

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. Mt 3:16-17)

After the Lord was baptised,
the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
well pleased.

In the name of the Father, ... **Amen.**
The grace of our Lord ... **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...

A brief pause for silence follows.

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,

And, striking their breast, they 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.

May almighty God have mercy on us, ... **Amen.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

(Is 55:1-11)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,
a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you,
for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take
pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the
heavens and do not return without watering the earth,
making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for
the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that
goes from my mouth does not return to me empty,
without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it
was sent to do.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Is 12:2-6)

**✠ With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **✠**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **✠**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One
of Israel. **✠**

SECOND READING

(1 Jn 5:1-9)

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do
what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the

Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth –
so that there are three witnesses,
the Spirit, the water and the blood,
and all three of them agree.

We accept the testimony of human witnesses,
but God's testimony is much greater,
and this is God's testimony,
given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Cf. Jn 1:29)

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said:
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin
of the world.


Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Mk 1:7-11)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

 A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said,
'Someone is following me, someone who is more
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and
undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with
water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in
Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No
sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw
the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove,
descending on him. And a voice came from heaven,
'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Profession of Faith

(Nicene Creed)

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,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
and became man, all bow.*

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 priest introduces the Prayer of the Faithful.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

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.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...

After the Consecration

The mystery of faith.

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

THE COMMUNION RITE

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

(Jn 1:32, 34)

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen
and testified that this is the Son of God.