

AT GOD'S ALTAR

Rite II





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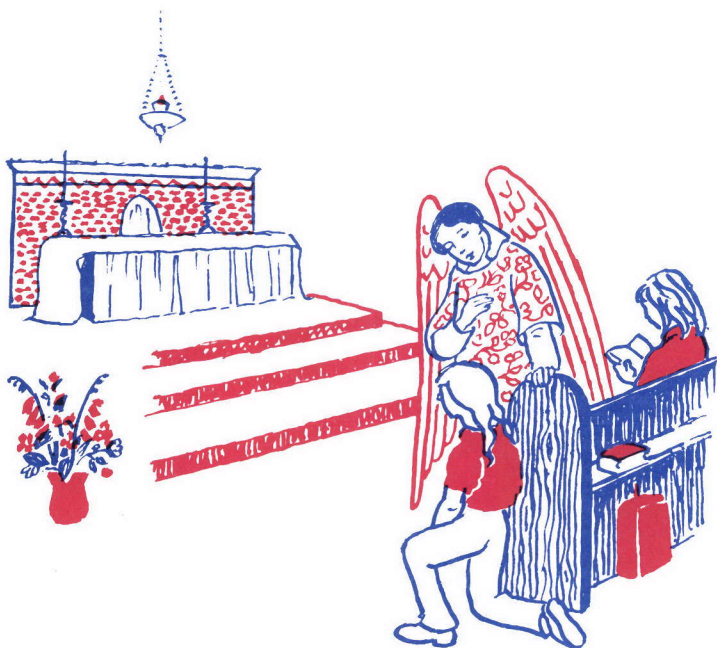
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Every Sunday the People of God come together.



We are Christ's family, and Christ has a great work for us to do on Sundays.

When a sanctuary light is burning, Jesus is near the altar in His Blessed Sacrament.



Then we genuflect to honor Christ our King.
(Touch one knee to the floor, keeping your back straight.)

“Holy Guardian Angel, help me to pay attention.”

THE WORD OF GOD



We may sing a hymn as the Priest and other ministers come in.

The Priest says

Blessed be God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We say

AND BLESSED BE HIS KINGDOM,
NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

At Easter time, instead of this, we say
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA.

In Lent we say

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
HIS MERCY ENDURES FOR EVER.

The Priest may say the Collect for Purity and
we say **AMEN**.

“Amen” means “Yes! Let it be so!”

This is what the shepherds heard the angels singing when Jesus was born.

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.



Or we may use one of these prayers.

Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy. or Christe eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

or this

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.
Let us pray.

The Priest prays the Prayer of the Day, to “collect” all our thoughts and bring them to God. We join in by saying **AMEN.**

THE LESSONS from the Bible

The First Lesson is from the story of the People of God in the Old Testament.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Then we may read a Psalm together. The Psalms are the songs that God has given us to sing His praise.

The Second Lesson is often from a letter written by Saint Paul or another saint to the first Christians.



The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

The next reading will be the **G**ospel — the Good News! We may sing

ALLELUIA

Jesus prayed this very word every day. It means “Praise to the **L**ord!”

THE GOSPEL tells us of our **L**ord **J**esus **C**hrist and what **H**e said and did. We stand up very straight and face the Priest as he reads the **G**ospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to _____.
GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.



The Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

THE SERMON

The Priest tells us more about the Good News.

THE CREED

We stand up straight to tell what the Church believes.

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 and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
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 worshiped 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for

the Church



the Nation

the people of the world



the sick



the dead

We confess our sins,
the Priest tells us
we are forgiven,
and we say **AMEN**.



THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.

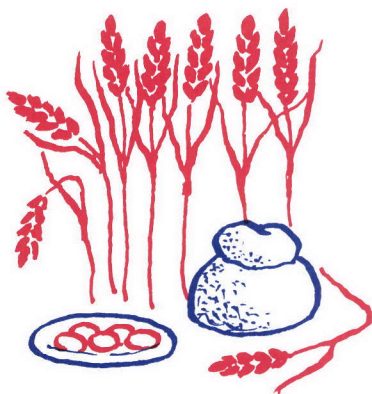
We give one another the sign of peace.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The Priest presents our offerings of bread and wine for the Holy Eucharist, and money or other gifts.



We may say

BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM

THANKS AND PRAISE.

We praise the Blessed Trinity,
joining with all the Angels
and Saints in Heaven.

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.





Be very quiet and very still as the Priest says
our Lord's words:

This is my Body ... This is my Blood ...
Do this for the remembrance of me.

We say the words of faith.

CHRIST HAS DIED.

CHRIST IS RISEN.

CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

or

WE REMEMBER HIS DEATH,
WE PROCLAIM HIS RESURRECTION,
WE AWAIT HIS COMING IN GLORY.

“Jesus, I am glad you are here.
You are my Lord and my God.”

The Priest finishes the Great Thanksgiving
and we say **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,



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.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,
AND THE POWER,
AND THE GLORY,
FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME,
YOUR KINGDOM COME,
YOUR WILL BE DONE,
ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
FORGIVE US OUR SINS
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE
WHO SIN AGAINST US.
SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL,
AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER,
AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS,
NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(Alleluia.)

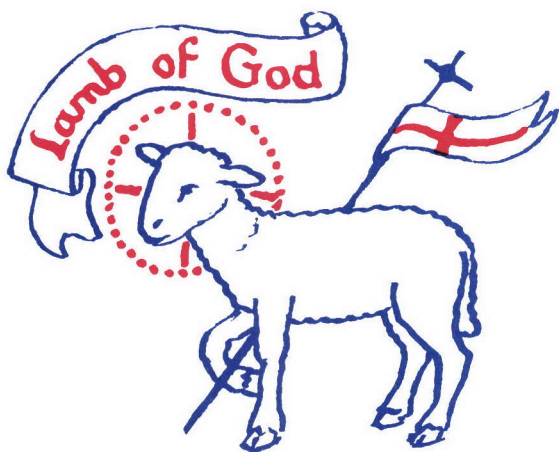
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
THEREFORE LET US KEEP THE FEAST.
(ALLELUIA.)

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.

“Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.”



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Priest receives the **S**acrament, and we pray for him.

The Priest brings the **B**read and the **C**up to the people.

He says, **T**he **B**ody of **C**hrist ...
The **B**lood of **C**hrist ...

The person who is receiving the **S**acrament may say **A**MEN.

“**G**od, **Y**ou have given us everything, even **Y**our own **S**elf. I give myself to **Y**ou.”

“I love **Y**ou, **L**ord **J**esus.”

“**G**od, bless my family ...
my friends ...
sick people ...
people in trouble ...
people who need **Y**ou ...
everybody ...”

“**G**od, **Y**ou are the **J**oy of my life.”



After Communion, we say a prayer to thank God for giving us this holy Food, and for making us members of the Body of His Son, Jesus.

The Priest may give us a blessing, making the Sign of the Cross.

For all people, the cross means all four directions, all the world. For Christians, the Cross is the sign of Jesus who saves us from sin and death. God's Grace comes to us in this sign.

We show that we are receiving his blessing when we make the Sign of the Cross and say **AMEN**. To make the Sign of the Cross, touch your forehead, your chest, your left shoulder, and your right shoulder.

The Sign of the Cross marks all that we are — body, mind, soul, will, thoughts, feelings, doings and not-doings — for Jesus, and He makes us strong in every way by His Cross.

Then the Priest dismisses us, and we say
THANKS BE TO GOD.



We go into the world to continue our **L**ord's work, showing **H**is love for everyone.

