

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE

After the people have assembled, the Holy Father and the ministers go to the altar while the entrance song is being sung.

When the Holy Father comes to the altar, he makes the customary reverence with the ministers and kisses the altar. He incenses the altar. Then, with the ministers, he goes to the chair.

### GREETING

After the entrance song, the Holy Father and the assembled faithful remain standing. The Holy Father says:

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

**R.** Amen.

**Peace be with you.**

**R.** And also with you.

WELCOME

Cardinal Edward Egan, Archbishop of New York, welcomes the Holy Father.

PENITENTIAL RITE

The Holy Father introduces the celebration and the penitential rite:

**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:**

**It is a joy for me to be here with you in New York to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.**

**As we celebrate the bicentennial anniversaries of the Archdioceses of Baltimore, Boston, Louisville, New York, and Philadelphia, may our Eucharist renew and strengthen all of the communities of faith in the Catholic Church throughout the United States.**

**Coming together as God’s family, with confidence let us ask the Father’s forgiveness, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.**

After a moment of silence, the Holy Father leads the Confiteor:

**I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault**

All strike their breast.

**in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done,  
and in what I have failed to do;  
and 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.**

The Holy Father:

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

**R.** Amen.

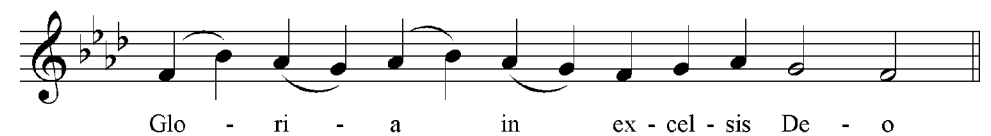
KYRIE

The *Kyrie* is sung by the choir and the congregation.

GLORIA

The *Gloria* is intoned by the Holy Father and then sung by the choir.

The Holy Father:



OPENING PRAYER

The Holy Father:

Let us pray.

God our Father, look upon us with love. You redeem us  
and make us your child - ren in Christ. Give us true freedom  
and bring us to the inheritance you prom - ised.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
One God, for ev - er and ev - er.

Let us pray.

**God our Father,  
look upon us with love.  
You redeem us and make us your children in Christ.  
Give us true freedom  
and bring us to the inheritance you promised.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.**

**R.** Amen.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

**Acts 6:1-7**

*A reader proclaims the first reading in English from the ambo.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They chose seven men filled with the Spirit.*

As the number of disciples continued to grow,  
the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews  
because their widows  
were being neglected in the daily distribution.  
So the Twelve called together the community of the  
disciples and said,  
“It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to  
serve at table.

Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men,  
filled with the Spirit and wisdom,  
whom we shall appoint to this task,  
whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer  
and to the ministry of the word.”  
The proposal was acceptable to the whole community,  
so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and  
the Holy Spirit,  
also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,  
and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

They presented these men to the apostles  
who prayed and laid hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread,  
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem  
increased greatly;  
even a large group of priests were becoming obedient  
to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19**

### Response

Lord, let your mer - cy be on us,  
co - mo lo, es - pe - ra - mos de ti.

Exult, you just, in the LORD;  
praise from the upright is fitting.  
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;  
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises. **R.**

La palabra del Señor es sincera  
y todas sus acciones son leales;  
el ama la justicia y el derecho,  
y su misericordia llena la tierra. **R.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
to deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine. **R.**

SECOND READING

**1 Peter 2:4-9**

*A reader proclaims the second reading in Spanish from the ambo.*

Lectura de la primera carta del apóstol san Pedro

*Ustedes son estirpe elegida, sacerdocio real.*

Hermanos: Acérquense al Señor Jesús, la piedra viva, rechazada por los hombres, pero escogida y preciosa a los ojos de Dios; porque ustedes también son piedras vivas, que van entrando en la edificación del templo espiritual, para formar un sacerdocio santo, destinado a ofrecer sacrificios espirituales, agradables a Dios, por medio de Jesucristo. Tengan presente que está escrito: *He aquí que pongo en Sión una piedra angular, escogida y preciosa; el que crea en ella no quedará defraudado.*

Dichosos, pues, ustedes, los que han creído. En cambio, para aquellos que se negaron a creer, vale lo que dice la Escritura: *La piedra que rechazaron los constructores ha llegado a ser la piedra angular, y también tropiezo y roca de escándalo.* Tropiezan en ella los que no creen en la palabra, y en esto se cumple un designio de Dios.

Ustedes, por el contrario, son *estirpe elegida, sacerdocio real, nación consagrada a Dios y pueblo de su propiedad*, para que proclamen las obras maravillosas de aquel que los llamó de las tinieblas a su luz admirable.

Palabra de Dios.

**R.** Te alabamos, Señor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

The deacon:

The Lord be with you.

℟. And also with you.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

℟. Glory to you, Lord.

*I am the way and the truth and the life.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare a  
place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,  
so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him,

“Master, we do not know where you are going;  
how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, then you will also know my Father.  
From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him,

“Master, show us the Father, and that will be  
enough for us.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time  
and you still do not know me, Philip?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father  
is in me?

The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own.

The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me,  
or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,  
and will do greater ones than these,  
because I am going to the Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

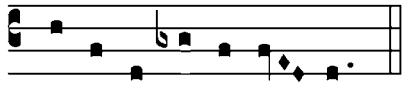
℟. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*The deacon carries the Book of the Gospels to the Holy Father, who kisses it  
and blesses the gathered assembly with it.*

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Holy Father intones the Creed:



Credo in unum De-um.

All:

Patrem omnipotentem, factorem cæli et terræ.  
 visibilium omnium et invisibilium.  
 Et in unum Dominum Iesum Christum,  
 Filium Dei unigenitum  
 et ex Patre natum ante omnia sæcula:  
 Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum vero de Deo vero,  
 genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri:  
 per quem omnia facta sunt.  
 Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem,  
 descendit de cælis.  
 Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto  
 ex Maria Virgine, et homo factus est.  
 Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato;  
 passus et sepultus est,  
 et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas,  
 et ascendit in cælum, sedet ad dexteram Patris.  
 Et iterum venturus est cum gloria, iudicare vivos et mortuos,  
 cuius regni non erit finis.

Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem:  
 qui ex Patre Filioque procedit.  
 Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur:  
 qui locutus est per prophetas.  
 Et unam sanctam catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam.  
 Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum.  
 Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum,  
 et vitam venturi sæculi.  
 Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The Holy Father:

**My brothers and sisters,  
 confident in the Father's care for us  
 and rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus,  
 his well-beloved Son,  
 with faith and hope,  
 let us place our needs before him.**

**R.** Lord, hear our prayer;  
 Deus, exaudi nos;  
 Señor, escúchanos.

**Reader:** 1. For our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, our bishops, priests, deacons, and religious, and for all God's people: that they may faithfully follow Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life; let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

- Reader: 2. For the Archdioceses of Baltimore, Boston, Louisville, New York, and Philadelphia, which are celebrating their bicentennial anniversaries: that they may be beacons of hope and light to the communities that they serve; let us pray to the Lord. **R.**
- Reader: 3. For all of the peoples of the world, especially those who suffer from war and persecution: that they may come to enjoy the blessings of peace; let us pray to the Lord. **R.**
- Reader: 4. For the most vulnerable among us—the unborn, children, frail, elderly, and all who depend on the love and assistance of others: that they may benefit from the compassionate care of those who follow Christ; let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

- Reader: 5. For those who are being called by God to serve him in the priesthood and religious life: that they may respond with generosity, courage, and loving hearts; let us pray to the Lord. **R.**
- Reader: 6. For the sick and those who suffer in mind and body: that they may recognize in their pain a bond with the Savior and unite their suffering with his for the salvation of the world; let us pray to the Lord. **R.**
- Reader: 7. For the departed, especially our immigrant ancestors and those who built and sustained our communities of faith: that they may find eternal happiness in the home God has prepared for them and that we may one day be reunited with them for all eternity; let us pray to the Lord. **R.**



The Holy Father:

Heavenly Father, you have given us a-bun-dant gifts, and above all, your Son,  
 the greatest of gifts. As we seek your help in our need, may Jesus who is  
 our way, our truth and our life, inspire our faith and give hope and cour - age.  
 We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord.

**Heavenly Father,  
 you have given us abundant gifts,  
 and above all, your Son,  
 the greatest of gifts.  
 As we seek your help in our need,  
 may Jesus who is our way, our truth and our life,  
 inspire our faith and give hope and courage.  
 We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord.**

**R.** Amen.

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

The Holy Father, standing at the altar, receives the paten with the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, says inaudibly:

***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.***

Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal. The deacon pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying inaudibly:

*By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.*

Then the Holy Father takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, says inaudibly:

***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.***

Then he places the chalice on the corporal. He bows and says inaudibly:

**Lord God, we ask you to receive us  
and be pleased with the sacrifice  
we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.**

The Holy Father incenses the gifts, altar, and cross. Afterwards the deacon incenses the Holy Father and the people. The Holy Father stands at the side of the altar and washes his hands, saying inaudibly:

**Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.**

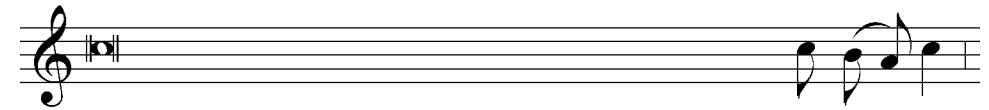
Standing at the center of the altar, facing the people, the Holy Father extends and then joins his hands, saying:

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

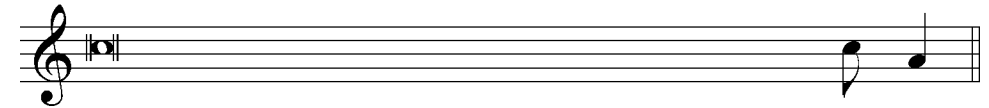
**R.** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

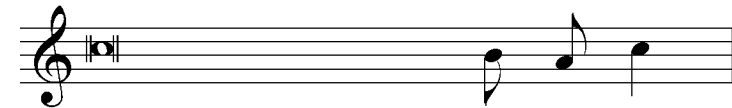
The Holy Father:



Lord God, by this holy exchange of gifts you share with us your di-vine life.



Grant that everything we do may be directed by the knowledge of your truth.



We ask this in the name of Je - sus the Lord.

**Lord God,  
by this holy exchange of gifts  
you share with us your divine life.  
Grant that everything we do  
may be directed by the knowledge of your truth.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**

**R.** Amen.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Holy Father:



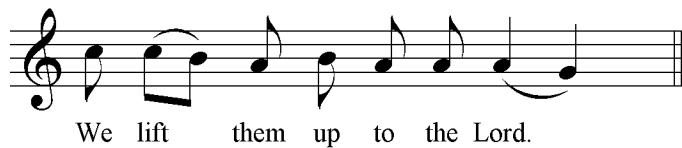
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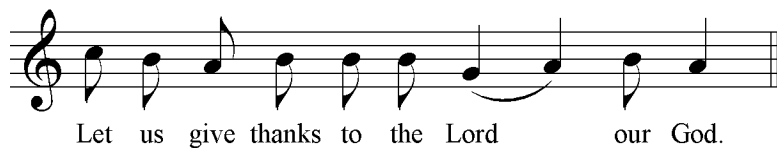
The Holy Father:



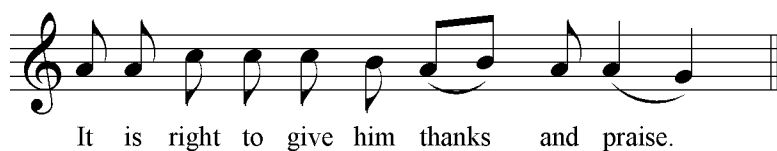
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The Holy Father:



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The Holy Father:

**The Lord be with you.**

℞. And also with you.

**Lift up your hearts.**

℞. We lift them up to the Lord.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

℞. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The Holy Father:

Father, all-powerful and ev - er - liv - ing God, we do well  
 always and everywhere to give you thanks through Je - sus Christ our Lord.  
 We praise you with greater joy than ever in this Eas - ter sea - son,  
 when Christ be - came our pas - chal sac - ri - fice. As he  
 offered his bod - y on the cross, his per - fect sac - ri - fice ful - filled all oth - ers.  
 As he gave himself into your hands for our sal - va - tion,  
 he showed himself to be the priest, the al - tar, and the lamb of sac - ri - fice.  
 The joy of the resurrection re - news the whole world,  
 while the choirs of heav - en sing for ev - er to your glo - ry:

**Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
 we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**We praise you with greater joy than ever in this  
 Easter season,  
 when Christ became our paschal sacrifice.**

**As he offered his body on the cross,  
 his perfect sacrifice fulfilled all others.  
 As he gave himself into your hands for our salvation,  
 he showed himself to be the priest, the altar, and the  
 lamb of sacrifice.**

**The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world,  
 while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory:**

The choir and the assembly sing the *Sanctus*:

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.

## *Eucharistic Prayer I*

The Holy Father, with hands extended, says:

**We come to you, Father,  
with praise and thanksgiving,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.**

He joins his hands and, making the sign of the cross once over both bread and chalice, says:

**Through him we ask you to accept and bless ✠  
these gifts we offer you in sacrifice.**

With hands extended, he continues:

**We offer them for your holy catholic Church,  
watch over it, Lord, and guide it;  
grant it peace and unity throughout the world.  
We offer them for me, your unworthy servant,  
and my brother Edward, the Bishop of this  
Church of New York,  
and for all who hold and teach the catholic faith  
that comes to us from the apostles.**

### COMMEMORATION OF THE LIVING

A concelebrant, with hands extended, says:

**Remember, Lord, your people,  
especially those for whom we now pray.**

He prays for them briefly with hands joined. Then, with hands extended, he continues:

**Remember all of us gathered here before you.  
You know how firmly we believe in you  
and dedicate ourselves to you.  
We offer you this sacrifice of praise  
for ourselves and those who are dear to us.  
We pray to you, our living and true God,  
for our well-being and redemption.**

Another concelebrant, with hands extended, says:

**In union with the whole Church  
we honor Mary,  
the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God.  
We honor Joseph, her husband,  
the apostles and martyrs  
Peter and Paul, Andrew,  
James, John, Thomas,  
James, Philip,  
Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Jude;  
we honor Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus,  
Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus,  
John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian  
and all the saints.  
May their merits and prayers  
gain us your constant help and protection.**

With hands extended, the Holy Father continues:

**Father, accept this offering  
from your whole family.  
Grant us your peace in this life,  
save us from final damnation,  
and count us among those you have chosen.**

He joins his hands and, with the concelebrants, holds them outstretched over the offerings, saying:

**Bless and approve our offering;  
make it acceptable to you,  
an offering in spirit and in truth.  
Let it become for us  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ,  
your only Son, our Lord.**

The Holy Father joins his hands and continues:

**The day before he suffered,**

He takes the bread and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

**he took bread in his sacred hands**

He looks upward.

**and looking up to heaven,  
to you, his almighty Father,  
he gave you thanks and praise.  
He broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:**

The Holy Father bows slightly, as the concelebrants extend their right hands:

**Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
this is my body  
which will be given up for you.**

He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

Then he continues:

**When supper was ended,**

He takes the chalice and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

**he took the cup.  
Again he gave you thanks and praise,  
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:**

He bows slightly, as the concelebrants extend their right hands:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it:  
this is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and  
everlasting covenant.**

**It will be shed for you and for all  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.**

He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

The Holy Father:



**Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:**

The people with the Holy Father and the concelebrants:

**R.** Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

With hands extended, the Holy Father and all the concelebrants say:

**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 Melchisedech.**

Bowing, with hands joined, the Holy Father and the concelebrants continue:

**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,**

The Holy Father and the concelebrants stand up straight and make the sign of the cross, saying:

**let us be filled with every grace and blessing.**

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD

A concelebrant, with hands extended:

**Remember, Lord, those who have died  
and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith,  
especially those for whom we now pray.**

He prays for them briefly with joined hands. Then, with hands extended, he continues:

**May these, and all who sleep in Christ,  
find in your presence  
light, happiness and peace.**

Another concelebrant, with hands extended, says:

**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.**

All strike their breast with their right hands, and the concelebrant says:

**Though we are sinners,  
we trust in your mercy and love.**

With hands extended as before, he continues:

**Do not consider what we truly deserve,  
but grant us your forgiveness**

The concelebrant joins his hands.

**through Christ our Lord.**

The Holy Father alone:

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

The Holy Father takes the paten with the host and the deacon takes the chalice, and, as they lift them up, the Holy Father and all the concelebrants sing:

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of  
the Ho - ly Spir - it, all glo - ry and ho - nor is  
yours, al-might - y Fa - ther, for ev - er and ev - er.

**Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.**

**R.** Amen.



# COMMUNION RITE

## LORD'S PRAYER

The Holy Father and the deacon place the chalice and paten on the altar. With hands joined, the Holy Father sings:



Let us pray with confidence to the Fa - ther in the words our Sav-ior gave us.

**Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:**

He extends his hands and continues with the people:



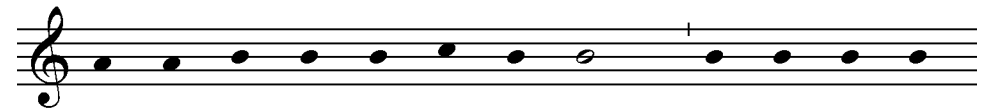
Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, hal-losed be thy name;



thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give



those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -



to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

**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.**

With hands extended, the Holy Father continues alone:



De-liv-er us, Lord from ev'-ry e-vil, and grant us peace in our day.  
In your mer-cy keep us free from sin and pro-tect us from all an-xi-e-ty  
as we wait in joy-ful hope for the com-ing of our Sav-ior, Je-sus Christ.

**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.**

He joins his hands.

#### DOXOLOGY

The people end the prayer with the acclamation:

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

#### SIGN OF PEACE

The Holy Father, with hands extended, says aloud:

**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,**

He joins his hands.

**where you live for ever and ever.**

**R.** Amen.

The Holy Father:

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**R.** And also with you.

The deacon adds:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The *Agnus Dei* is sung by the choir.

Meanwhile, the Holy Father takes the consecrated host and breaks it over  
the paten. He places a small piece in the chalice, saying inaudibly:

***May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord  
Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.***

## PRIVATE PREPARATION

The Holy Father joins his hands and says inaudibly:

***Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
by the will of the Father and the work of the  
Holy Spirit your death brought life to the world.  
By your holy body and blood free me  
from all my sins, and from every evil.  
Keep me faithful to your teaching,  
and never let me be parted from you.***

Or:

***Lord Jesus Christ, with faith in your love and mercy  
I eat your body and drink your blood.  
Let it not bring me condemnation,  
but health in mind and body.***

## COMMUNION

The Holy Father genuflects. Taking the host, he raises it slightly over the paten and, facing the people, says aloud:

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

He adds with the people:

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

Then the Holy Father says inaudibly:

***May the body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.***

He reverently drinks the body of Christ. Then he takes the chalice and says inaudibly:

***May the blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life.***

He reverently consumes the blood of Christ.

After this he takes the paten and goes to the deacons and then the communicants. He takes a host for each one, raises it a little, and shows it, saying:

***The body of Christ.***

The communicant answers:

Amen.

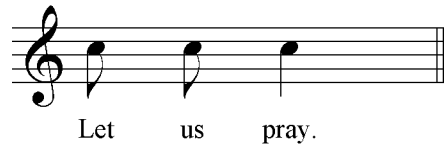
and receives communion.

## COMMUNION SONG

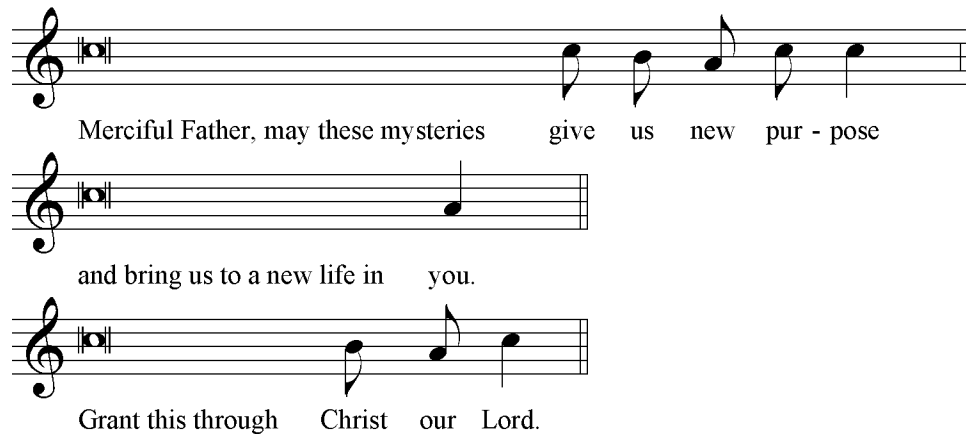
As all go to receive communion, appropriate hymns are sung by the choir and people.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Holy Father, with hands joined, sings:



He extends his hands and prays:



**Merciful Father,  
may these mysteries give us new purpose  
and bring us to a new life in you.**

**Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

**R.** Amen.

## CONCLUDING RITE

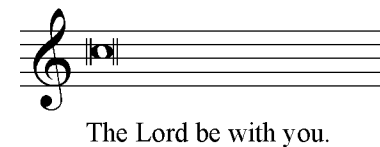
The deacon:

The Holy Father will now impart his Apostolic Blessing. He intends to bless all articles which the faithful have brought for that purpose.

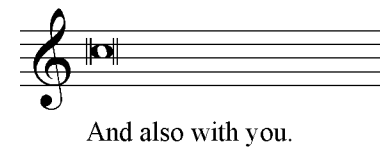
In particular he will bless two objects which are found on the platform before the papal altar: a cornerstone for the bicentennial garden of the Cathedral of St. Patrick and a crucifix to be placed in the chapel of St. John Neumann Seminary residence.

## FINAL BLESSING

The Holy Father:



**R.**



The deacon:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

The Holy Father:

Through the resurrection of his Son God has redeemed you and  
made you his child - ren. May he bless you with joy.

℞. Amen.

The Holy Father:

The redeemer has given you last - ing free - dom.  
May you inherit his everlast - ing life.

℞. Amen.

The Holy Father:

By your faith you rose with him in bap - tism.  
May your lives be holy, so that you will be united with him for ev - er.

℞. Amen.

**Through the resurrection of his Son  
God has redeemed you and made you his children.  
May he bless you with joy.**

℞. Amen.

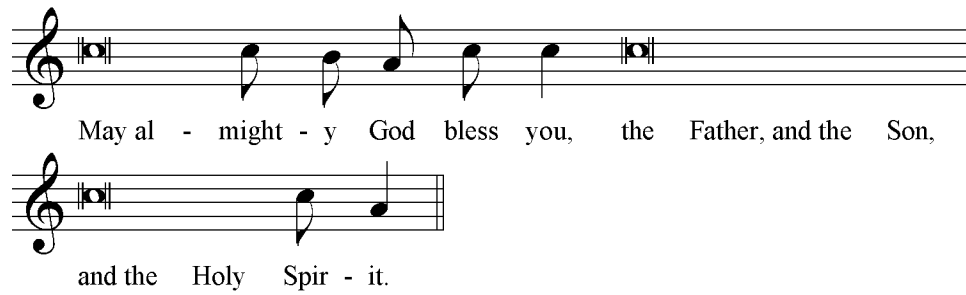
**The Redeemer has given you lasting freedom.  
May you inherit his everlasting life.**

℞. Amen.

**By your faith you rose with him in baptism.  
May your lives be holy,  
so that you will be united with him for ever.**

℞. Amen.

The Holy Father:



May al - might - y God bless you, the Father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Spir - it.

℞. Amen.

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

℞. Amen.

DISMISSAL

The deacon:

The Mass is ended. Go in peace.

℞. Thanks be to God.

The Holy Father kisses the altar as at the beginning. Then he makes the customary reverence with the ministers and leaves.