND ADVENT)

After the Introductory Remarks, the leader invites the people to praise God.

With people everywhere,
let us glorify God in joyful song:



All sing or say together:

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.

OPENING PRAYER

The leader of prayer says:

Let us pray:

A brief period of silence is observed. Then, with hands joined, the leader says the Opening Prayer of the Sunday taken from the Roman Missal,

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

When the community is seated, a Minister of the Word proclaims the first reading which is taken from the Sunday Lectionary for the particular day. During the liturgy of the word, the usual periods of silence are observed.

A reading from...

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The community then prays the Psalm appointed for the Sunday. It may be led by a cantor, who sings the psalm verses or it may be recited by a reader, and all say the refrain.

SECOND READING

After the psalm, the Minister of the Word returns to the lectern. The second reading is proclaimed as usual.

A reading from...

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Gospel Acclamation is sung in the usual manner by the congregation, led by a cantor who intones it.



THE GOSPEL

A lay reader does not say "The Lord be with you" but immediately says:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to ...

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER

Unless a Deacon is presiding and has prepared a homily, a period of silence follows the Gospel.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

After a period of silence, (or following the homily), the assembly stands and the leader invites the assembly to make a Profession of Faith, using the Apostles' Creed, in these or similar words.

Brothers and sisters let us reaffirm our faith, the faith of the Church.

All say together:

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness
of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life
everlasting.
Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Following the Profession of Faith, the leader introduces the intercessions.

The lector announces the petitions already prepared.

At the conclusion of the petitions, unless the leader is a deacon, an extraordinary minister of communion brings the Blessed Sacrament from the place where it is reserved to the altar, genuflects and invites all to recite the Lord's Prayer, using these or similar words:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us offer the prayer Christ himself teaches us.

All pray together:

**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.**

The leader of prayer or minister of communion continues

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
Graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may always be free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The people conclude, acclaiming

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

The leader of prayer or minister of communion invites all to exchange a sign of peace:

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

All prepare in silence to receive Holy Communion. Any additional vessels required for the distribution of Communion are brought to the altar and prepared. The leader takes a host and, extending it towards the people, 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.

And together with the people:

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

During the distribution of Communion, a suitable song may be sung.
If the leader receives Communion, he or she says inaudibly:

May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

Ministers of Holy Communion go to the communicants. They raise a host slightly and show it to each of the communicants, saying:

The Body of Christ.

The communicant receives Communion answering:

Amen.

Any hosts remaining after the distribution are returned to the place where it is reserved. Vessels used for the distribution are left covered on a side table and cleansed after the liturgy has concluded.

Silence

After the distribution, a period of silence is most appropriate so that, in communion, all may praise God in silent prayer.

CONCLUDING RITE

A layperson - without any greeting - says the following and makes the sign of the Cross with the assembly.

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

A deacon would say:

May the Lord bless you,
protect you from all evil,
and bring you to everlasting life.

All: Amen

DISMISSAL

Following the blessing, the leader dismisses the assembly in these words:

Let us go forth in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Or the deacon says:

Go forth in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.



