



The Sacramentary

Volume Two
Part 2



EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS I-IV


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

PREFACE DIALOGUE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I
(THE ROMAN CANON)

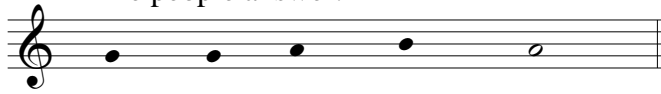
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The priest begins the eucharistic prayer. Extending his hands, he sings or says:




The Lord be with you.

The people answer:




And al - so with you.

He lifts up his hands and continues:




Lift up your hearts.

The people answer:



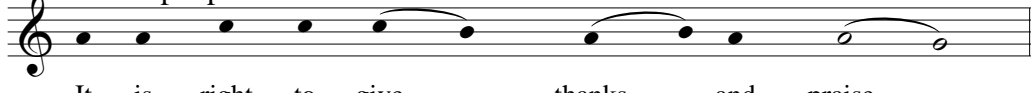
We lift them up to the Lord.

With hands outstretched, he continues:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The people answer:



It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest continues the preface with hands outstretched.

Alternative openings for the prefaces may be found on pages 508–509.

At the end of the preface, the priest joins his hands and, together with the people, sings or says:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system, each beginning with a treble clef. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with lyrics placed below the staves. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav - en and earth are'. The second staff contains 'full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The third staff contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line.

After the *Sanctus* has been completed, the priest continues the eucharistic prayer with hands outstretched. The words in brackets may be omitted.

All-merciful Father,
we come before you with praise and thanksgiving
through Jesus Christ your Son.

P

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

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

With hands outstretched, 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 N. our Pope,
for N. our Bishop,
and for all who hold and teach the catholic faith
that comes to us from the apostles.

BAPTISM

Remember, Lord, your faithful people,
who have guided your elect to holy baptism
[especially these godparents N. and N.]. ▷

THE SCRUTINIES

Remember, Lord, your faithful people,
who will present your elect for holy baptism
[especially these godparents N. and N.]. ▷

Remember, Lord, your faithful people,
especially those for whom we now pray [N. and N.].

1C

The priest joins his hands and prays briefly. Then he continues with hands outstretched:

- ▷ Remember all of us gathered here before you.
You know that 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.

CHRISTMAS AND DURING THE OCTAVE

As we celebrate that most holy day [night]
when blessed Mary, without loss of her virginity,
gave the world its Saviour,
we pray in communion with the whole Church, ▷

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

As we celebrate that most holy day
when your only Son,
who is one with you in eternal glory,
revealed himself to the world in human flesh,
we pray in communion with the whole Church, ▷

EASTER VIGIL TO THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

As we celebrate that most holy day [night]
when Jesus Christ our Lord
rose bodily from the dead,
we pray in communion with the whole Church, ▷

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As we celebrate that most holy day
when your only Son our Lord
lifted up to the glory of heaven our mortal nature,
which he had made his own,
we pray in communion with the whole Church, ▷

▷ We pray in communion with the whole Church,
with those whose memory we now honour:
especially with Mary,
the glorious and ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord and God,
with Joseph, her husband,
the apostles and martyrs,
Peter and Paul, Andrew,
 [James, John,
 Thomas, James, Philip,
 Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude;
 with Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus,
 Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus,
 John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian,]
and with all the saints.
By their merits and prayers
grant us your constant help and protection.

2C

[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

BAPTISM

Lord, accept this offering from your whole family.
We offer it especially for those to whom
you have given
new birth through water and the Holy Spirit
with pardon for all their sins.
Make them living members of the Body of Christ
and inscribe their names in the book of life.

He joins his hands.

[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.] ▷

THE SCRUTINIES

Lord, accept this offering from your whole family.
We offer it for the elect,
whom you have set apart and called
to receive eternal life and the gift of your grace
in the living waters of baptism.

He joins his hands.

[through Christ our Lord. Amen.] ▷

MARRIAGE

Lord, accept this offering from your whole family
and from N and N for whom we now pray.
You have brought them to their wedding day;
bless them with [the joy of children
and] a long and happy life together.

He joins his hands.

[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.] ▷

EASTER VIGIL TO THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Lord, accept this offering from your whole family.
We offer it for those to whom you have given
new birth through water and the Holy Spirit
with pardon for all their sins.
Grant us your peace in this life,
save us from final damnation,
and count us among those you have chosen.

He joins his hands.

[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.] ▷

With hands outstretched, the priest continues:

Lord, 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.

P

He joins his hands.

[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

With hands outstretched over the offerings, the priest says:

▷ 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 your beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

CC

He joins his hands.

In the text that follows, the words of the Lord should be proclaimed clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

The day before he suffered

The priest 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:

He bows slightly.

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:

THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

He shows the consecrated bread to the people, replaces it on the plate, and genuflects in adoration.

Then he continues:

When supper was ended, he took the cup;

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

again he gave you thanks and praise,

gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

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 cup to the people, replaces it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then the priest or deacon sings or says one of the following invitations.

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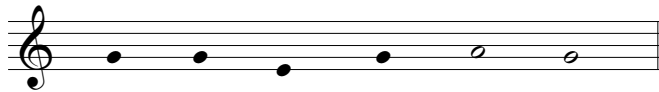
Great is the mys - ter - y of faith.

And the people take up the acclamation:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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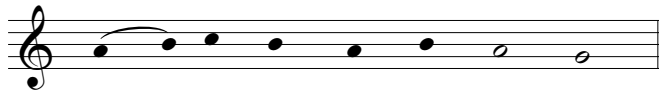


Praise to you, Lord Je - sus.

And the people take up the acclamation:

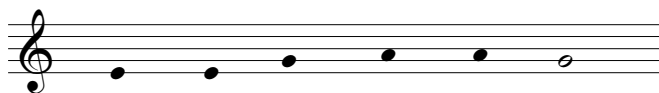


Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re - stored our life.



Lord — Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

C



Christ is the bread of life.

And the people take up the acclamation:



When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus,



un - til you come in glo - ry.

D



Je - sus Christ is Lord.

And the people take up the acclamation:



Lord, by your cross and res-ur-rec - tion you have set us free. You are the



Sav - iour of the world.

Then, with hands outstretched, the priest says:

And so, Lord God,
 we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son:
 we, your holy people and your ministers,
 call to mind 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.

CC

Look with favour on these offerings
 and accept them as once you accepted
 the gifts of your just servant Abel,
 the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
 and the bread and wine offered by your priest Melchizedek.

Bowing profoundly and with his hands joined, he continues:

Almighty God,
 command that your angel carry this sacrifice
 to your altar in heaven.
 Then, as we receive from this altar
 the sacred body and blood of your Son,

He stands up straight and makes the sign of the cross, saying:
 let us be filled with every grace and blessing.

He joins his hands.

[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

With hands outstretched, he says:

Remember, Lord, your servants who have died 3C
and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith,
especially those for whom we now pray [N. and N.].

The priest joins his hands and prays briefly. Then he continues with hands out-
stretched:

Grant them and all who sleep in Christ
a haven of light and peace.

He joins his hands.

[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

The priest strikes his breast with his right hand, saying:

For ourselves, too, 4C
sinners who trust in your mercy and love,

With hands outstretched, he continues:

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 your saints.

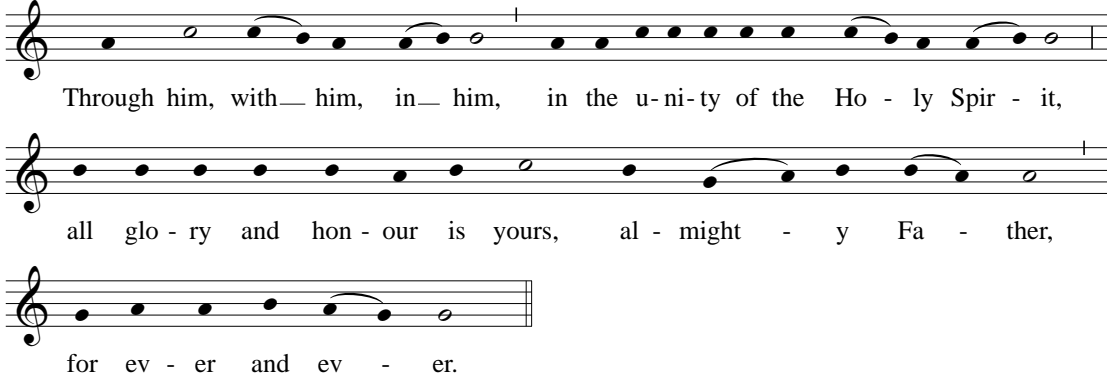
Welcome us into their company,
not considering what we deserve,
but freely granting us your pardon.

He joins his hands and continues:

Through Christ our Lord you give us all these gifts, P
you fill them with life and goodness,
you bless them and make them holy.


The deacon, standing next to the priest, lifts up the cup. The priest takes the plate with the consecrated bread and, lifting it up, sings or says the doxology. If there is no deacon, the priest himself lifts up both the plate and the cup.

P/CC




Through him, with— him, in— him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho - ly Spir - it,
all glo - ry and hon - our is yours, al - might - y Fa - ther,
for ev - er and ev - er.

The people answer:



A - men. _____

Or, in the place of the single **Amen**, the following may be sung:



A - men. _____ A - men. _____ A - men.

The plate and the cup are replaced on the altar after the acclamation.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

This eucharistic prayer has a proper preface which forms part of its structure. However, it may be used with other prefaces, especially those which present the mystery of salvation succinctly (see GIRM 322:2).

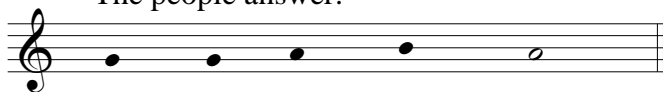
The priest leads the assembly in the eucharistic prayer. The people take part reverently and attentively and make the acclamations. The eucharistic prayer may be sung (see page 833).

The priest begins the eucharistic prayer. Extending his hands, he sings or says:



The Lord — be with you.

The people answer:



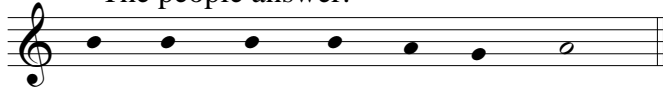
And al - so with you.

He lifts up his hands and continues:



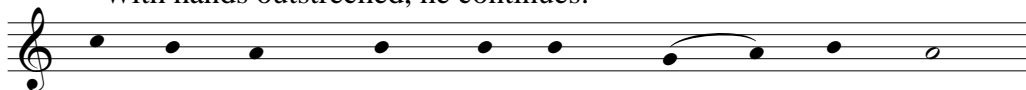
Lift — up your hearts.

The people answer:



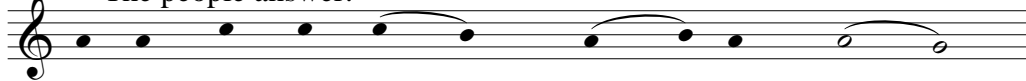
We lift them up to the Lord.

With hands outstretched, he continues:



Let us give thanks to the Lord — our God.

The people answer:



It is right to give thanks — and praise. —

The priest continues the preface with hands outstretched.

Father, it is our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere
to give you thanks
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

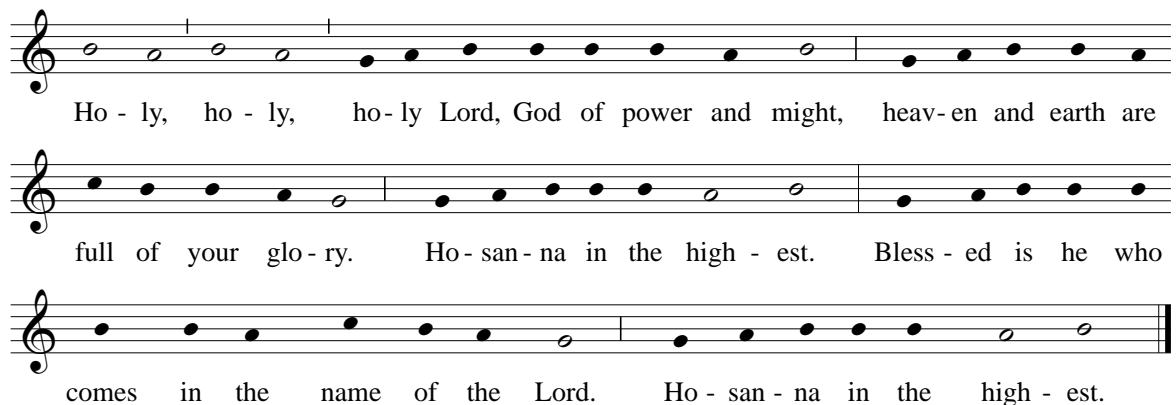
He is the Word through whom you made the universe,
the Saviour you sent to redeem us.

He took flesh by the Holy Spirit
and was born of the Virgin Mary.

To accomplish your will
and gain for you a holy people,
he stretched out his arms on the cross,
that he might break the chains of death
and make known the resurrection.

And so with one voice
we join the angels and saints in proclaiming your glory:

The priest joins his hands and, together with the people, sings or says:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

After the *Sanctus* has been completed, the priest continues the eucharistic prayer with hands outstretched.

Lord, you are holy indeed, P
you are the fountain of all holiness.

He joins his hands and, holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:
Send down your Spirit upon these gifts to make them holy, CC
that they may become for us

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

the body + and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

He joins his hands.

In the text that follows, the words of the Lord should be proclaimed clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

Before he was given up to death,
a death he freely accepted,

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

he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

He shows the consecrated bread to the people, replaces it on the plate, and genuflects in adoration.

Then he continues:

When supper was ended, he took the cup;

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

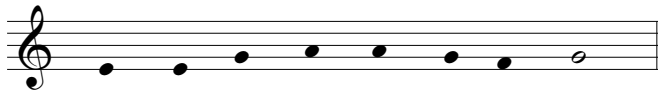
again he gave you thanks,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

**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 cup to the people, replaces it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

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And the people take up the acclamation:

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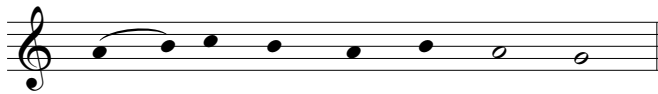
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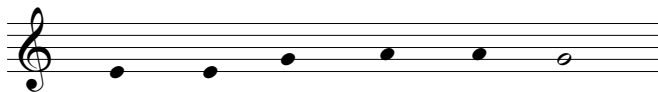
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Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.



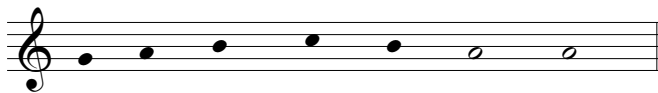
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And the people take up the acclamation:

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus,



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Je - sus Christ is Lord.

And the people take up the acclamation:



Lord, by your cross and res-ur-rec - tion you have set us free. You are the



Sav - iour of the world.

Then, with hands outstretched, the priest says:

Remembering therefore his death and resurrection,
we offer you, Lord God,
this life-giving bread, this saving cup.
We thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

CC

We pray that all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world:
perfect us in love
together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop,
with all bishops, priests, and deacons,
and all who minister to your people.

1C

BAPTISM

Remember also, Lord,
those who through baptism [and confirmation]
have been joined to your Church today.
Grant that they may follow Christ your Son
with willing and generous hearts.
Remember our brothers and sisters ▷

MARRIAGE

Remember also, Lord, N and N.,
whom you have brought to their wedding day,
that, by your grace,
they may always live in mutual love and peace.
Remember our brothers and sisters ▷

MASSES FOR THE DEAD

Remember our brother/sister N.,
whom you have called from this life.
In baptism he/she died with Christ:
may he/she also share his resurrection.
Remember all our brothers and sisters ▷

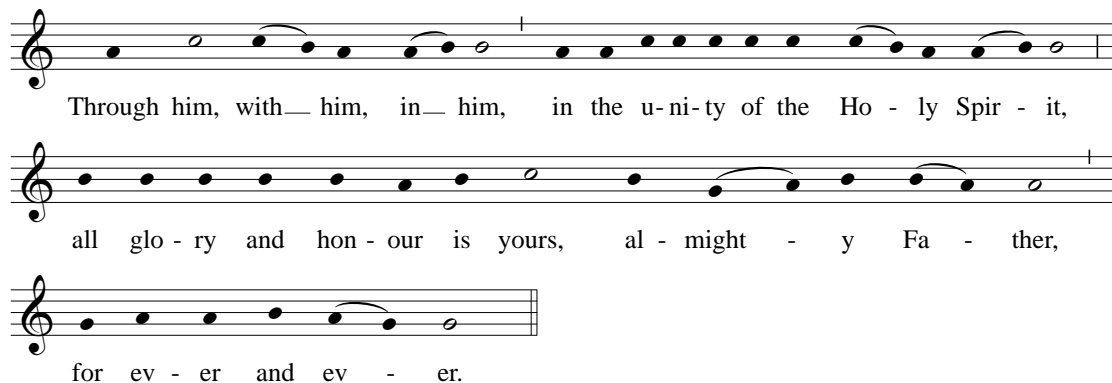
▷ Remember our brothers and sisters
who have gone to their rest
in the sure hope of rising again;
bring them and all who have died in your mercy
into the light of your presence.

2C

Have mercy on us all:
make us worthy to share eternal life,
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,
with the apostles and with all the saints,
who have found favour with you throughout the ages;
in union with them
may we praise you and give you glory
He joins his hands.
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

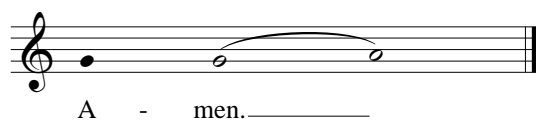
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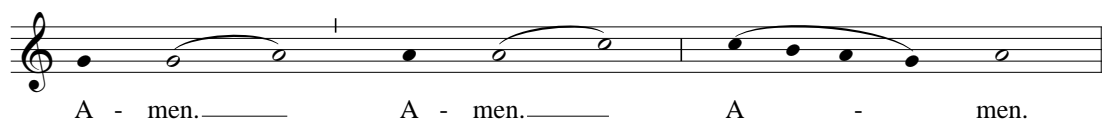
Through him, with— him, in— him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho - ly Spir - it,
all glo - ry and hon - our is yours, al - might - y Fa - ther,
for ev - er and ev - er.

The people answer:



A - men. _____

Or, in the place of the single **Amen**, the following may be sung:




A - men. _____ A - men. _____ A - men.

The plate and the cup are replaced on the altar after the acclamation.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III


The priest leads the assembly in the eucharistic prayer. The people take part reverently and attentively and make the acclamations. The eucharistic prayer may be sung (see page 841).

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The Lord _____ be with you.

The people answer:



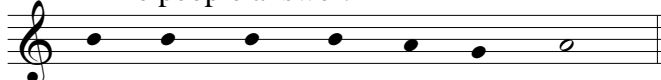
And al - so with you.

He lifts up his hands and continues:



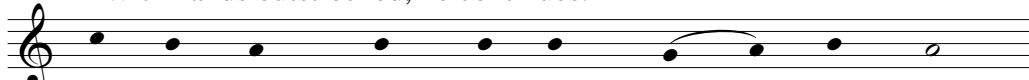
Lift _____ up your hearts.

The people answer:



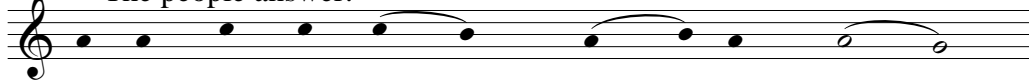
We lift them up to the Lord.

With hands outstretched, he continues:



Let us give thanks to the Lord _____ our God.

The people answer:



It is right to give thanks _____ and praise. _____

The priest continues the preface with hands outstretched.

Alternative openings for the prefaces may be found on pages 442-443.

At the end of the preface, the priest joins his hands and, together with the people, sings or says:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

After the *Sanctus* has been completed, the priest continues the eucharistic prayer with hands outstretched.

Lord, you are holy indeed, P
and all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
by the working of the Holy Spirit.
From age to age you gather a people to yourself,
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting
a pure offering may be made
to the glory of your name.

SEASON OF ADVENT

And so, Lord God, in joyful expectation
we celebrate the advent of your Christ;
and, raising up our heads to behold
the redemption that is near at hand
we humbly pray: ▷

CHRISTMAS AND DURING THE OCTAVE

And so, Lord God, on this day of glory
and peace,
we celebrate the birth of your incarnate Word;
and, rejoicing that your loving kindness
has appeared among us,
we humbly pray: ▷

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

And so, Lord God, we celebrate
the epiphany of your only-begotten Son;
and, rejoicing at the gift of salvation
and peace for all the nations,
we humbly pray: ▷

SEASON OF LENT

And so, Lord God, in this, the acceptable time,
we celebrate the lenten days of salvation;
turning back to you in repentance
and to one another in reconciliation,
we humbly pray: ▷

EASTER VIGIL TO THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

And so, Lord God, on this most sacred day,
we celebrate the glorious resurrection
of your Son;
and, exulting in his mighty victory over death,
we humbly pray: ▷

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

And so, Lord God, we celebrate the day
on which your Son ascended to your right hand,
where he pleads on our behalf;
and, confidently approaching the throne of grace,
we humbly pray: ▷

And so, Lord God, we humbly pray:

CC

He joins his hands and, holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:

▷ by the power of your Spirit sanctify these gifts
we have brought before you,

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

that they may become the body + and blood
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

He joins his hands.

In the text that follows, the words of the Lord should be proclaimed clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

On the night he was handed over to death,

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

he took bread and gave you thanks and praise;
he broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

He shows the consecrated bread to the people, replaces it on the plate, and genuflects in adoration.

Then he continues:

When supper was ended, he took the cup;

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

again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

**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.**

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Then the priest or deacon sings or says one of the following invitations.

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Great is the mys - ter - y of faith.

And the people take up the acclamation:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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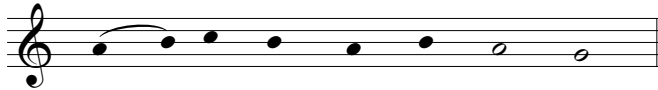


Praise to you, Lord Je - sus.

And the people take up the acclamation:

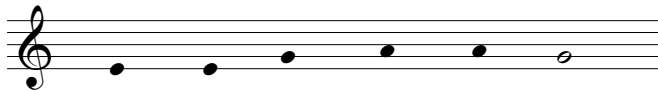


Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re - stored our life.



Lord — Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

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Christ is the bread of life.

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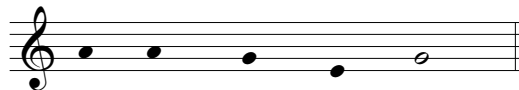


When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus,



un - til you come in glo - ry.

D



Je - sus Christ is Lord.

And the people take up the acclamation:



Lord, by your cross and res-ur-rec - tion you have set us free. You are the



Sav - iour of the world.

Then, with hands outstretched, the priest says:

Calling to mind, Lord God, CC
the death your Son endured for our salvation,
his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven,
and eagerly awaiting the day of his return,
we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look with favour on your Church's offering
and see the Victim by whose sacrifice
you were pleased to reconcile us to yourself.
Grant that we who are nourished by the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with his Holy Spirit
and become one body, one spirit in Christ.

Let him make us an everlasting gift to you, 1C
that we may share in the inheritance of your saints,
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,
with the apostles, the martyrs,
[Saint N.], and all your saints,
on whose constant intercession we rely for help.

Lord, may this sacrifice 2C
which has made our peace with you
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.
Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth:
your servant Pope N., our Bishop N.,
all bishops, priests, and deacons,
all ministers of your Church,
and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

BAPTISM

Merciful Father,
hear the prayers of the family
you have gathered here before you.
Strengthen in their holy resolve
those who today have been joined to your people
through the waters of rebirth
[and the gift of the Holy Spirit].
Grant that they may walk always in newness
of life.
Unite to yourself all your children
now scattered over the face of the earth. ▷

MARRIAGE

Merciful Father,
hear the prayers of the family
you have gathered here before you.
Strengthen in the grace of marriage N and N.,
whom you have brought to their wedding day;
keep them faithful throughout their lives
to the covenant they have sealed in your presence.
Unite to yourself all your children
now scattered over the face of the earth. ▷

THE SCRUTINIES

Merciful Father,
hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you.
Strengthen in their holy resolve these elect,
whom you have set apart and called
to receive eternal life and gift of your grace
in the living waters of baptism.
unite to yourself all your children
now scattered over the face of the earth. ▷

Merciful Father,
hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you,
and unite to yourself all your children
now scattered over the face of the earth. †

- ▷ Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters
and all who have left this world in your friendship.

He joins his hands.

We hope to enjoy with them your everlasting glory,
through Christ our Lord,
through whom you give the world everything that is good.

† During MASSES FOR THE DEAD, the following intercessions may replace
Welcome into your kingdom...

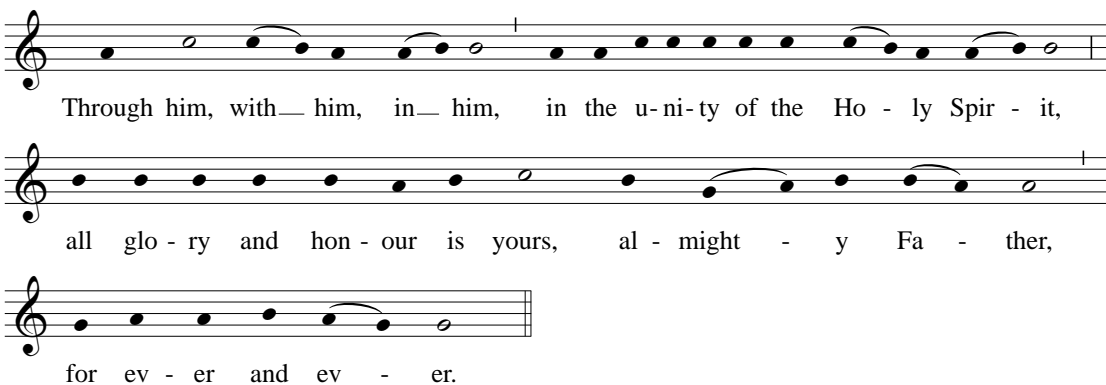
Remember our brother/sister N.,
whom you have called from this life.
In baptism he/she died with Christ:
may he/she also share his resurrection,
when Christ will raise our mortal bodies
and make them like his own in glory.
Welcome into your kingdom all our departed brothers and sisters,
and all who have left this world in your friendship;
we hope to enjoy with them your everlasting glory,
when every tear will be wiped away.
on that day we shall see you, our God, as you are;

He joins his hands

we shall be like you and praise you for ever,
through Christ our Lord,
through whom you give the world everything that is good.

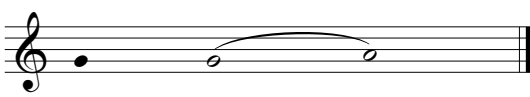
The deacon, standing next to the priest, lifts up the cup. The priest takes the plate with the consecrated bread and, lifting it up, sings or says the doxology. If there is no deacon, the priest himself lifts up both the plate and the cup.

P/CC



Through him, with— him, in— him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 all glo - ry and hon - our is yours, al - might - y Fa - ther,
 for ev - er and ev - er.

The people answer:



A - men. _____

Or, in the place of the single **Amen**, the following may be sung:



A - men. _____ A - men. _____ A - men.

The plate and the cup are replaced on the altar after the acclamation.


EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV

The preface is an integral part of this eucharistic prayer and is always used with it. For this reason, this eucharistic prayer may not be used on a day when a proper preface is prescribed. On all other days it may be used with its own preface, even on days when the rubrics prescribe a seasonal preface (see GIRM, no. 322:5).

The priest leads the assembly in the eucharistic prayer. The people take part reverently and attentively and make the acclamations. The eucharistic prayer may be sung (see page 851).


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The Lord — be with you.

The people answer:



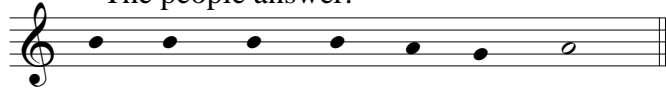
And al - so with you.

He lifts up his hands and continues:




Lift — up your hearts.

The people answer:



We lift them up to the Lord.

With hands outstretched, he continues:



Let us give thanks to the Lord — our God.

The people answer:

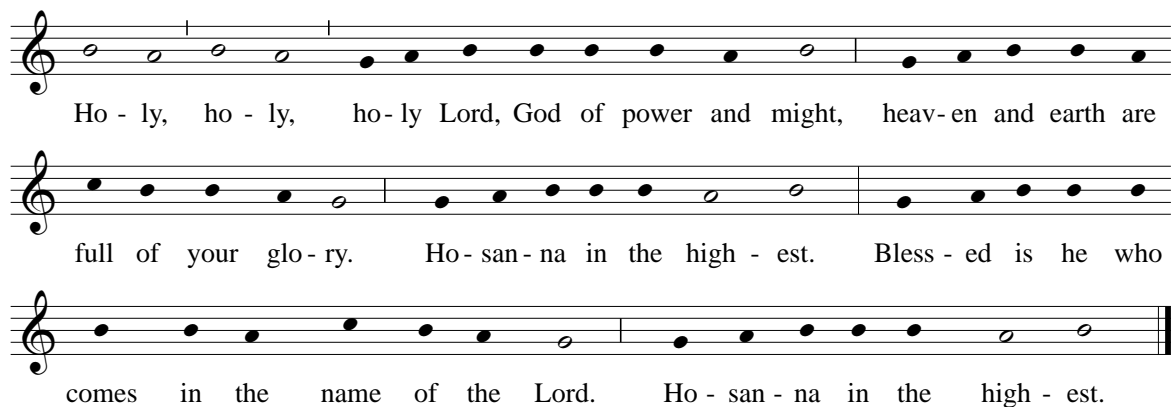


It is right to give thanks — and praise. —

The priest continues the preface with hands outstretched.

Father most holy,
it is right for us to give you thanks,
it is right to give you glory,
for you are the one God, living and true.
Before time began and for all eternity
you dwell in unapproachable light.
Source of life and goodness, you have created all things,
that they may abound with every blessing
and rejoice in the radiance of your light.
Countless hosts of angels stand before you
and gaze upon your splendour;
night and day they serve you
and worship you without end.
We join with them
and, giving voice to every creature under heaven,
we acclaim you and glorify your name:

The priest joins his hands and, together with the people, sings or says:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

After the *Sanctus* has been completed, the priest continues the eucharistic prayer with hands outstretched.

Father most holy, we proclaim your greatness:
all your works show forth your wisdom and love.
You formed man and woman in your own likeness
and entrusted the whole world to their care,
so that in serving you alone, their Creator,
they might be stewards of all creation.

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Even when they disobeyed you and turned away from your friendship,
you did not abandon them to the power of death,
but extended your hand in mercy,
that all who search for you might find you.

Again and again you offered the human race a covenant
and through the prophets nurtured the hope of salvation.

Father, you so loved the world
that in the fullness of time

you sent your only Son to be our Saviour.

Made flesh by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary,
he lived as one of us in all things but sin.

To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation,
to prisoners, freedom,
and to those in sorrow, joy.

In order to fulfil your purpose
he gave himself up to death,

and by rising from the dead

he destroyed death and restored life.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves

but for him who died and rose for us,

he sent the Holy Spirit from you, Father,

as his first gift to those who believe,

to complete his work on earth

and renew the world in perfect holiness.

He joins his hands and, holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:

Lord God,

CC

we pray that the same Holy Spirit may sanctify these gifts:

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

let them become the body + and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,

He joins his hands.

that we may celebrate the great mystery

which he left us as an everlasting covenant.

In the text that follows, the words of the Lord should be proclaimed clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you,
Father most holy,
having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end.

While they were at supper,

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

he took bread and said the blessing;
he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

He shows the consecrated bread to the people, replaces it on the plate, and genuflects in adoration.

Then he continues:

In the same way he took the cup filled with wine;

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

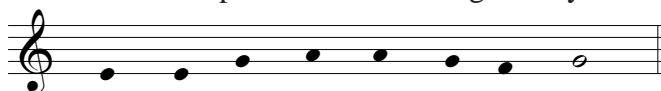
he gave you thanks and, giving the cup to his disciples, said:

He bows slightly.

**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.
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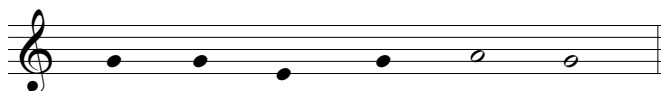


Great is the mys - ter - y of faith.

And the people take up the acclamation:



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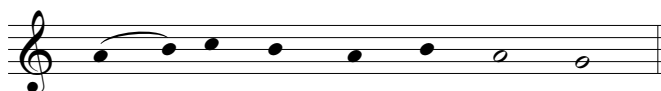


Praise to you, Lord Je - sus.

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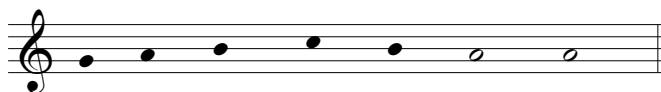


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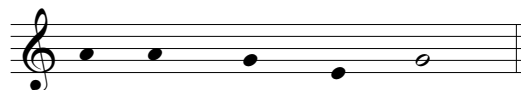
And the people take up the acclamation:



When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus,



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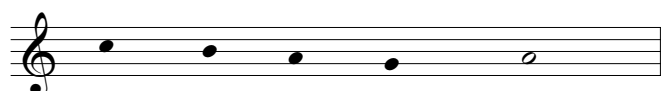


Je - sus Christ is Lord.

And the people take up the acclamation:



Lord, by your cross and res-ur-rec - tion you have set us free. You are the



Sav - iour of the world.

Then, with hands outstretched, the priest says:

And so, Lord God,
we celebrate the memorial of our redemption:
we recall Christ's death and his descent among the dead;
we proclaim his resurrection and his ascension to your right hand;
and, looking forward to his coming in glory,
we offer you the sacrifice of his body and blood,
an offering acceptable to you,
which brings salvation to all the world.

CC

Lord, look upon the sacrifice
which you yourself have prepared for your Church;
and by your Holy Spirit
gather all who share this one bread and one cup
into one body, a living sacrifice in Christ,
to the praise and glory of your name.

BAPTISM

Lord, remember those for whom we make this offering:
your servant Pope N., our Bishop N., and all bishops,
the priests, deacons, and other ministers of your Church;
remember those whom today you have given
new birth by water and the Holy Spirit;
remember those who take part in this offering,
those here present, all your people,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart. ▷

Lord, remember those for whom we make this offering:
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the priests, deacons, and other ministers of your Church,
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- ▷ Remember those who have died in the peace of Christ
and all the dead whose faith is known only to you.

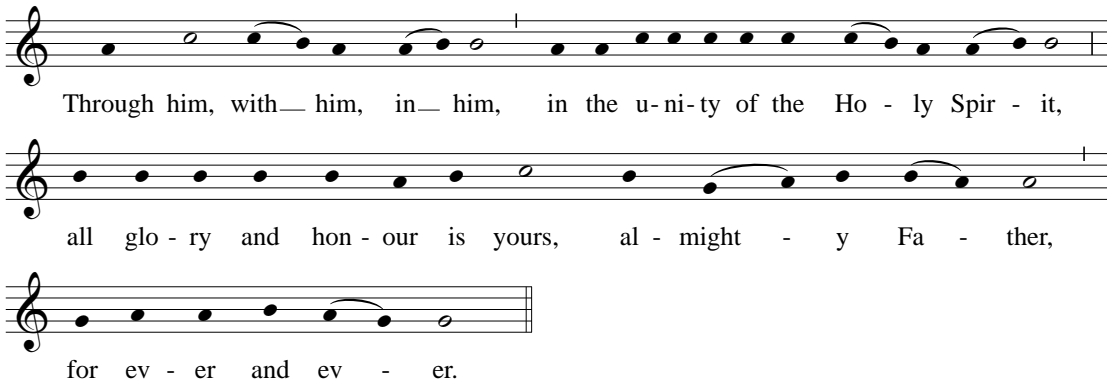
Merciful Father, grant that we, your children,
 may enjoy the inheritance of heaven
 with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,
 with the apostles and all your saints.
 There, together with all creation,
 set free from the corruption of sin and death,
 we shall sing your glory
 through Christ our Lord,

He joins his hands.

through whom you bless the world with all that is good.


The deacon, standing next to the priest, lifts up the cup. The priest takes the plate with the consecrated bread and, lifting it up, sings or says the doxology. If there is no deacon, the priest himself lifts up both the plate and the cup.

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Through him, with— him, in— him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 all glo - ry and hon - our is yours, al - might - y Fa - ther,
 for ev - er and ev - er.

The people answer:



A - men. _____

Or, in the place of the single **Amen**, the following may be sung:



A - men. _____ A - men. _____ A - men.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS
IN PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES

*Father, for them I pray,
for them to be one in us*

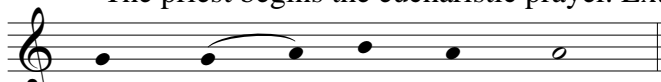
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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER
FOR MASSES OF RECONCILIATION I

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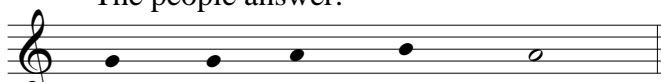
The priest leads the assembly in the eucharistic prayer. The people take part reverently and attentively and make the acclamations. The eucharistic prayer may be sung (see page 862).

The priest begins the eucharistic prayer. Extending his hands, he sings or says:



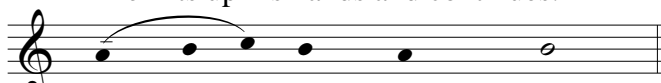
The Lord _____ be with you.

The people answer:



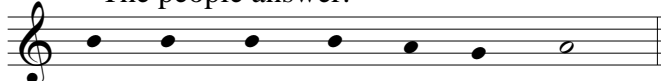
And al - so with you.

He lifts up his hands and continues:



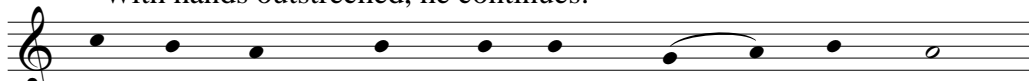
Lift _____ up your hearts.

The people answer:



We lift them up to the Lord.

With hands outstretched, he continues:



Let us give thanks to the Lord _____ our God.

The people answer:



It is right to give thanks _____ and praise. _____

The priest continues the preface with hands outstretched.

Holy Father,
compassionate and good,
it is right to give you thanks and praise,
for you never cease to call us
to a new and more abundant life.

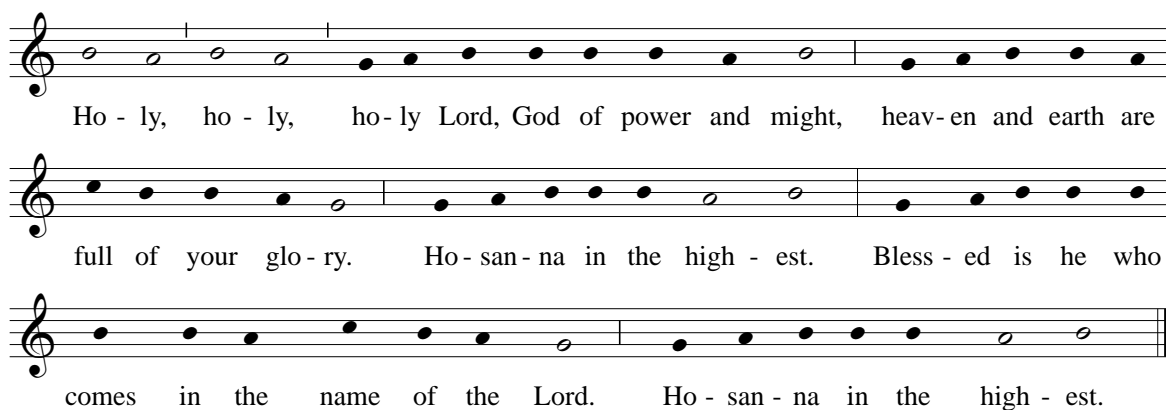
Though we are sinners,
you constantly offer us pardon
and ask us to trust in your mercy alone.

Time after time, when we broke your covenants,
you did not cast us aside;
but through the incarnation of Jesus, your Son,
you bound the human family to yourself
with a new and unbreakable bond.

In Christ you give your people
a season of reconciliation and grace:
a time to draw new breath
for our journey back to you,
a time to open our hearts to your Spirit
and respond to the needs of all.

In wonder and gratitude
we join our voices with the choirs of heaven,
as we proclaim with joy the power of your love
and sing the endless hymn of your glory:

The priest joins his hands and, together with the people, sings or says:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

After the *Sanctus* has been completed, the priest continues the eucharistic prayer with hands outstretched.

From the beginning, O God, P
all you have done for the human family
you have done for our good,
that we may be holy, as you yourself are holy.

Look with kindness, then, CC
on your people gathered before you.

He joins his hands and, holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:

Send forth your Spirit in power,
that these gifts may become for us

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

the body + and blood of Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
in whom we too are your children.

With hands joined, he continues:

When we were lost
and our hearts were far from you,
you showed the depth of your love:
your Son, who alone is the Just One,
gave himself into our hands
and was nailed to the wood of the cross.

Before he stretched out his arms between heaven and earth
as the lasting sign of your covenant,
he desired to celebrate the Passover
in the company of his disciples.

In the text that follows, the words of the Lord should be proclaimed clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

While they were at table,

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

he took bread and gave you thanks and praise;
he broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

He shows the consecrated bread to the people, replaces it on the plate, and genuflects in adoration.

Then he continues:

At the end of the meal,
knowing he would reconcile all things in himself
by his blood poured out on the cross,

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

he took the cup filled with wine;
again he gave you thanks,
and, handing the cup to his friends, he said:

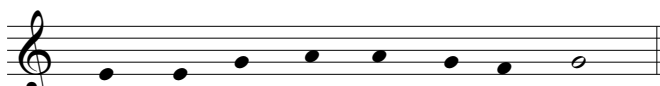
He bows slightly.

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT:
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IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL,
SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN.
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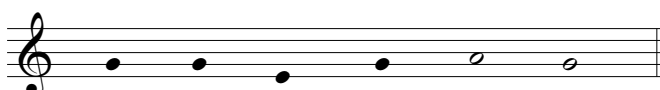
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Praise to you, Lord Je - sus.

And the people take up the acclamation:



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Lord — Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

C

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And the people take up the acclamation:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus,
un - til you come in glo - ry.

D

Je - sus Christ is Lord.

And the people take up the acclamation:

Lord, by your cross and res-ur-rec - tion you have set us free. You are the
Sav - iour of the world.

Then, with hands outstretched, the priest says:

We remember Jesus Christ, our Passover and our lasting peace,
we celebrate his death and resurrection,
we await the blessed day of his return.
And so we present to you, God ever faithful and true,
the offering that restores the world to your grace.

CC

Merciful Father,
look with love on those you draw to yourself
through their sharing in the sacrifice of Christ.
By the power of your Spirit,
may they become the body of your risen Son,
in whom all divisions are healed.

Keep us in communion of mind and heart,
together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop.

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Help us to work for the coming of your kingdom,
 until at last we stand in your presence
 and take our place among the saints,
 with the Virgin Mary and the apostles,
 and with our departed brothers and sisters,
 whom we commend to your mercy.

Then, in the glory of your new creation,
 freed from the sting of death,
 we shall sing to you the hymn of thanksgiving
 which rises from Christ the living Lord.

He joins his hands.

The deacon, standing next to the priest, lifts up the cup. The priest takes the plate with the consecrated bread and, lifting it up, sings or says the doxology. If there is no deacon, the priest himself lifts up both the plate and the cup.

Through him, with— him, in— him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 all glo - ry and hon - our is yours, al - might - y Fa - ther,
 for ev - er and ev - er.

The people answer:

A - men. _____

Or, in the place of the single **Amen**, the following may be sung:

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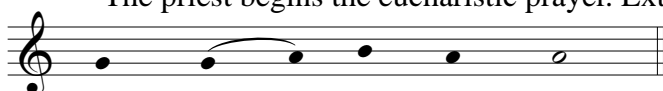
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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR MASSES OF RECONCILIATION II

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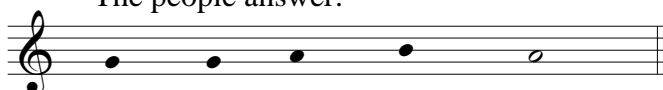
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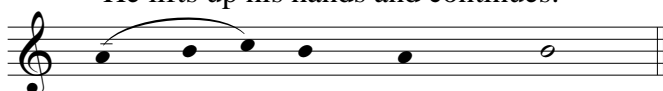
The Lord — be with you.

The people answer:



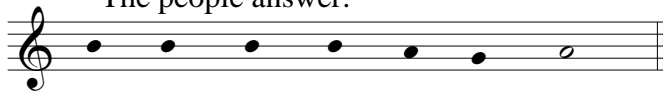
And al - so with you.

He lifts up his hands and continues:



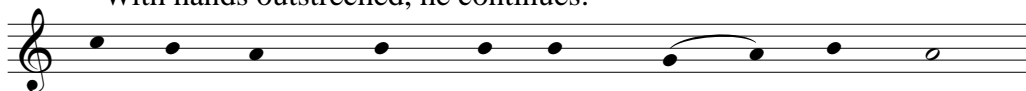
Lift — up your hearts.

The people answer:




We lift them up to the Lord.

With hands outstretched, he continues:



Let us give thanks to the Lord — our God.

The people answer:



It is right to give thanks — and praise. —

The priest continues the preface with hands outstretched.

Merciful God and Father,
it is truly right to give you thanks
through Christ our Lord
for the working of your grace in the world.

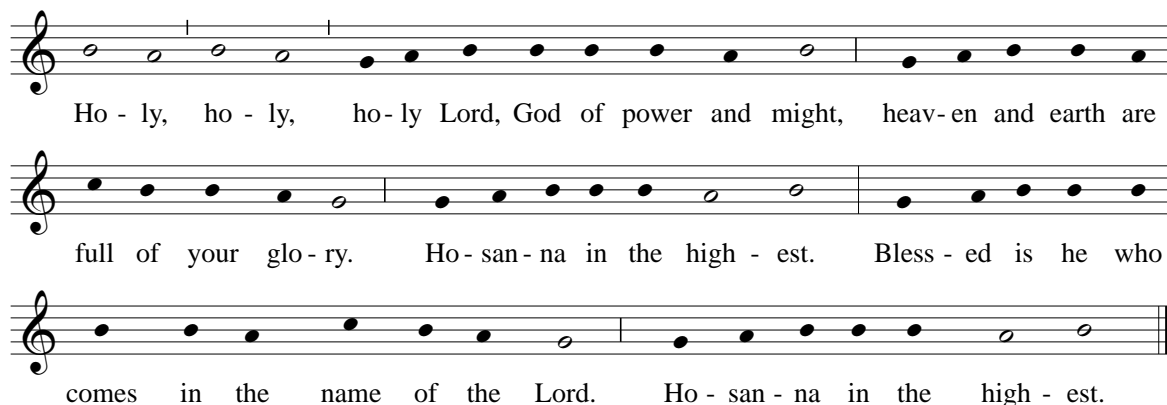
In the midst of human conflict
you turn our minds to thoughts of peace.

Your Spirit stirs our hearts,
so that enemies speak again to each other,
adversaries join hands in friendship,
and nations seek to live in harmony.

Through your healing power
the love of peace quells violence,
mercy conquers hatred,
and vengeance yields to forgiveness.

For this we praise you without end
and join with the choirs of heaven
as they sing the hymn of your glory:

The priest joins his hands and, together with the people, sings or says:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

After the *Sanctus* has been completed, the priest continues the eucharistic prayer with hands outstretched.

Lord of power and might, P
we bless you through Jesus Christ, your Son,
who comes in your name.
He is the word that brings salvation,
the hand you stretch out to sinners,
the way that leads to your peace.

God our Father,
when we had wandered far from you,
you called us back through your Son.
You gave him over to death,
that we might turn to you again
and find our way to one another.

We now celebrate the reconciliation CC
gained for us by Christ.

He joins his hands and, holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:

We ask you to sanctify these gifts
by the coming of your Spirit,

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

as we fulfil your Son's + command.

In the text that follows, the words of the Lord should be proclaimed clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

With hands joined, he continues:

Before he laid down his life for our deliverance,

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

he took bread in his hands and gave you thanks;
he broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

He shows the consecrated bread to the people, replaces it on the plate, and genuflects in adoration.

Then he continues:

So too, on that last evening,

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

he took into his hands the cup of blessing;

he praised your mercy,

gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

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 cup to the people, replaces it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

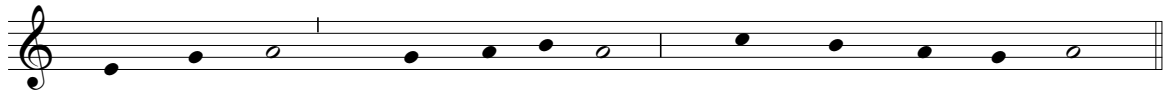
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Then the priest or deacon sings or says one of the following invitations.



Great is the mys - ter - y of faith.

And the people take up the acclamation:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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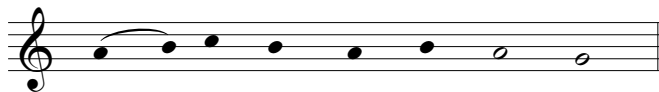


Praise to you, Lord Je - sus.

And the people take up the acclamation:



Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re - stored our life.



Lord— Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

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Christ is the bread of life.

And the people take up the acclamation:



When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus,



un - til you come in glo - ry.

D



Je - sus Christ is Lord.

And the people take up the acclamation:



Lord, by your cross and res-ur-rec - tion you have set us free. You are the



Sav - iour of the world.

Then, with hands outstretched, the priest says:

Lord our God,

your Son has left us this pledge of his love.

We celebrate, therefore, the memorial of his death and resurrection,
offering you the very gift you have given us,
the sacrifice of perfect reconciliation.

Father most holy,

accept us together with your own beloved Son,
and, through our partaking of this banquet,
fill us with his Spirit,
who heals every wound and division.

May that Holy Spirit preserve us in unity,
together with N. our Pope, N. our Bishop,
all the bishops and your entire people.

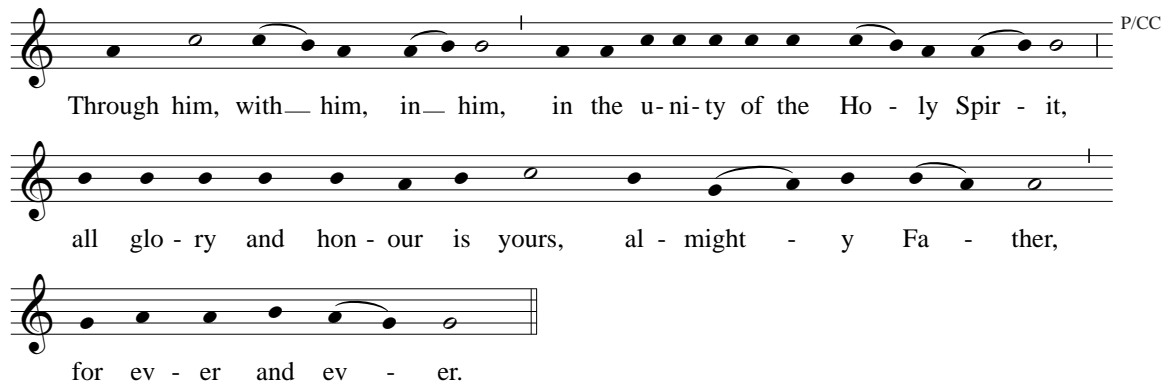
Make your Church throughout the world
a sign of unity and an instrument of peace.

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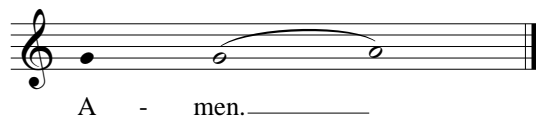
Lord,
 as you have welcomed us here to the table of your Son
 in fellowship with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,
 and all the saints,
 so gather at the one eternal banquet
 people of every race, nation, and tongue,
 in that new world
 where the fullness of peace will reign
 He joins his hands.
 through Jesus Christ the Lord.

The deacon, standing next to the priest, lifts up the cup. The priest takes the plate with the consecrated bread and, lifting it up, sings or says the doxology. If there is no deacon, the priest himself lifts up both the plate and the cup.



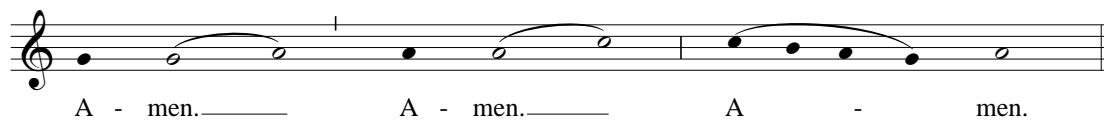
Through him, with— him, in— him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 all glo - ry and hon - our is yours, al - might - y Fa - ther,
 for ev - er and ev - er.

The people answer:



A - men. _____

Or, in the place of the single **Amen**, the following may be sung:



A - men. _____ A - men. _____ A - men.

The plate and the cup are replaced on the altar after the acclamation.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER
FOR MASSES WITH CHILDREN I

The preface is an integral part of this eucharistic prayer and is always used with it.

The priest leads the assembly in the eucharistic prayer. The people take part reverently and attentively and make the acclamations.

The priest begins the eucharistic prayer. Extending his hands, he sings or says:

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The Lord be with you.

The people answer:




And al - so with you.

He lifts up his hands and continues:



Lift— up your hearts.

The people answer:



We— lift them up to the Lord.

With hands outstretched, he continues:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The people answer:




It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest continues the preface with hands outstretched.

It is right to thank you, God our Father,
for you are wonderful.

You have gathered us together
and we are here to sing your praise:

The cantor sings the following acclamation, and the people repeat it.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in — the high - est.

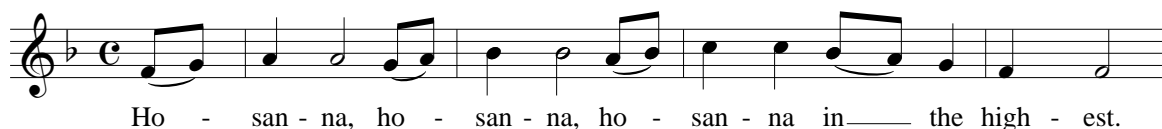
You are wonderful because you made the whole world.

We bless you for all the people who live in it,
and for the fields, the mountains, and the seas.

You give life to us and to all living things,
and you give us joy.

So we are here to sing your praise:

The people take up the acclamation:



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in — the high - est.


You are wonderful, God our Father.

You keep us always in your heart
and are never far from us.

You have sent your own Son,
the Son you love so much,
to watch over us and care for us.

And so we sing your praise:

The people take up the acclamation:



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in — the high - est.

Jesus came to save us

and showed us that you love us:


he took children in his arms and blessed them;

he made sick people better

and forgave those who had sinned.

And so we sing your praise:

The people take up the acclamation:



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in — the high - est.

Wonderful God,
 earth and heaven sing your praise:
 all your people on earth sing;
 Mary the mother of Jesus sings;
 your saints and your apostles sing;
 angels who fill the heavens sing;
 together we all sing your praise:

The priest joins his hands. The people take up the acclamation. The acclamation is also repeated after the verses of the *Sanctus* are sung by the cantor.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in — the high - est.

Cantor:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r — and might,



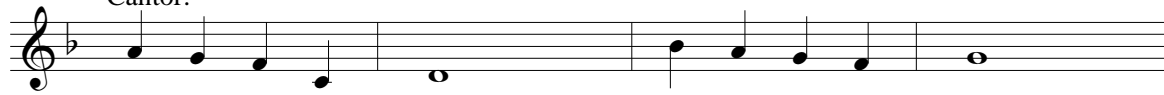
heav'n and earth, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

People:



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in — the high - est.

Cantor:



Blest is he who comes, blest is he who comes,



blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People:



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in — the high - est.

After the *Sanctus* has been completed, the priest continues the eucharistic prayer with hands outstretched.

To show our thanks to you, God our Father,
we bring this bread and wine.

He joins his hands and, holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:

Send down your Holy Spirit

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

to make them into the body + and blood
of Jesus Christ, your Son,
the Son you love so much.

In the text that follows, the words of the Lord should be proclaimed clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

With hands joined, he continues:

On the night before he died,
when Jesus had supper with his apostles,

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

he took bread and gave you thanks,
he broke the bread,
gave it to them and said:

He bows slightly.

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

He shows the consecrated bread to the people, replaces it on the plate, and genuflects in adoration as the cantor sings the following acclamation, and the people repeat it.



Then he continues:

In the same way, when supper was over,

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

he took the cup filled with wine;

he gave you thanks,

gave the cup to his friends, and said:

He bows slightly.

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.

He shows the cup to the people, replaces it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration, as the people take up the acclamation:



With hands joined, the priest says:

Then he said to them:

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Then, with hands outstretched, the priest says:

God our Father,

we do what Jesus told us to do.

We offer to you your best gift to us:

the bread that gives us life,

the cup that saves us.

We give ourselves, too.

Accept us together with Jesus,

who is our way to you,

as we proclaim his death


and the victory of his rising.

The cantor sings the following acclamation, and the people repeat it.



Father, you love us so much.
You welcome us to your table
where, united in the joy of the Holy Spirit,
we share in the body and blood of Jesus your Son.


The cantor sings the following acclamation, and the people repeat it.



God of won - ders, God of won - ders, God of peace.

Wonderful God,
you keep everyone in your heart.
That is why we pray for those we love
[especially for N. and N.]
and all those who serve you:
N. our Pope and N. our Bishop
and all who help us to love you better.


The people take up the acclamation:



God of won - ders, God of won - ders, God of peace.

We pray for all your people,
especially for those who are sad and afraid,
the poor, the sick, the lonely,
and those who need our help.
Be close to them,
and in your love
give peace to all who have died.

The people take up the acclamation:



God of won - ders, God of won - ders, God of peace.

And so we bless you, God of wonders;
God of peace, we sing your praise

He joins his hands.

through Jesus Christ.

The deacon, standing next to the priest, lifts up the cup. The priest takes the plate with the consecrated bread and, lifting it up, sings or says the doxology. If there is no deacon, the priest himself lifts up both the plate and the cup.

Through him, with him, in— him, in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly
Spir - it, _____ all glo - ry and hon - our is yours, al - might - y
Fa - ther, for ev - er and ev - er.

The cantor sings the **Amen**, and the people repeat it.

A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. — A - men.

The plate and the cup are replaced on the altar after the acclamation.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR MASSES WITH CHILDREN II

The preface is an integral part of this eucharistic prayer and is always used with it.

The priest leads the assembly in the eucharistic prayer. The people take part reverently and attentively and make the acclamations.

The priest begins the eucharistic prayer. Extending his hands, he sings or says:



The Lord be with you.

The people answer:



And al - so with you.

He lifts up his hands and continues:



Lift— up your hearts.

The people answer:



We— lift them up to the Lord.

With hands outstretched, he continues:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The people answer:

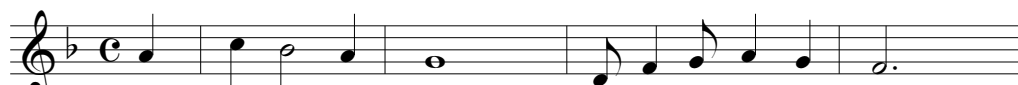


It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest continues the preface with hands outstretched.

God our loving Father,
you have gathered us for this joyful feast.
We are happy to be here as your children
with Jesus Christ our brother:
to bless you,
to thank you,
and to sing your glory.

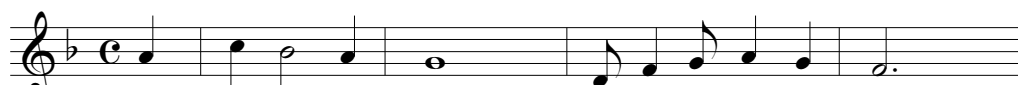
The cantor sings the following acclamation, and the people repeat it.



You love us so much. Glo-ry to you, O God.

You love us so much
that you have made this world great and beautiful,
and put it in our care.

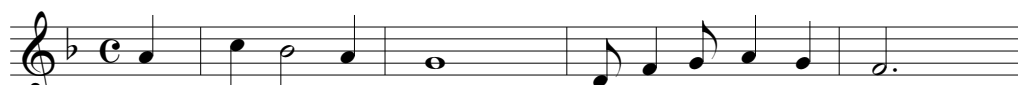
The people take up the acclamation:



You love us so much. Glo-ry to you, O God.

You love us so much
that you have sent Jesus your Son
to show us the way to you.

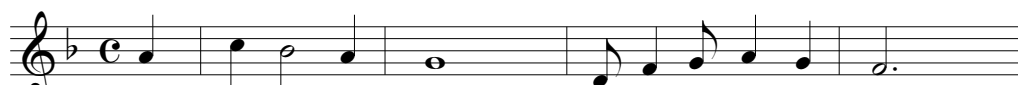
The people take up the acclamation:



You love us so much. Glo-ry to you, O God.

You love us so much
that you give us your Spirit
to make us one family in Christ.

The people take up the acclamation:



You love us so much. Glo-ry to you, O God.

For these gifts of love, we thank you;
and with the angels and saints in heaven
we join in singing your praise:

The priest joins his hands. The cantor sings the acclamation, and the people repeat it. The acclamation is also repeated after the verses of the *Sanctus* are sung by the cantor.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in— the high - est.

Cantor:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r— and might,



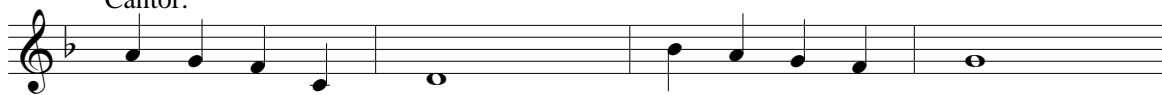
heav'n and earth, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

People:



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in— the high - est.

Cantor:



Blest is he who comes, blest is he who comes,



blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People:

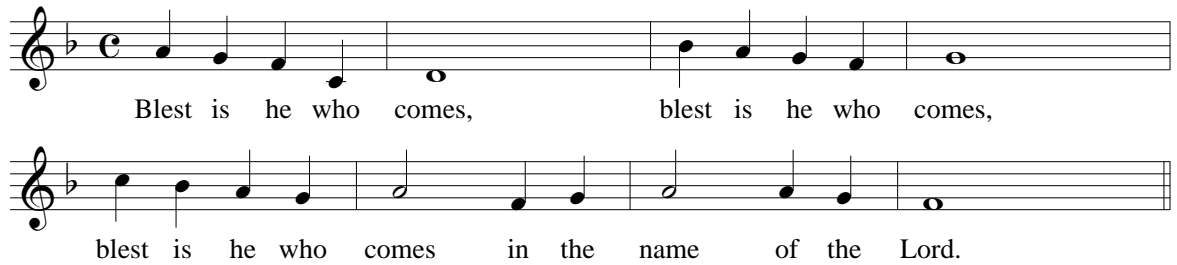


Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in— the high - est.

After the *Sanctus* has been completed, the priest continues the eucharistic prayer with hands outstretched.

Blessed is Jesus who comes in your name.
He is the friend of children,
the friend of the poor.

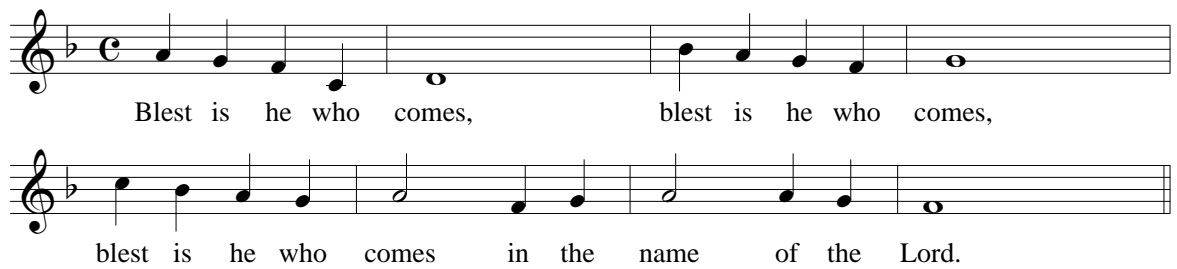
The cantor sings the following acclamation, and the people repeat it.



Blest is he who comes, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus came to show us how to love you
by loving one another.
He came to remove from our hearts
the evil that divides us.

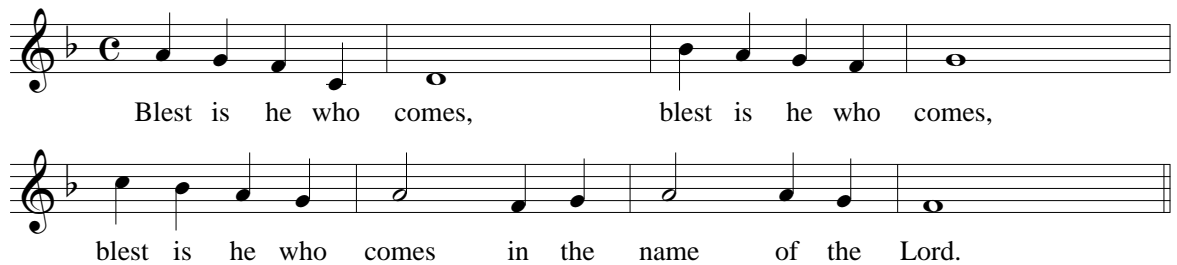
The people take up the acclamation:



Blest is he who comes, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit
to share your life with us
and to be with us all our days.

The people take up the acclamation:



Blest is he who comes, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The priest joins his hands and, holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:

God our Father,
send us your Holy Spirit,
so that these gifts of bread and wine

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

may become the body + and blood of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the text that follows, the words of the Lord should be proclaimed clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

With hands joined, he continues:

On the day before he suffered
he proved that your love has no end.
While eating supper with his disciples,

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

Jesus took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke the bread and gave it to them, saying:

He bows slightly.

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

He shows the consecrated bread to the people, replaces it on the plate, and genuflects in adoration as the cantor sings the following acclamation, and the people repeat it.



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

And then, taking the cup filled with wine,
he prayed to you giving thanks,
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

**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.**

He shows the cup to the people, replaces it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration, as the people take up the acclamation:



With hands joined, the priest says:

Then he said to them:
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Then, with hands outstretched, the priest says:

And so, loving Father,
we keep the memory of Jesus, our Saviour,
who died and rose again
for the life of the world.
He gave himself into our hands;
he is the sacrifice we offer
which makes our peace with you.

The people take up the acclamation:



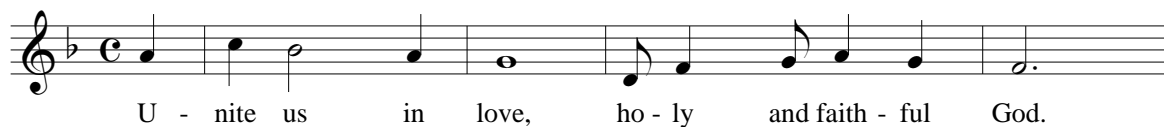
Hear us, Lord God,
and give the Spirit of your love
to all who take part in this meal.
Unite us more and more as your Church
with N. our Pope,
with N. our Bishop, and all the bishops,
and with everyone who serves your people.

The cantor sings the following acclamation, and the people repeat it.



Remember those we love
 [especially N. and N.]
 and those we do not love enough.
 Remember also those who have died
 [especially N. and N.]
 and welcome them into your home.

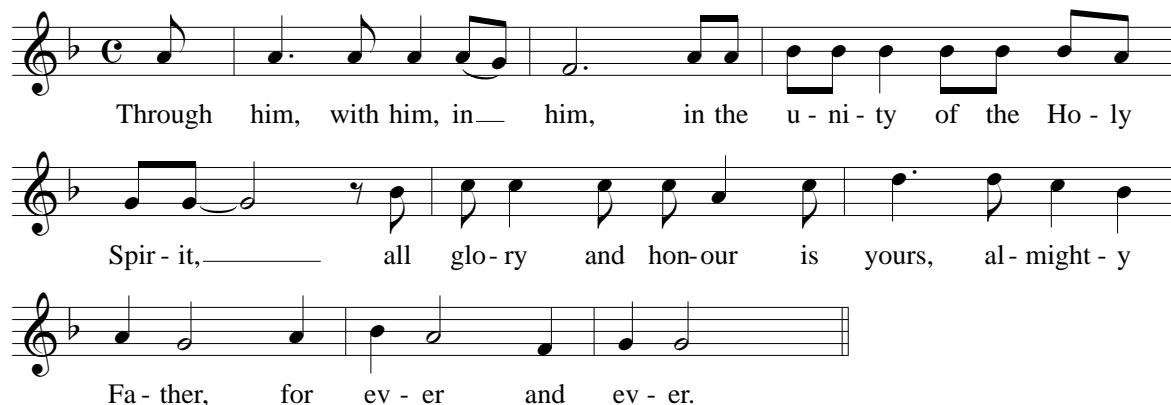
The people take up the acclamation:



Welcome us, too, one day
 into the feast of your kingdom,
 with the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and our mother,
 and all the friends of Jesus our Lord.
 There we shall rejoice with Jesus for ever
 and sing you a song without end.

He joins his hands.

The deacon, standing next to the priest, lifts up the cup. The priest takes the plate with the consecrated bread and, lifting it up, sings or says the doxology. If there is no deacon, the priest himself lifts up both the plate and the cup.



The cantor sings the **Amen**, and the people repeat it.



The plate and the cup are replaced on the altar after the acclamation.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR MASSES WITH CHILDREN III

The preface is an integral part of this eucharistic prayer and is always used with it.

The priest leads the assembly in the eucharistic prayer. The people take part reverently and attentively and make the acclamations.:

The priest begins the eucharistic prayer. Extending his hands, he sings or says:



The Lord be with you.

A musical staff in G major (one flat) and common time (C). The melody consists of five notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), and B4 (half).

The people answer:



And al - so with you.

A musical staff in G major (one flat) and common time (C). The melody consists of five notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), and B4 (half).


He lifts up his hands and continues:



Lift_ up your hearts.

A musical staff in G major (one flat) and common time (C). The melody consists of five notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), and B4 (half).


The people answer:



We_ lift them up to the Lord.

A musical staff in G major (one flat) and common time (C). The melody consists of five notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), and B4 (half).

With hands outstretched, he continues:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A musical staff in G major (one flat) and common time (C). The melody consists of five notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), and B4 (half).

The people answer:



It is right to give thanks and praise.

A musical staff in G major (one flat) and common time (C). The melody consists of five notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), and B4 (half).

The priest continues the preface with hands outstretched.

We thank you, God our Creator:
in your great care
you have made our hearts like your own,
able to delight in another's joy
and to feel another's pain.

During the Season of Easter

We thank you, God of the living,
for you have brought us to life
and you call us to be happy with you for ever.
You raised up Jesus,
the first among us to rise from the dead,
and gave him new life.
You have promised us that same new life,
a life that will never end,
a life with no more anxiety or suffering.

For all your love we gladly thank you.
Together with the angels and saints in heaven
and all on earth who believe in you
we praise you and sing to your glory:

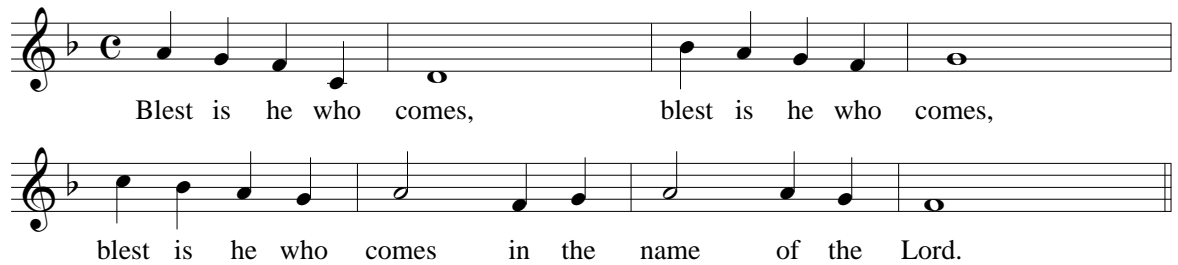
The priest joins his hands and, together with the people, sings or says:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r_ and might,
heav'n and earth, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in_ the high - est.
Blest is he who comes, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in_ the high - est.

After the *Sanctus* has been completed, the priest continues the eucharistic prayer with hands outstretched.

God, you are holy indeed,
full of kindness toward us,
compassionate to all.
For this we thank you.
But more than anything else,
we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ.

The cantor sings the following:



Blest is he who comes, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The people take up the acclamation:



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in — the high - est.

Jesus came to heal a divided world,
where people reject you
and turn their backs on one another.
He opens our eyes to see
and our ears to listen;
he opens our hearts to understand
that we are brothers and sisters
and that you are Father to us all.

During the Season of Easter

Jesus brought us the good news
that we can live with you for ever in heaven.
He showed us the way to that life,
the way of love.
he himself has walked that way before us.

The cantor sings the following:



Blest is he who comes, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The people take up the acclamation:



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in — the high - est.

And now he brings us together at this table
that we may do what he once did.

He joins his hands and, holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:

Gracious Father,
by the power of your Spirit
make holy these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may become for us

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

the body + and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.

In the text that follows, the words of the Lord should be proclaimed clearly and
distinctly, as their meaning demands.

With hands joined, he continues:

On the night before he died for us,
while sharing the last meal with his disciples,

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

he took the bread and gave you thanks;
he broke the bread and gave it to them, saying:

He bows slightly.

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

He shows the consecrated bread to the people, replaces it on the plate, and genu-
flects in adoration, as the cantor sings the following acclamation and the people
repeat it.



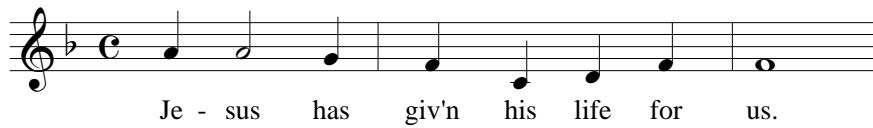
He takes the cup and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

After supper, he took the cup filled with wine;
he gave you thanks and gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

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.

He shows the cup to the people, replaces it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration, as the people take up the acclamation:



With hands joined, the priest says:

Then he said to them:
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.


Then, with hands outstretched, the priest says:

Gathered here in your presence, Father,
we remember with joy all that Jesus has done to save us.
In this sacrifice, which he entrusted to his Church,
we celebrate the memory of his dying and rising.
Father in heaven,
accept us together with your beloved Son.

The cantor sings the following acclamation, and the people repeat it.



Priest:




He went free - ly to death for us, but you raised him from death to life.

The people take up the acclamation:



We praise you and thank you, O God, great is your love for us.

Priest:




Now ris - en, he lives with you, yet re - mains with us for ev - er.

The people take up the acclamation:



We praise you and thank you, O God, great is your love for us.

Priest:



He will come a - gain in glo - ry to heal all pain and sor - row.

The people take up the acclamation:



We praise you and thank you, O God, great is your love for us.

The priest continues:

Holy Father,
you have invited us
to share the body and blood of Christ.
As we eat and drink at this table,
unite us in the joy of the Holy Spirit
and strengthen us to serve you all our days.

Lord God,
keep in your care
N. our Pope, N. our Bishop, all bishops,
and all who minister to your people.

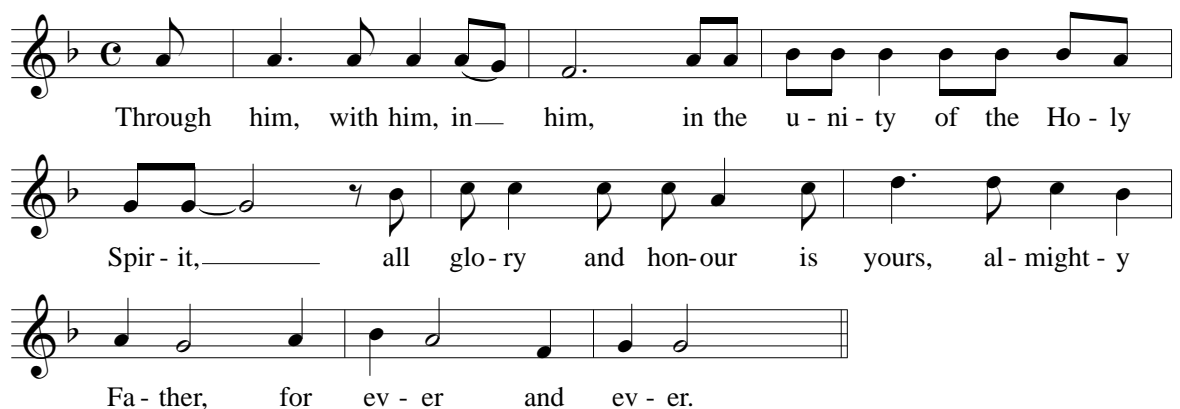
Help us and all the followers of Jesus
to work for peace in the world
and to bring joy into the lives of others.

DURING THE SEASON OF EASTER:

Fill all Christians with the gladness of Easter.
Help us to bring this joy
to all who are sorrowful.

Grant that all of us
may one day be with Christ in heaven
together with Mary, the Mother of God,
and all the saints,
He joins his hands.
and with him dwell in your presence for ever.

The deacon, standing next to the priest, lifts up the cup. The priest takes the plate with the consecrated bread and, lifting it up, sings or says the doxology. If there is no deacon, the priest himself lifts up both the plate and the cup.



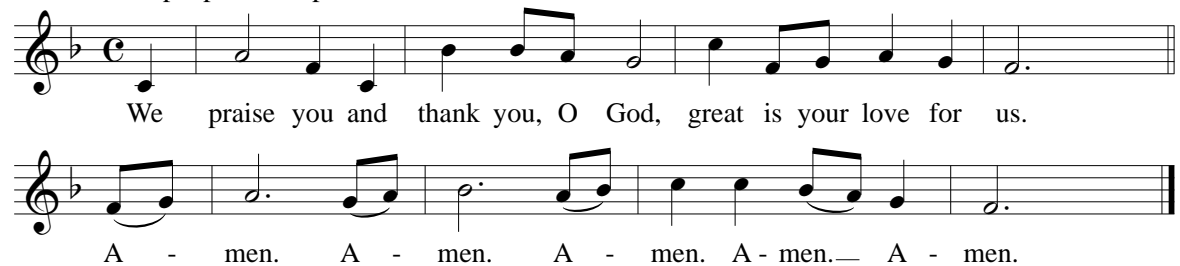
Through him, with him, in— him, in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly
Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - our is yours, al - might - y
Fa - ther, for ev - er and ev - er.

The cantor sings the **Amen**, and the people repeat it.



A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.— A - men.

The people take up the acclamation:



We praise you and thank you, O God, great is your love for us.
A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.— A - men.

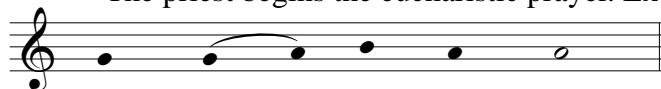
The plate and the cup are replaced on the altar after the acclamation.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR MASSES
FOR VARIOUS NEEDS AND OCCASIONS

This eucharistic prayer may not be used on a day when a proper preface is prescribed. When permitted, it may be used for the celebration of Mass during Ordinary Time. The priest chooses one of the following prefaces and then, at the appropriate time, uses the corresponding intercession.

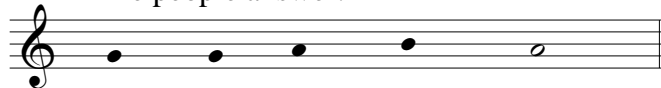
The priest leads the assembly in the eucharistic prayer. The people take part reverently and attentively and make the acclamations. The eucharistic prayer may be sung (see page 881).

The priest begins the eucharistic prayer. Extending his hands, he sings or says:




The Lord — be with you.

The people answer:



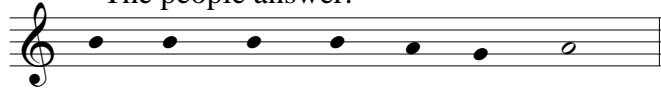
And al - so with you.

He lifts up his hands and continues:



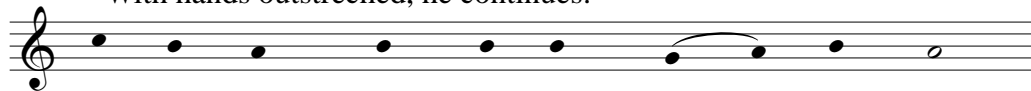
Lift — up your hearts.

The people answer:



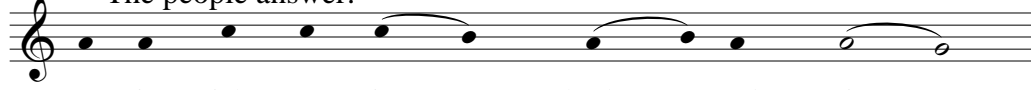
We lift them up to the Lord.

With hands outstretched, he continues:



Let us give thanks to the Lord — our God.

The people answer:



It is right to give thanks — and praise. —

The priest continues the preface with hands outstretched.

A. THE CHURCH ON THE WAY TO UNITY

It is truly right to give you thanks,
Father of infinite goodness,
it is fitting that we sing of your glory.

Through the gospel proclaimed by your Son
you have brought together in one Church
people of every nation, culture, and tongue.
Into it you breathe the power of your Spirit,
that in every age
your children may be gathered as one.

Your Church bears steadfast witness to your love.
It nourishes our hope for the coming of your kingdom
and is a radiant sign of the lasting covenant
you promised us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Therefore heaven and earth sing forth your praise
while we, with all the Church,
proclaim your glory without end:

B. GOD GUIDES THE CHURCH ON THE WAY OF SALVATION

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father,
Creator of the world and fount of all life.

You never abandon the creatures formed by your wisdom,
but remain with us always, working for our good.

With mighty hand and outstretched arm
you led your people Israel through the desert.

Today by the power of the Holy Spirit
you guide your pilgrim Church
as it journeys along the paths of time
to the eternal joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now, with all the angels and saints,
we sing a hymn to your glory:

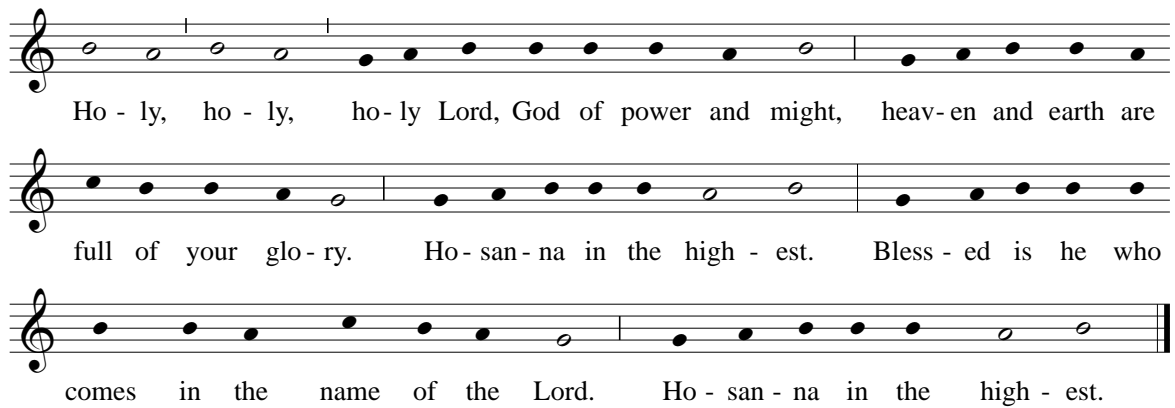
C. JESUS, WAY TO THE FATHER

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Father most holy, Lord of heaven and earth.
Through your eternal Word you created all things
and govern their course with infinite wisdom.
In the Word made flesh
you have given us a mediator
who has spoken your words to us
and called us to be his disciples.
He is the way that leads to you,
the truth that sets us free,
the life that makes our joy complete.
Through your Son
you gather into one family
men and women created for the glory of your name,
redeemed by the blood of the cross,
and sealed with the Holy Spirit.
And so we praise your mighty deeds
and join with the hosts of angels,
as they proclaim your glory without end:

D. JESUS, THE COMPASSION OF GOD

It is truly right to give you thanks,
Father of mercy, faithful God,
it is fitting that we offer you praise.
You sent Jesus Christ your Son among us
as redeemer and Lord.
He was moved with compassion
for the poor and the powerless,
for the sick and the sinner;
he made himself a neighbour to the oppressed.
By his words and actions
he proclaimed to the world
that you are a father
and care for all your children.
And so, with all the angels and saints,
we sing the joyful hymn of your praise:

The priest joins his hands and, together with the people, sings or says:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

After the *Sanctus* has been completed, the priest continues the eucharistic prayer with hands outstretched.

Holy indeed are you, Lord God, P
and greatly to be praised:
your faithful love attends us
as we journey through life.
Blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is present among us
when his love gathers us together.
As once he did for his disciples,
Christ now opens the scriptures for us
and breaks the bread.

He joins his hands and, holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:

Therefore we ask you, merciful Father: CC
send down your Holy Spirit
to hallow these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may become for us

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

the body + and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

He joins his hands

.In the text that follows, the words of the Lord should be proclaimed clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

On the eve of his passion and death,
while at table with those he loved,

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

he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

He shows the consecrated bread to the people, replaces it on the plate, and genuflects in adoration.

Then he continues:

When supper was ended, he took the cup;

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

again he gave you thanks
and, handing the cup to his disciples, he said:

He bows slightly.

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 cup to the people, replaces it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then the priest or deacon sings or says one of the following invitations.

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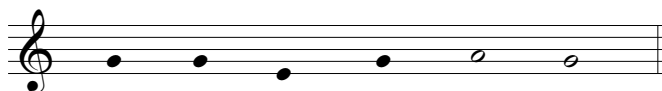
Great is the mys - ter - y of faith.

And the people take up the acclamation:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

B

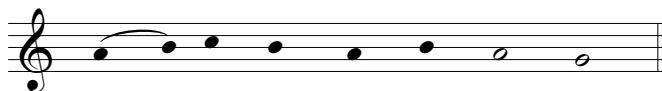


Praise to you, Lord Je - sus.

And the people take up the acclamation:



Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re - stored our life.



Lord — Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

C



Christ is the bread of life.

And the people take up the acclamation:

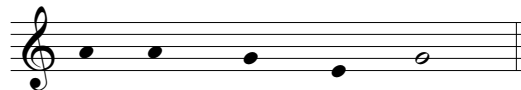


When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus,



un - til you come in glo - ry.

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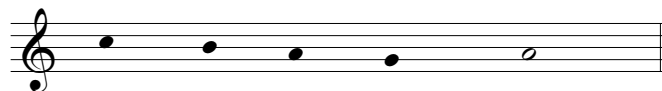


Je - sus Christ is Lord.

And the people take up the acclamation:



Lord, by your cross and res-ur-rec - tion you have set us free. You are the



Sav - iour of the world.

Then, with hands outstretched, the priest says:

And so, Father most holy,
we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son,
whom you led through suffering and death on the cross
to the glory of the resurrection
and a place at your right hand.
Until Jesus, our Saviour, comes again,
we proclaim the work of your love,
offering you the bread of life and the cup of blessing.

CC

Look with favour on the offering of your Church
in which we show forth the paschal sacrifice of Christ
that was handed on to us.
Through the power of your Spirit of love
count us both now and for ever
among the members of your Son,
whose body and blood we share.

With hands outstretched, the priest continues, using one of the following intercessions corresponding to the preface that was chosen at the beginning of this prayer.

1C

A. THE CHURCH ON THE WAY TO UNITY

Renew by the light of the gospel
the Church of N.
Strengthen the bonds of unity between
the faithful and their pastors,
that together with N. our Pope, N. our Bishop,
and the whole college of bishops,
your people may stand forth
as a sign of oneness and peace
in a world torn by conflict and strife.

B. GOD GUIDES THE CHURCH

Strengthen in unity
those you have called to this table.
Together with N. our Pope, N. our Bishop,
with all bishops, priests, and deacons,
and all your holy people,
may we follow your paths in faith and hope,
spreading joy and trust throughout the world.

C. JESUS, WAY TO THE FATHER

Almighty Father,
by our sharing in this mystery
enliven us with your Spirit
and conform us to the image of your Son.
Strengthen the bonds of our communion
with N. our Pope, N. our Bishop,
with all bishops, priests, and deacons,
and all your holy people.
Keep your Church alert in faith to the signs
of the times
and eager to accept the challenge
of the gospel.
Open our hearts to the needs of all people,
so that, sharing their grief and anguish,
their joy and hope,
we may faithfully bring them the good news
of salvation
and advance together on the way
to your kingdom.

D. JESUS, THE COMPASSION OF GOD

Lord,
perfect your Church in faith and love
together with N. our Pope, N. our Bishop,
with all bishops, priests, and deacons,
and all those your Son has gained for you.
Open our eyes to the needs of all;
inspire in us words and deeds
to comfort those who labour and are burdened;
keep our service of others
faithful to the example and command
of Christ.
Let your Church be a living witness
to truth and freedom, to justice and peace,
that all people may be lifted up
by the hope of a world made new.

With hands outstretched, the priest continues:

Be mindful of our brothers and sisters [N. and N.],
who have fallen asleep in the peace of Christ,
and all the dead whose faith is known only to you.
Lead them to the fullness of the resurrection
and gladden them with the light of your face.

When our pilgrimage on earth is ended,
welcome us into your heavenly home
to dwell with you for ever.
There, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,
with the apostles, the martyrs,
[Saint N.,] and all the saints,
we shall glorify your name and give you praise
He joins his hands.
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

The deacon, standing next to the priest, lifts up the cup. The priest takes the plate with the consecrated bread and, lifting it up, sings or says the doxology. If there is no deacon, the priest himself lifts up both the plate and the cup.

Through him, with— him, in— him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 all glo - ry and hon - our is yours, al - might - y Fa - ther,
 for ev - er and ev - er.

The people answer:

A - men. _____

Or, in the place of the single **Amen**, the following may be sung:

A - men. _____ A - men. _____ A - men.


The plate and the cup are replaced on the altar after the acclamation.

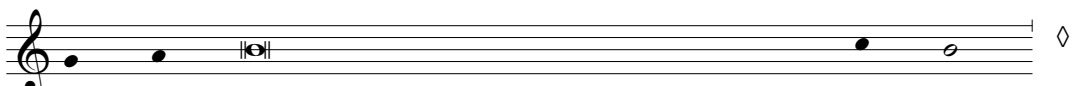

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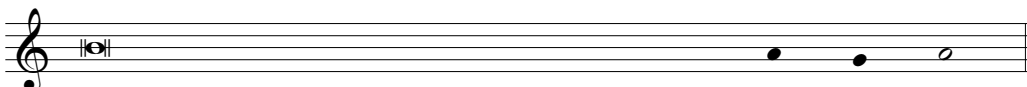
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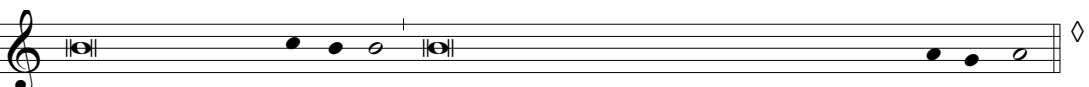

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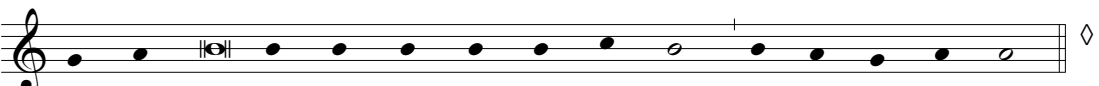

With hands joined, the priest then sings or says one of the following invitations to the Lord's Prayer or similar words.




A  Taught by the Saviour's com-mand and formed by the Word of God, we dare to say:

B  In Christ we have received the Spirit of a - dop - tion. 

 Now, as sons and daughters of God, we dare to say:

C  The Father has for-giv-en us; let us forgive our neighbour from the heart, as we say: 

D  Let us pray for the coming of the king-dom as Je - sus taught us: 

E  With trust in God, who nourishes us in the hour of need, 
 let us pray as Je - sus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

With hands outstretched, the priest sings or says one of the following, together with the people:

A

Our Fa-ther, who art in heaven, hal-lowed be thy name. Thy king - dom come,
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
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.

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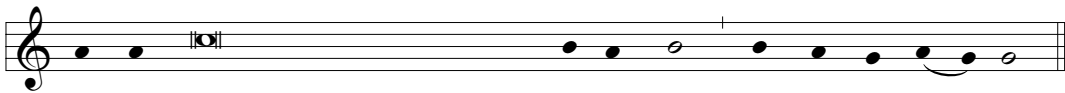
Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

With hands still outstretched, the priest continues alone:

De - liver us, Lord, from ev - ery evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin and pro - tect us in time of trial,
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Je - sus Christ.

He joins his hands.

The people end the prayer with the acclamation:



For the kingdom, the power and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er

SIGN OF PEACE

With hands outstretched, the priest then says aloud:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to 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.

The people answer:

Amen.

The priest, extending his hands to the people, gives the greeting of peace:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

The people answer:

And also with you.

Then the deacon (or the priest) may invite the people to exchange a sign of peace, using one of the following invitations or similar words.

- A Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

- B As children of the God of peace,
let us offer one another
a sign of reconciliation and peace.

- C Brothers and sisters,
let us offer one another
the peace of the risen Christ.


All exchange a sign of peace, according to local custom. The priest gives the sign of peace to the deacon and the ministers.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest takes the consecrated bread and breaks it over the plate into several parts for the communion of the faithful and, as necessary, prepares any additional cups with the consecrated wine, so that in sharing the one bread and the cup of salvation, the many are made one body in Christ. As this is done, one of the following forms of the *Agnus Dei* is sung or said.

- A Other invocations of Jesus (see page 1354) followed by the phrase **have mercy on us** may be added during the breaking of the bread, but the last phrase is always **grant us peace**. If other invocations of Jesus are not added, **Lamb of God... have mercy on us** is sung two times.

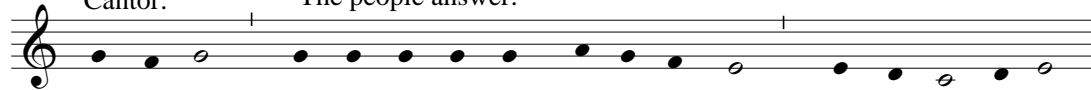
Cantor: The people answer:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

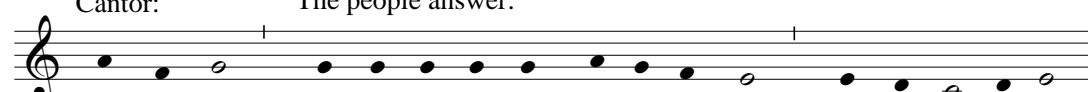
One or several of the following melodies may be used by the cantor for additional invocations

Cantor: The people answer:



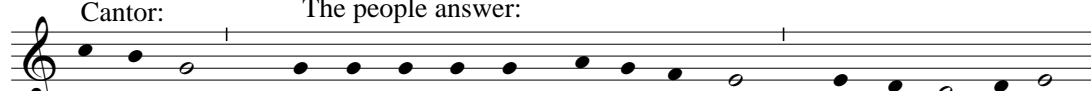
Bread of life, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Cantor: The people answer:



Prince of peace, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.


Cantor: The people answer:



Ris-en Lord, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

At the end of the litany the cantor sings the following Invocation:

Cantor: The people answer:

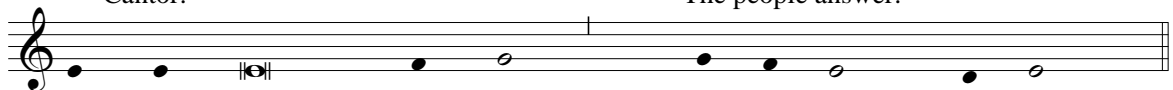


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, grant — us peace.

B

Other invocations of Jesus (see page 1355) followed by the phrase **have mercy on us** may be added during the breaking of the bread, but the last phrase is always **Jesus, redeemer... grant us peace.**


Cantor: The people answer:



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
 Je - sus, bearer of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

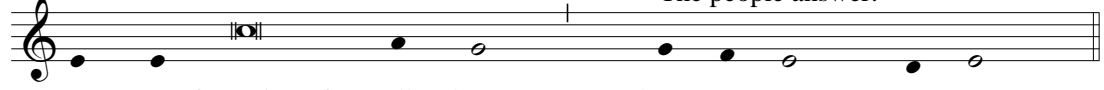
One or both of the following melodies may be used by the cantor for additional invocations.

Cantor: The people answer:



Je - sus, firstborn from the dead, have mer - cy on us.


Cantor: The people answer:



Je - sus, fountain of all love, have mer - cy on us.

At the end of the litany the cantor sings the following invocation.

Cantor: The people answer:



Je - sus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

After the breaking of the bread, the priest places a small piece in the cup, saying inaudibly:

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

COMMUNION

PRIVATE PREPARATION

Then the priest joins his hands and says one of the following prayers 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 commands, 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 of mind and body.

INVITATION

The priest genuflects and takes some of the consecrated bread and the cup and, extending them toward the people, says one of the following invitations.

- A Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those called to the banquet of the Lamb.

- B This is the bread come down from heaven:
whoever eats of it will never die.
This is the cup of eternal life:
whoever drinks of it will live for ever.

- C God's holy gifts for God's holy people:
draw near to receive them with praise and thanksgiving.

The priest and people say together:

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

COMMUNION SONG

While the priest is receiving the body of Christ, the communion song is begun.

The priest says inaudibly:

May the body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

He reverently consumes the body of Christ. Then he takes the cup and says inaudibly:

May the blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

He reverently consumes the blood of Christ.

After the priest has received communion, the deacon receives the consecrated bread and then assists the priest in giving communion to the people. He ministers the cup to the communicants and is the last to drink from it.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

The priest takes the plate or other vessel and goes to the communicants. For each one he takes a piece of the consecrated bread, raises it a little, and shows it, saying:

The body of Christ.

The communicant receives communion after answering:

Amen.

Others who minister the consecrated bread do so in the same way.

In presenting the cup to the communicant, the deacon (or priest) says:

The blood of Christ.

The communicant receives communion after answering:

Amen.

Others who minister the cup do so in the same way.

After the completion of communion or after Mass, the deacon or another minister, or, if there is no other minister, the priest, cleanses the plate over the cup and then the cup itself, either at the side table or at the side of the altar.

During the cleansing of the vessels, the following is said inaudibly:

Lord, may the food we have received in our bodies purify our inmost hearts; and may this earthly gift sustain us for life eternal.

The priest may return to the chair.

PERIOD OF SILENCE OR SONG OF PRAISE

A period of silence may now follow, or a hymn, psalm, or song of praise may be sung.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Standing at the chair or the altar, the priest, with hands joined, invites the people to pray, singing or saying:

Let us pray.

All pray silently for a while, unless a period of silence has already been observed.

Then the priest, with hands outstretched, sings or says the prayer after communion.

At the end of the prayer the people give their assent by the acclamation:

Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If there are any announcements, they are made briefly at this time.

The greeting, blessing, and the dismissal follow. However, if any additional rite follows immediately, they are omitted.

GREETING

The priest, extending his hands, sings or says:

The Lord be with you.

The people answer:

And also with you.

BLESSING

The blessing is then given. On certain days or occasions a solemn blessing or the prayer over the people may be used.

I. SIMPLE BLESSING

The priest blesses the people with the sign of the cross, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

The people answer:

Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.

The people answer:

Amen.

II. SOLEMN BLESSING

After the greeting by the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest sings or says the solemn blessing (see page 796) with hands outstretched over the people. The people answer **Amen** to each invocation. The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

The people answer:

Amen.

- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.

The people answer:

Amen.

III. PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

After the greeting by the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest sings or says the prayer over the people (see page 796) with hands outstretched over them. At the end of the prayer the people answer **Amen**. The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

The people answer:

Amen.

- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.

The people answer:

Amen.

DISMISSAL

The deacon, or, if there is no deacon, the priest, with hands joined, sings or says one of the following dismissals.

- A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- B Go in the peace of Christ.
- C The Mass is ended, go in peace.

The people answer:

Thanks be to God.

As a rule, the priest and the deacon kiss the altar as at the beginning. Then the priest and deacon make the customary reverence with the ministers and leave.



MUSICAL SETTING
OF
THE ORDER OF MASS

*Be filled with the Spirit
and make music from the heart to the Lord*

SEE EPHESIANS 5:18-19

OUTLINE OF THE ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

Greeting

Opening Rite

Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

or

Penitential Rite

or

Litany of Praise

or

Kyrie

or

Gloria

or

Other Opening Rite

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Homily

Profession of Faith

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Prayer over the Gifts

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Period of Silence or Song of Praise

Prayer after Communion

CONCLUDING RITE

[Announcements]

Greeting

Blessing

Dismissal

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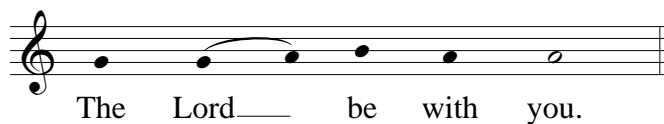
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841–850 Eucharistic Prayer III are included.

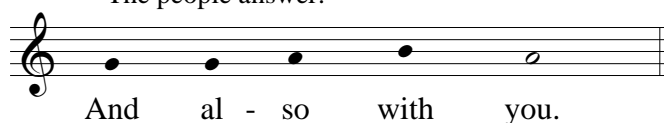
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I (THE ROMAN CANON)

The priest leads the assembly in the eucharistic prayer. The people take part reverently and attentively and make the acclamations.

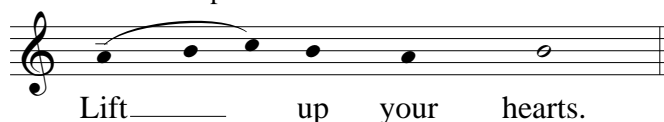
The priest begins the eucharistic prayer. Extending his hands, he sings:



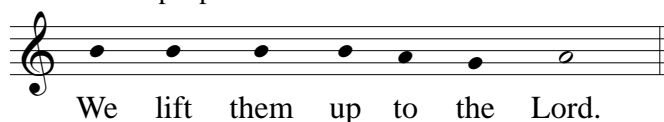
The people answer:



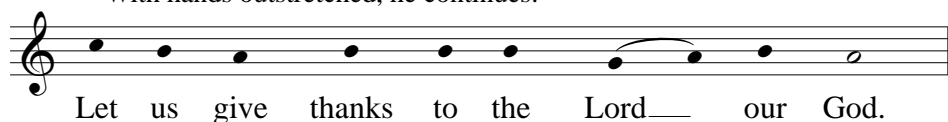
He lifts up his hands and continues:



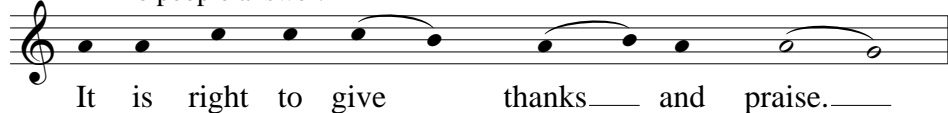
The people answer:



With hands outstretched, he continues:

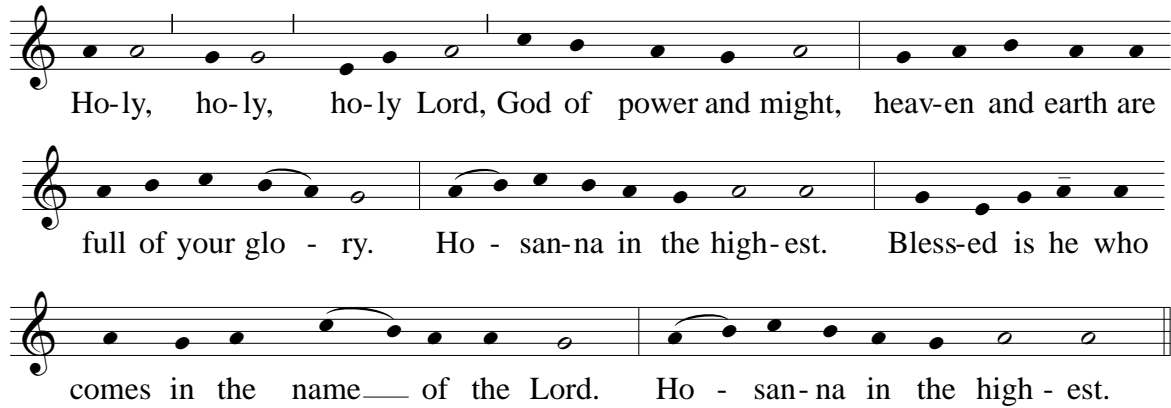


The people answer:



The priest continues the preface (see pages 000–000) with hands outstretched. Alternative openings for the preface may be found on pages 000–000.

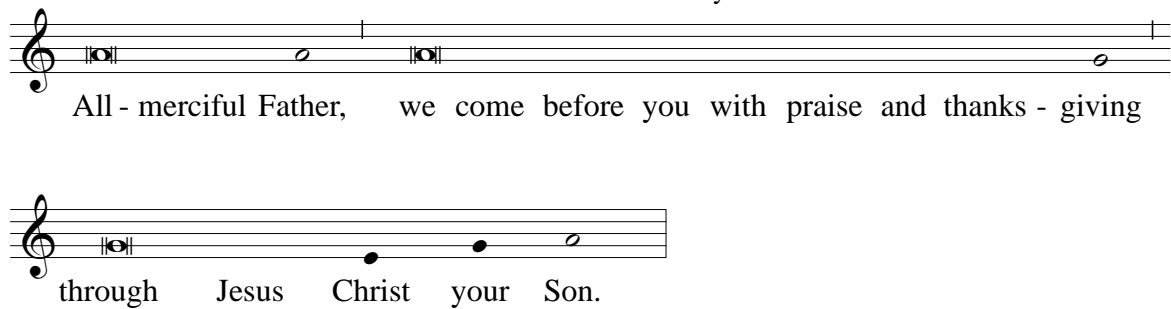
At the end of the preface, the priest joins his hands and, together with the people, sings:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name— of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

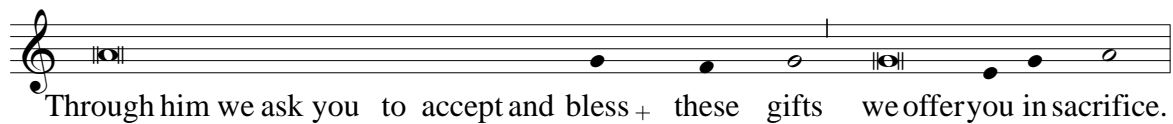
Another setting of the *Sanctus* may be found on page 000

After the *Sanctus* has been completed, the priest continues the eucharistic prayer with hands outstretched. The words and music that are shaded may be omitted.



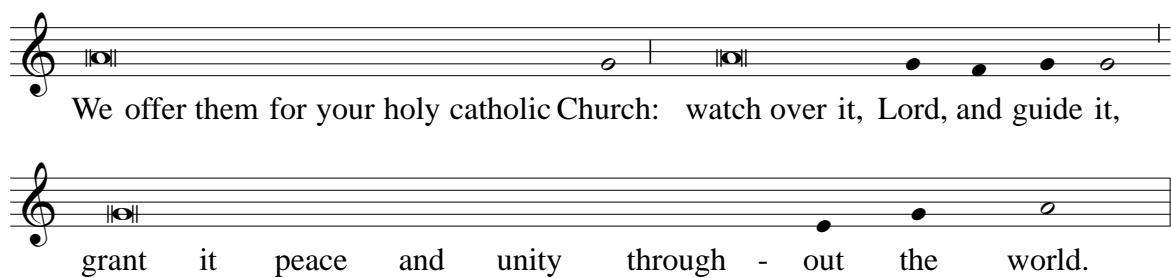
All - merciful Father, we come before you with praise and thanks - giving
through Jesus Christ your Son.

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



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

With hands outstretched, he continues:



We offer them for your holy catholic Church: watch over it, Lord, and guide it,
grant it peace and unity through - out the world.

We offer them for N. our Pope, for N. our Bishop,

and for all who hold and teach the catholic faith

that comes to us from the a - postles.

Remember, Lord, your faith - ful people, especially those for whom
The priest joins his hands and prays briefly.

we now pray N. and N.

Then he continues with hands outstretched:

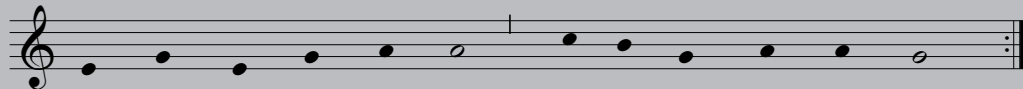
Remember all of us gathered here before you. You know that we believe in you and

dedicate our - selves to you. We offer you this sacrifice of praise

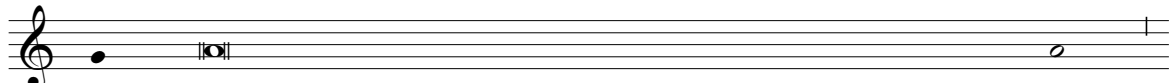
for our - selves and those who are dear to us;

we pray to you, our living and true God, for our well-being and re - demption.

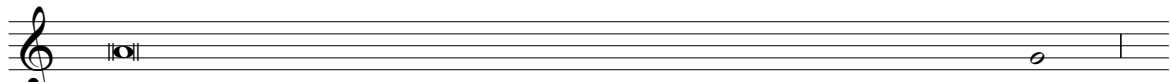
The cantor sings the following acclamation, and the people repeat it:



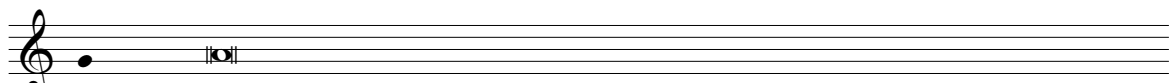
Re - mem - ber your peo - ple, ho - ly and faith - ful God.



We pray in communion with the whole Church,



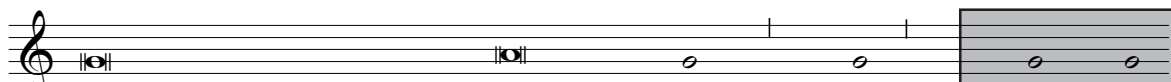
with those whose memory we now honour:




es - pecially with Mary, the glorious and ever - virgin



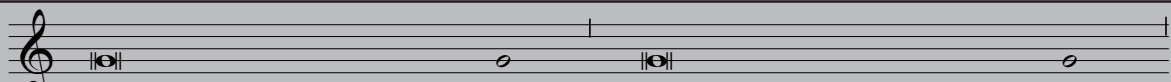
mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, with Joseph, her husband,



the apostles and martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John,



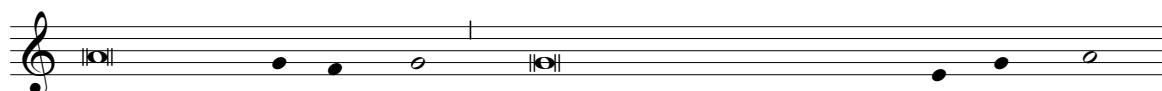
Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude;



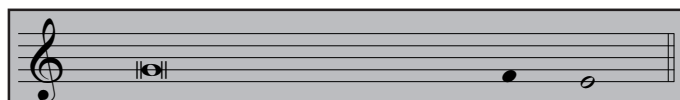
with Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus,



John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and with all the saints.

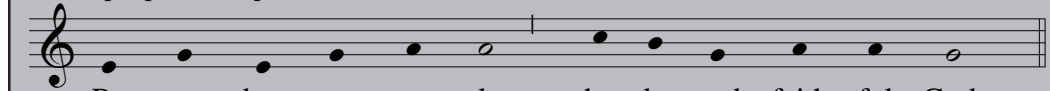


By their mer-its and prayers grant us your constant help and pro-tection.




Through Christ our Lord. A - men.

The people take up the acclamation:




Re - mem - ber your peo - ple, ho - ly and faith - ful God.

With hands outstretched, the priest continues:

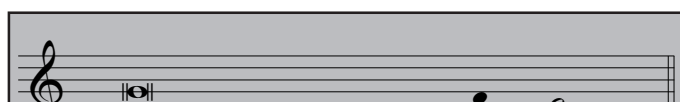


Lord, accept this offering from your whole family. Grant us your peace in this life,




save us from final dam-nation, and count us among those you have cho-sen.

He joins his hands




Through Christ our Lord. A - men.

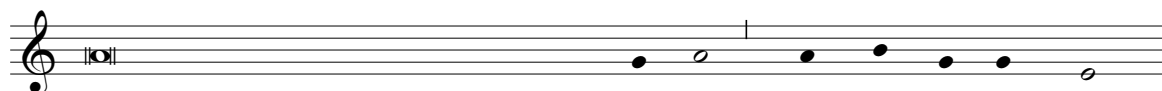
With hands outstretched over the offerings, the priest sings:



Bless and approve our offering, make it ac - ceptable to you,



an offering in spirit and in truth: let it become for us

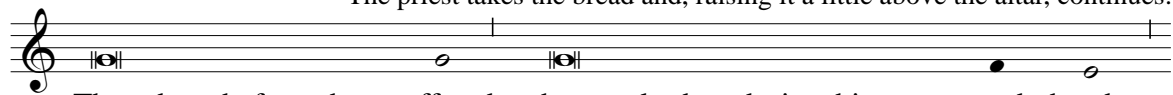


the body and blood of your belov - ed Son, our Lord Je - sus Christ.

He joins his hands.

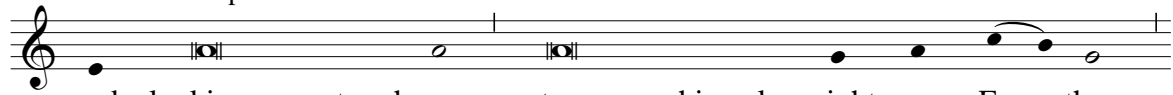
In the text that follows, the words of the Lord should be proclaimed clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

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

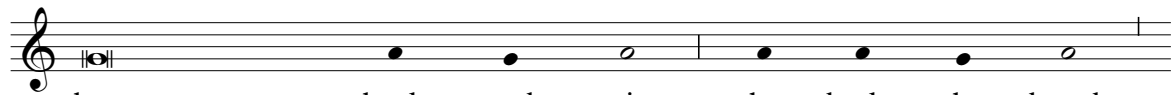


The day before he suffered he took bread in his sa - cred hands,

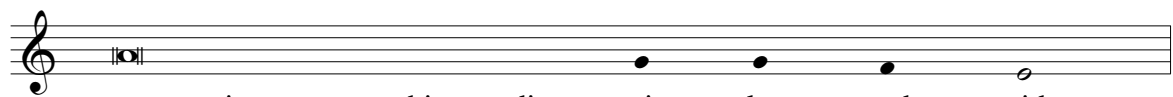
He looks upward.



and looking up to heaven to you, his al - might - y Fa - ther,

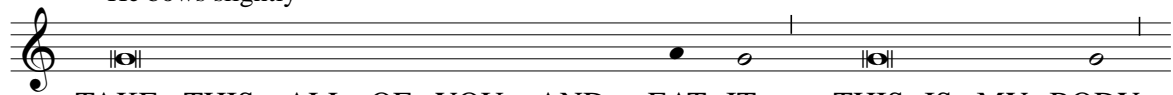


he gave you thanks and praise; he broke the bread,

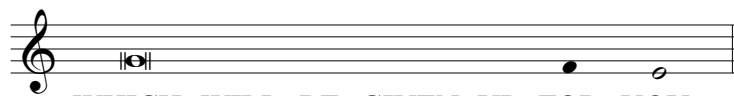


gave it to his dis - ci - ples, and said:

He bows slightly



TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT: THIS IS MY BODY,



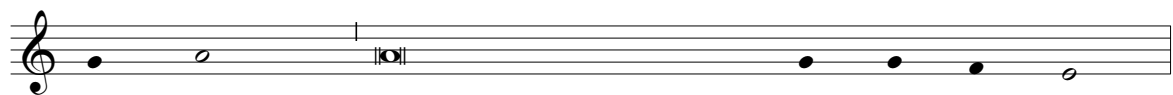
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

He shows the consecrated bread to the people, replaces it on the plate, and genuflects in adoration

Then he continues: He takes the cup and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

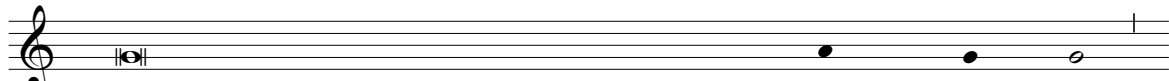


When supper was ended, he took the cup; a - gain he gave you thanks




and praise, gave the cup to his dis - ci - ples, and said:


He bows slightly.



TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT:



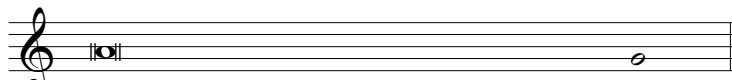
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND



EVERLAST - ING COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU



AND FOR ALL, SO THAT SINS MAY BE FOR - GIV - EN.




DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

He shows the cup to the people, replaces it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then the priest or deacon sings one of the following invitations.

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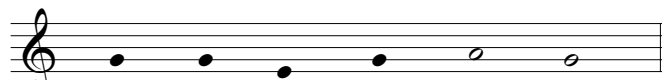
Great is the mys - ter - y of faith.

And the people take up the acclamation:




Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

B



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus.

And the people take up the acclamation:



Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -



stored our life. Lord — Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

C

Christ is the bread of life.

And the people take up the acclamation:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-claim your
 death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

D


Je - sus Christ is Lord.

And the people take up the acclamation:

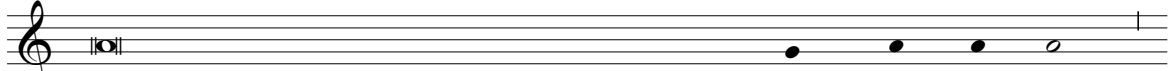
Lord, by your cross and res-ur-rec - tion you have set us free.
 You are the Sav - iour of the world.

Then, with hands outstretched, the priest sings:

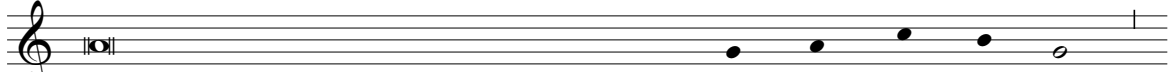
And so, Lord God, we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son:
 we, your holy people and your ministers, call to mind his passion,



his resurrection from the dead, and his ascension in - to glory;



and from the many gifts you have giv - en us



we offer to you, God of glo - ry and ma - jes - ty,



this holy and per - fect sacrifice, the bread of life




and the cup of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion.



Look with favour on these offerings and ac - cept them as once you



accepted the gifts of your just ser - vant Abel, the sacrifice of Abraham, our




fa - ther in faith, and the bread and wine offered by




your priest Mel - chi - ze - dek.

Bowing profoundly and with hands joined, he continues:




Almighty God, command that your angel carry this sacrifice to your altar in heaven.



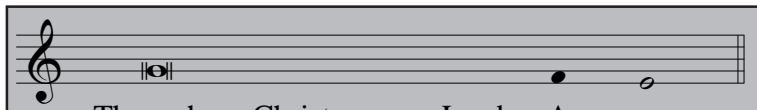
Then, as we receive from this altar the sacred body and blood of your Son,

He stands up straight and makes the sign of the cross, singing:




let us be filled with every grace and blessing.

He joins his hands.



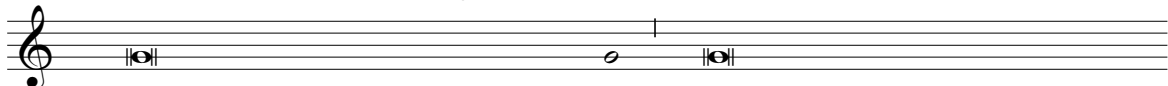
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people take up the acclamation:

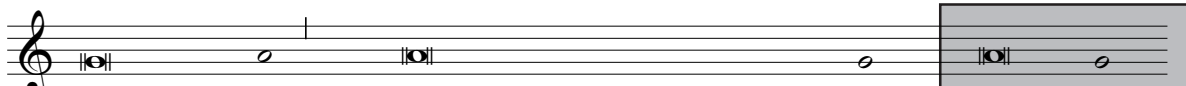


Remember your people, holy and faithful God.

With hands outstretched, he sings:



Remember, Lord, your servants who have died and have gone before us marked with



the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now pray

N. and N.

The priest joins his hands and prays briefly. Then he continues with hands outstretched.

Grant them and all who sleep in Christ a haven of light and peace.
He joins his hands.

Through Christ our Lord. A - men.

The people take up the acclamation:

Re - mem - ber your peo - ple, ho - ly and faith - ful God.

The priest strikes his breast with his right hand, singing:

For ourselves, too, sinners who trust in your mercy and love,

With hands outstretched, he continues:

we ask some share in the fellowship of your apostles and martyrs,

with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas,

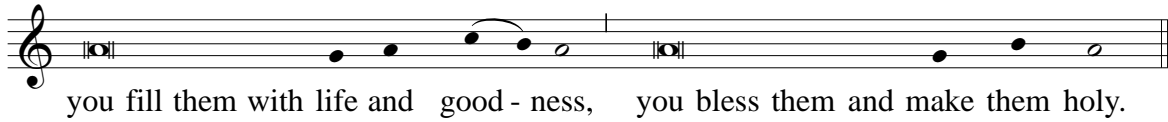
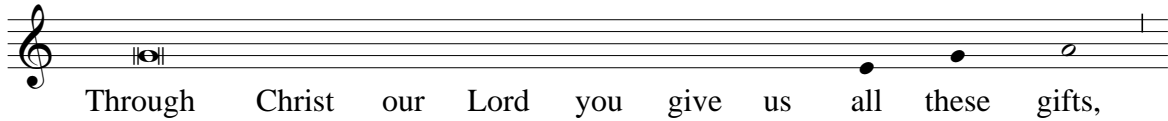
Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy,

Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and all your saints.

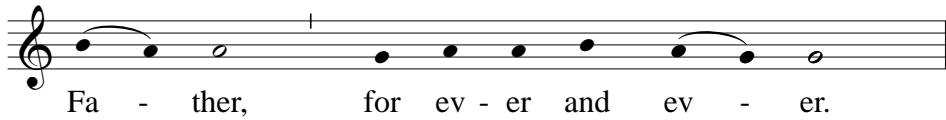
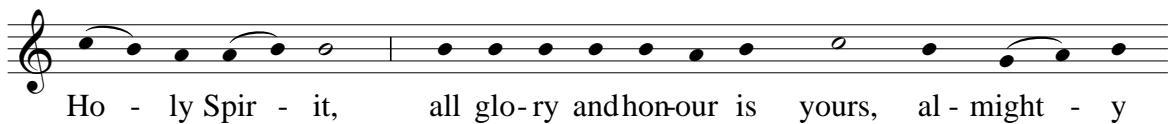
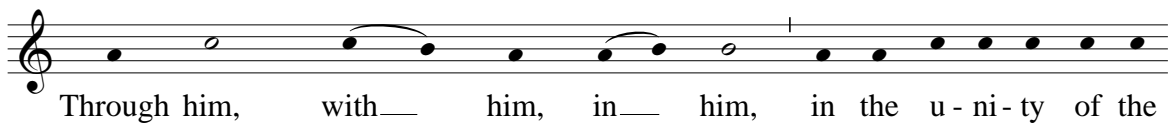
Welcome us into their company, not considering what we de - serve,

but freely granting us your pardon.

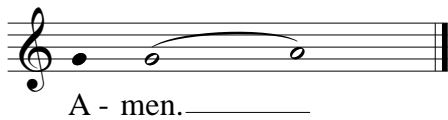
He joins his hands and continues:



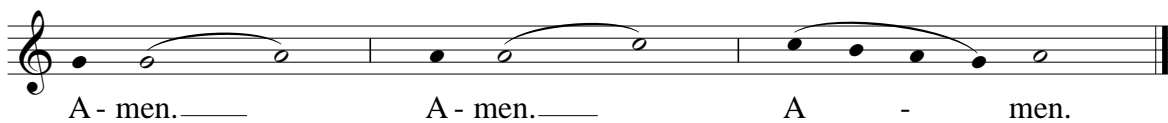
The deacon standing next to the priest, lifts up the cup. The priest takes the plate with the consecrated bread and, lifting it up, sings the doxology. If there is no deacon, the priest himself lifts up both the plate and cup.



The people answer:



Or, in place of a single **Amen**, the following may be sung:

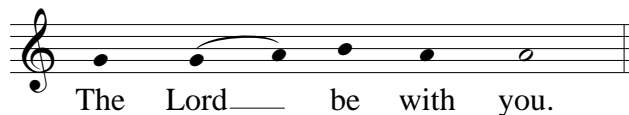


The plate and the cup are replaced on the altar after the acclamation.

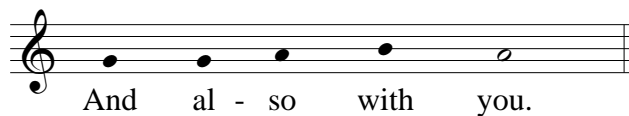
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

The priest leads the assembly in the eucharistic prayer. The people take part reverently and attentively and make the acclamations.

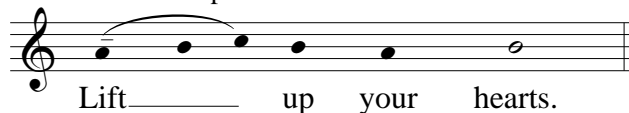
The priest begins the eucharistic prayer. Extending his hands, he sings:



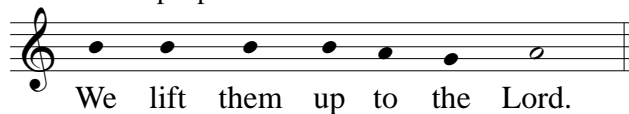
The people answer:



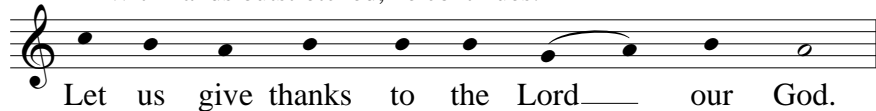
He lifts up his hands and continues:



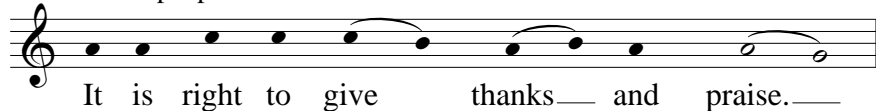
The people answer:



With hands outstretched, he continues:

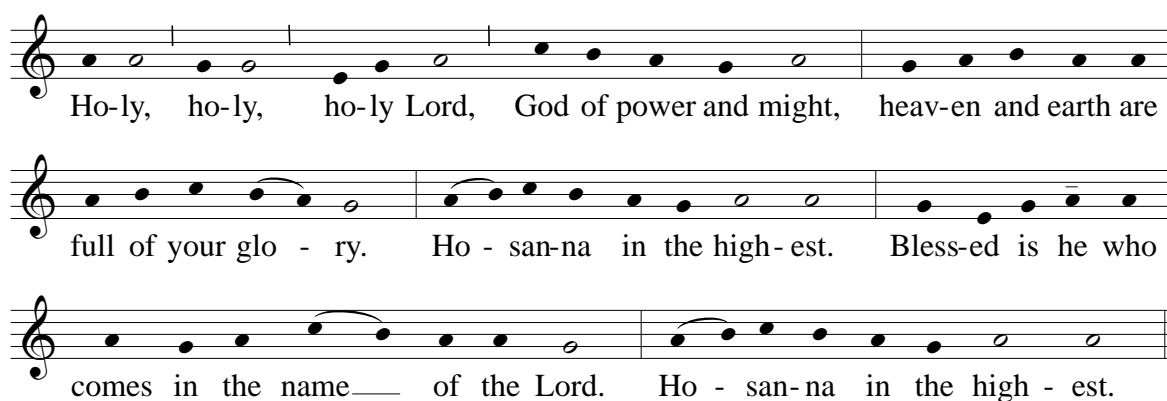


The people answer:



The priest continues the preface (see pages 000–000) with hands outstretched. Alternative openings for the prefaces may be found on pages 000–000.

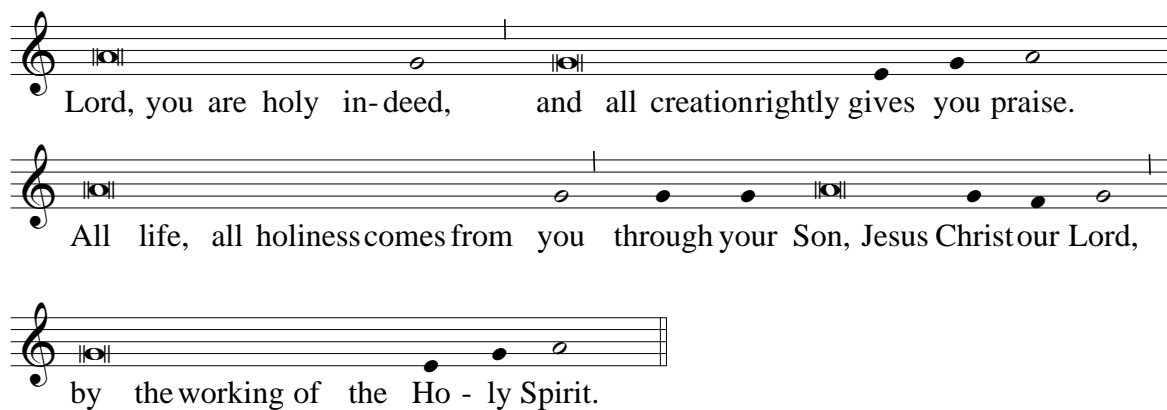
At the end of the preface, the priest joins his hands and, together with the people, sings:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name— of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

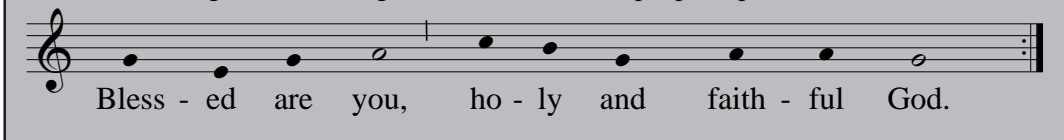
Another setting of the Sanctus may be found on page 000

After the Sanctus has been completed, the priest continues the eucharistic prayer with hands outstretched. The words and music that are shaded may be omitted.

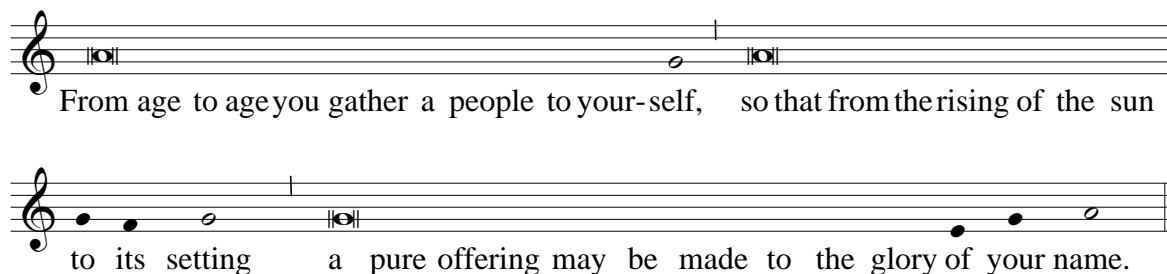


Lord, you are holy in-deed, and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Ho - ly Spirit.

The cantor sings the following acclamation, and the people repeat it:

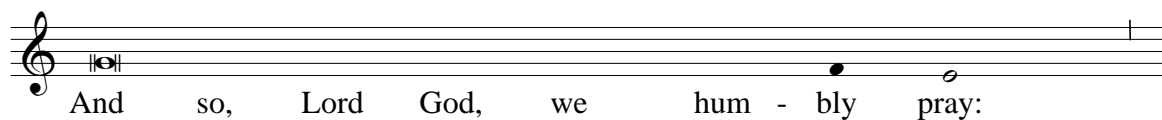
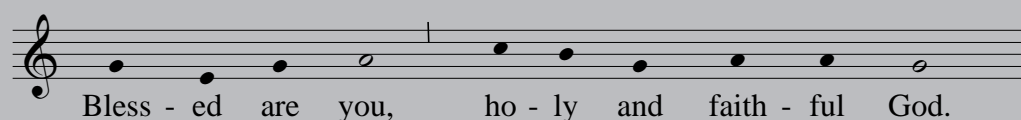


Bless - ed are you, ho - ly and faith - ful God.

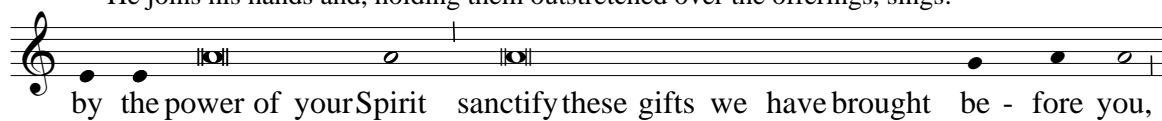


From age to age you gather a people to your-self, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure offering may be made to the glory of your name.

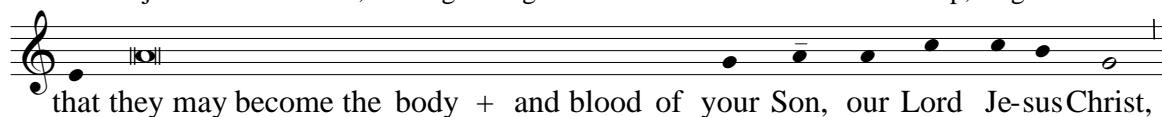
The people take up the acclamation:



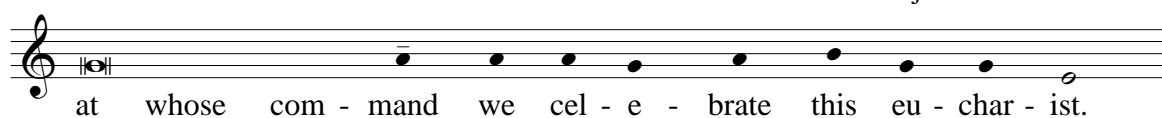
He joins his hands and, holding them outstretched over the offerings, sings:



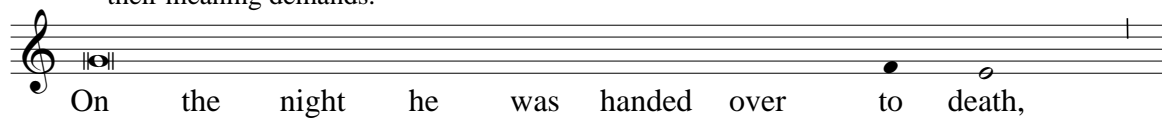
He joins his hands and, making the sign of the cross over both bread and cup, sings:



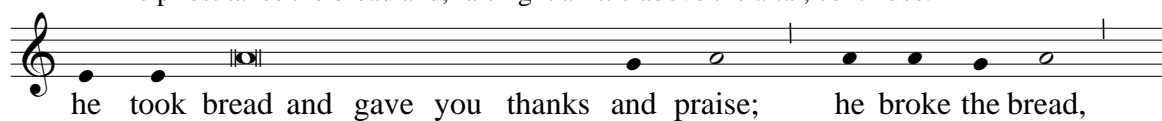
He joins his hands.



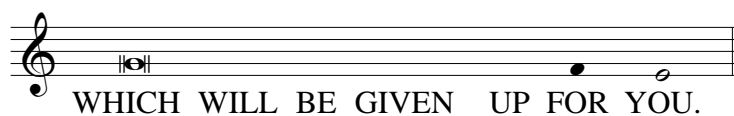
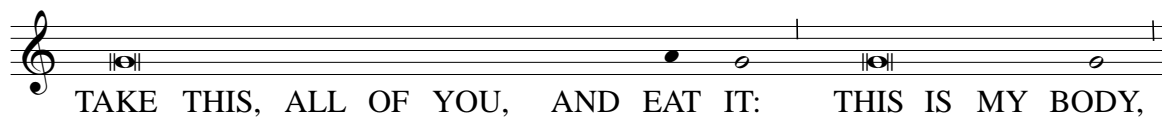
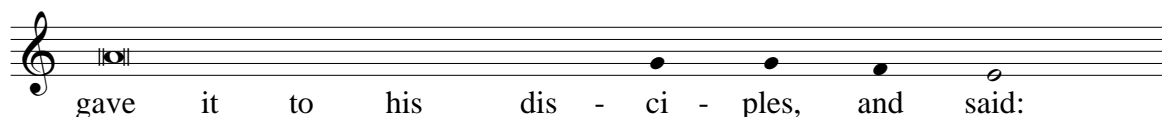
In the text that follows, the words of the Lord should be proclaimed clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.



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

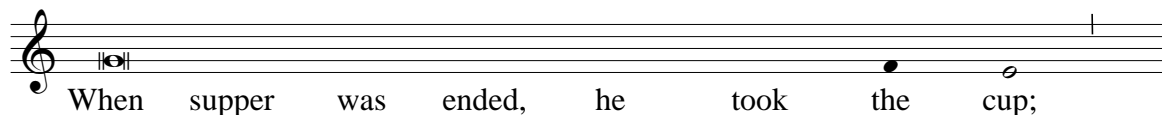


He bows slightly

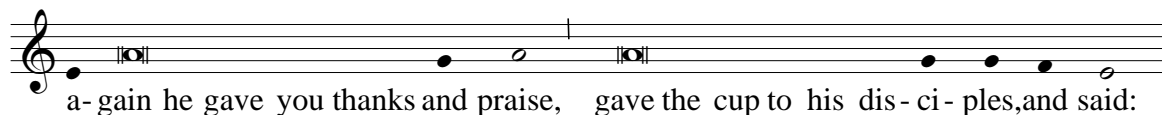


He shows the consecrated bread to the people, replaces it on the plate, and genuflects in adoration

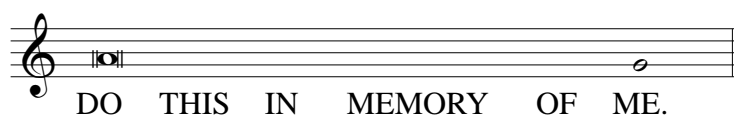
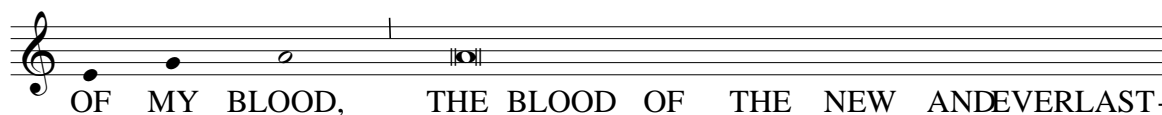
Then he continues:



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

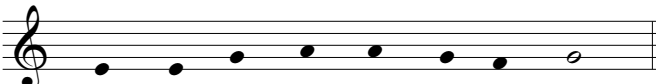


He bows slightly



He shows the cup to the people, replaces it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

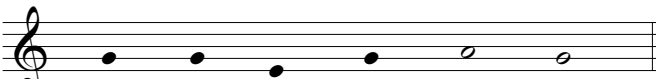
Then the priest or deacon sings one of the following invitations.

A 
Great is the mys-ter-y of faith.

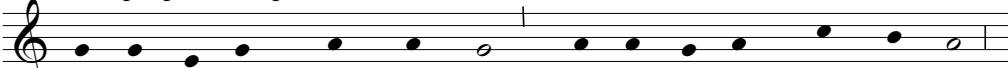
And the people take up the acclamation:



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a-gain.

B 
Praise to you, Lord Je-sus.

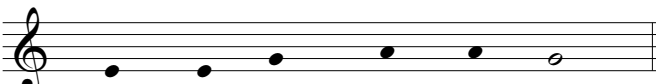
And the people take up the acclamation:




Dy-ing you de-stroyed our death, ris-ing you re-stored our life,



Lord— Je-sus, come in glo-ry.

C 
Christ is the bread of life.


And the people take up the acclamation:




When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-claim your



death, Lord Je-sus, un-til you come in glo-ry.

D 
Je-sus Christ is Lord.

And the people take up the acclamation:

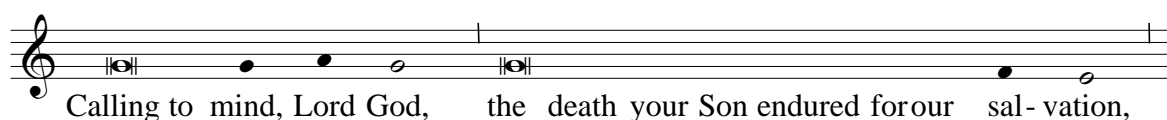


Lord, by your cross and res-ur-rec-tion you have set us free.

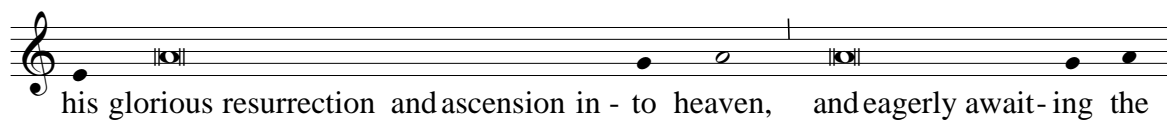


You are the Sav-iour of the world.

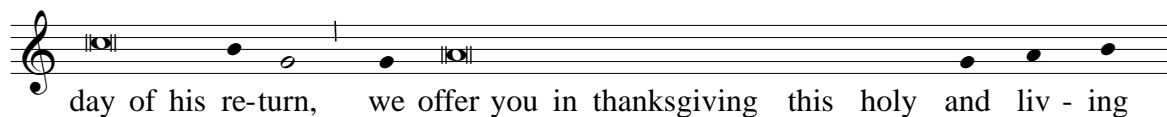
Then, with hands outstretched, the priest sings:



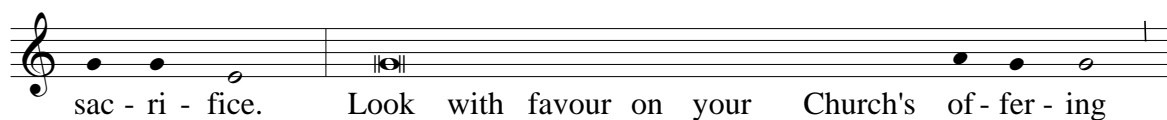
Calling to mind, Lord God, the death your Son endured for our sal- vation,



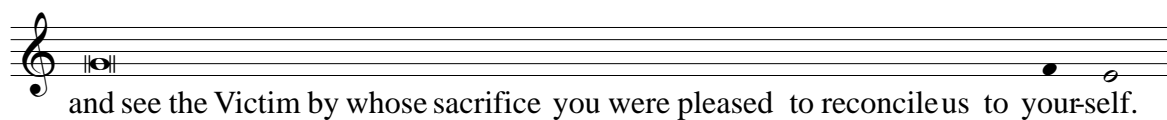
his glorious resurrection and ascension in - to heaven, and eagerly await - ing the



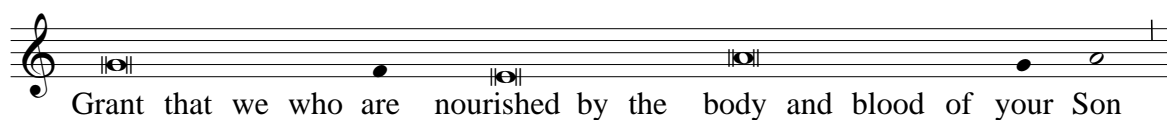
day of his re - turn, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and liv - ing



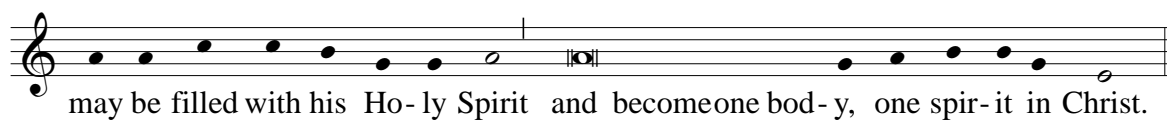
sac - ri - fice. Look with favour on your Church's of - fer - ing



and see the Victim by whose sacrifice you were pleased to reconcile us to your - self.

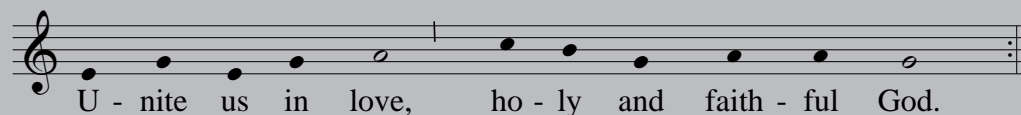


Grant that we who are nourished by the body and blood of your Son

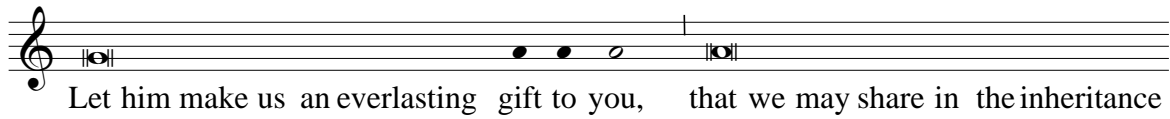


may be filled with his Ho - ly Spirit and become one bod - y, one spir - it in Christ.

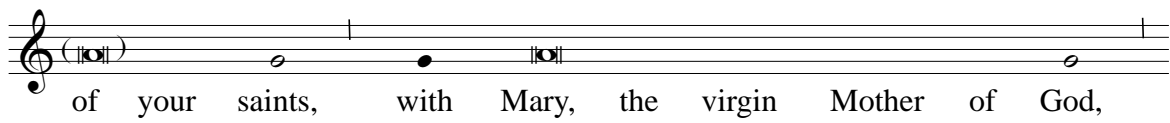
The cantor sings the following acclamation, and the people repeat it:



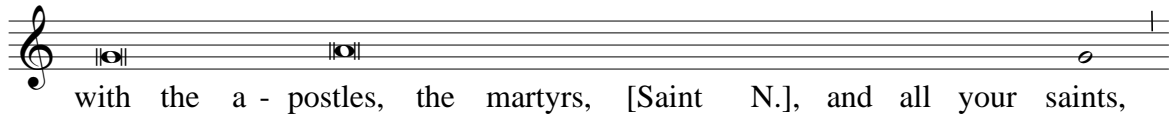
U - nite us in love, ho - ly and faith - ful God.



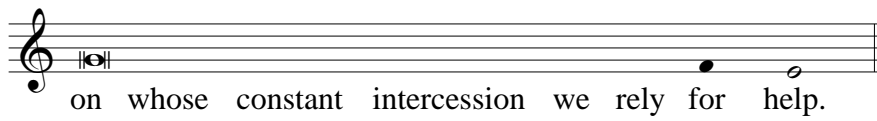
Let him make us an everlasting gift to you, that we may share in the inheritance



of your saints, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,

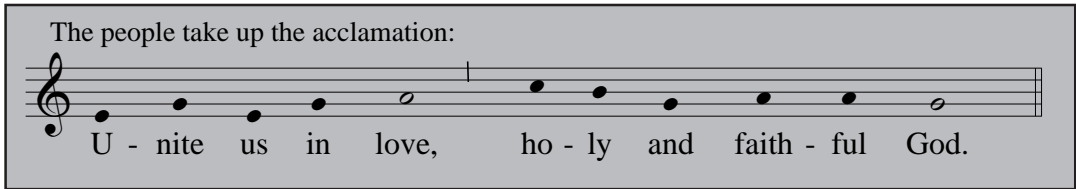


with the apostles, the martyrs, [Saint N.], and all your saints,

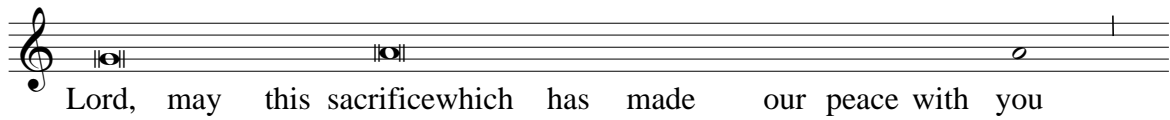


on whose constant intercession we rely for help.

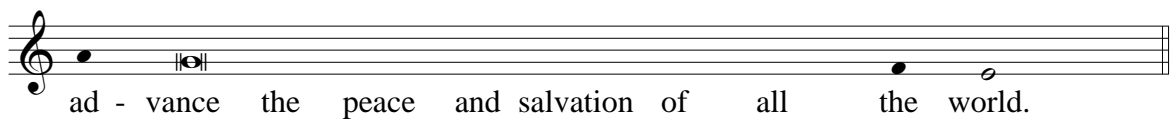
The people take up the acclamation:



U - nite us in love, ho - ly and faith - ful God.

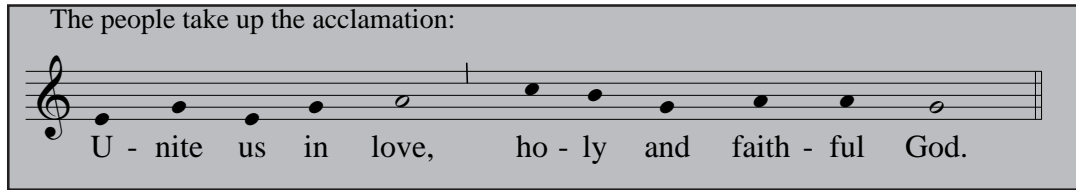


Lord, may this sacrifice which has made our peace with you



advance the peace and salvation of all the world.

The people take up the acclamation:



U - nite us in love, ho - ly and faith - ful God.

Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth:

your servant Pope N., our Bishop N.,

all bishops, priests, and deacons, all ministers of your Church,

and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

The people take up the acclamation:

U - nite us in love, ho - ly and faith - ful God.

Merciful Father, hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you,

and unite to yourself all your children now scattered over the face of the earth.

The people take up the acclamation:

U - nite us in love, ho - ly and faith - ful God.

Welcome into your kingdom our de - parted brothers and sisters

and all who have left this world in your friendship.

He joins his hands

We hope to enjoy with them your everlasting glory, through Christ our Lord,

through whom you give the world eve - ry - thing that is good.

The deacon, standing next to the priest, lifts up the cup. The priest takes the plate with the consecrated bread and, lifting it up, sings the doxology. If there is no deacon, the priest himself lifts up both the plate and cup.

Through him, with—him, in—him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho - ly Spir - it,

all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, al - might - y Fa - ther,

for ev - er and ev - er.

The people answer:

A - men. _____

Or, in place of a single Amen, the following may be sung:

A - men. _____ A - men. _____ A - men.

The plate and the cup are replaced on the altar after the acclamation.



BLESSINGS

May the Lord bless you and keep you

NUMBERS 6:24

The following blessings and prayers over the people may be used, at the discretion of the priest, at the end of the Mass, or after other liturgical celebrations.

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SOLEMN BLESSINGS

CELEBRATIONS DURING THE PROPER OF SEASONS

SEASON OF ADVENT

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

We rejoice at the coming of the Saviour in our flesh,
and we await his return again in glory.

May God the almighty and merciful
bless you by the light of Christ's coming,
and enrich your lives with every grace.
R. Amen.

May God make you steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope,
and untiring in love all the days of your life.
R. Amen.

May God reward you with eternal life
when our Redeemer comes again in glory.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

Through the incarnation of his Son
God has scattered the darkness of the world,
and by Christ's glorious birth,
which angels announced to the shepherds,
has brightened this most holy day [night].

May the God of infinite goodness banish the darkness
of sin from your hearts
and make them radiant with the light of goodness.
R. Amen.

May God fill you with the joy of the shepherds
and make you heralds of the gospel.
R. Amen.

May the God who joins heaven and earth
fill you with peace and goodwill
and unite you in fellowship with the Church in heaven.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God, the source of every blessing,
grant you the fullness of grace
and keep you safe throughout the coming year.
R. Amen.

May God safeguard the purity of your faith,
give you an unwavering hope
and a love that patiently endures to the end.
R. Amen.

May God order your works and days in peace,
listen to your every prayer,
and lead you safely to eternal life.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May the God who called you from darkness
into his marvellous light
shower you with his blessings
and strengthen you in faith, hope, and love.
R. Amen.

May the God whose only-begotten Son
enlightened the world on this day
make you also a light
to your brothers and sisters.
R. Amen.

May the God who guided the Magi with a star
lead you to find Christ the light
when your earthly journey is done.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

In the passion of his only Son,
God, the Father of mercies,
has given you the supreme example of love.

May he bless you beyond measure
for your service of God and neighbour.
R. Amen.

May God grant you eternal life
through the death of Jesus Christ,
which has freed you from eternal death.
R. Amen.

May God inspire you to imitate the humility of Christ
and bring you to the glory of his resurrection.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

THE EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

On this solemn feast of Easter,
having followed the Lord Jesus in his suffering,
we celebrate the joy of his resurrection.

May God the almighty bless you
and mercifully protect you from the peril of sin.
R. Amen.

May the God who restores you to eternal life
in the resurrection of Christ
complete in you the gift of immortality.
R. Amen.

Through the grace of Christ
may God lead you
to the banquet of lasting joy.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

SEASON OF EASTER

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May the God who has redeemed you and made you adopted children
through the resurrection of his only Son
bless you and fill you with joy.

R. Amen.

May the God who has bestowed on you
the gifts of redemption and lasting freedom
make you heirs of eternal life.

R. Amen.

May the God who joined you to Christ's resurrection
by faith and baptism
lead you to live justly
and so bring you to your home in heaven.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

On this day Christ, the only Son,
passed into the highest heaven
to take his place with the Father in majesty
and to open the way for us.

May almighty God grant
that, where Christ is, you also may be.
R. Amen.

May God grant
that when Christ comes to judge the world
his face may shine upon you in lasting mercy.
R. Amen.

May God grant you the joyous fulfilment of Christ's promise
to remain with you even to the end of time.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

[On this day] God, the Father of lights,
poured out the Holy Spirit upon the disciples
to enlighten their minds and hearts.

May God fill you with the joy of heaven's blessing
and the gifts of the Holy Spirit for ever.

R. Amen.

May the fire that hovered over the disciples
as tongues of flame
purge your hearts of every evil
and make them radiant with the light of the Spirit.

R. Amen.

May God who has gathered people of many tongues
to profess a single faith
keep you true to that faith
and lead you to the glorious vision of heaven.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

ORDINARY TIME I

Blessing of Aaron (See Numbers 6:24-26)

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

R. Amen.

May the face of the Lord shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

R. Amen.

May the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

ORDINARY TIME II

(See Philippians 4:7)

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

ORDINARY TIME III

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God the almighty and merciful bless you
and instil in your hearts the wisdom that leads to salvation.

R. Amen.

May God nourish you always with the teachings of faith
and make you steadfast in works of love.

R. Amen.

May God direct your steps along right paths
and show you the way of charity and peace.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

ORDINARY TIME IV

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May the God of all consolation
grant you the gifts of divine grace
and dispose your days in peace.

R. Amen.

May God free you from all distress
and confirm your hearts in love.

R. Amen.

May God enrich you with faith, hope, and charity,
that after a life of good works
you may come at last to the joy of life eternal.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

ORDINARY TIME V

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May almighty God protect you from all harm
and bless you with every good gift.

R. Amen.

May God fix your hearts on the words of eternal life
and lead you to joy everlasting.

R. Amen.

May God grant you knowledge of what is right and good,
that you may walk in the way of the commandments
and become heirs with the saints in the heavenly city.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

ORDINARY TIME VI

(See 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God our Father,
who has loved us in Christ Jesus our Lord,
comfort and strengthen you
in every good word and work.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

ORDINARY TIME VII

(See 1 Thessalonians 5:23)

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May the God of peace
sanctify you completely
and keep you sound and blameless
in spirit, soul, and body,
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

ORDINARY TIME VIII

(See 1 Peter 5:10)

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God, the source of every good gift,
who calls us to eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
confirm, strengthen, and support you in the faith.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

ORDINARY TIME IX

(See Philippians 1:6)

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May the God who has begun this good work in you
bring it to completion on the Day of Christ Jesus.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE SAINTS

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God, who through the child born of the Virgin Mary
graciously redeemed the human race,
enrich you with every blessing.

R. Amen.

May you always rejoice in the loving protection of Mary,
through whom you have received the author of life.

R. Amen.

May you who are gathered to honour the feast of our Lady
take from this celebration
the joys of the spirit and the gifts of heaven.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May almighty God,
who founded the Church on the rock of Peter,
bless you with a faith that never falters.
R. Amen.

May you who were taught by the tireless preaching of Paul
learn also from his example
to win brothers and sisters to Christ.
R. Amen.

May the keys of Peter, the words of Paul,
and their prayers of intercession
gain for you the reward
that Peter won by the cross
and Paul by the sword of martyrdom.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

APOSTLES

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God, who built the Church on the foundation
of the apostles,
bless you through the merits and intercession of Saint N.
R. Amen.

May God, who has enriched you by the guidance and example
of the apostles,
give you their strength
to bear witness before the world to the truth of Christ.
R. Amen.

May God, who has confirmed your faith through the teaching
of the apostles,
lead you by their prayers
to your true and eternal home.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

A SAINT

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God the Father,
who called us together
to celebrate the feast of Saint N.,
bless you, protect you,
and keep you in peace.
R. Amen.

May Christ the Lord,
who revealed in the saints
the power of the paschal mystery,
make you faithful in witnessing
to his risen and glorious life.
R. Amen.

May the Spirit,
who is the source of all holiness,
make of you a true communion
of faith and love.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

ALL SAINTS

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

Today God's holy Church rejoices
that her sons and daughters
have joined the company of heaven and are at peace.

May God, the glory and delight of all the saints,
bless and keep you through endless days.

R. Amen.

May God deliver you from present evils
through the prayers of the saints
and by their example of holy living
turn your thoughts to the service of God and neighbour.

R. Amen.

May you enter one day your true inheritance
and with all the saints
live in the heavenly city.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

OTHER CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN I

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

God, the giver of all life human and divine,
through his Son, born of the Virgin Mary,
brings joy to all Christian parents,
who see the hope of eternal life shining in their children.

May God bless these mothers,
who give thanks for the gift of their children,
that, together with them,
they may offer unceasing thanks and praise,
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R. Amen.

May God bless these fathers,
who, with their wives,
will be their children's first teachers in the faith,
that, by word and example,
they may bear faithful witness,
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R. Amen.

May God bless all those born to eternal life
through water and the Holy Spirit,
that always and everywhere
they may be faithful members of his people;
and may God bestow peace
upon all here present,
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN II

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

Almighty God, the giver of all life human and divine,
has filled the world with joy
through the birth of his Son in time.

May God bless these newly baptised children,
that they may be fully conformed to the image of Christ.
R. Amen.

May God bless these parents,
who give thanks for the gift of their children,
that, together with them,
they may offer unceasing thanks and praise.
R. Amen.

May God bless all those born to eternal life
through water and the Holy Spirit,
that always and everywhere
they may be faithful members of his people;
and may God bestow peace
upon all here present.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN III

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God, the source of all life,
who makes the hearts of mothers overflow with love,
bless these grateful mothers,
that they may see their children grow in wisdom and virtue.
R. Amen.

May God, the source and model of all fatherhood,
bless the fathers of these children
and surround them with loving-kindness,
that by their example
they may guide their children to maturity in Christ.
R. Amen.

May God, the lover of humankind,
bless the friends and relatives gathered here,
that they may be shielded from evil
and granted abundant peace.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A And may almighty God bless you and all here present,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN IV

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

Brothers and sisters,
we entrust you to the mercy and grace
of God the almighty Father,
of his only-begotten Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
May God watch over your lives,
that, walking in the light of faith,
we may together come at last
to the good things God has promised.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A And may almighty God bless you and all here present,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

CONFIRMATION

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God, the almighty Father,
who gave you new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and adopted you as his children,
bless and protect you with a father's love.

R. Amen.

May God's only Son,
who promised that the Spirit of truth
would remain in the Church for ever,
bless and strengthen you
to profess the true faith.

R. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
who kindled the fire of love in the hearts of the disciples,
bless you, gather you into one,
and lead you safely to the joy of God's kingdom.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A And may almighty God bless you and all here present,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

B And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK I

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May the God of all consolation
bless you in every way
and grant you hope all the days of your life.
R. Amen.

May God restore you to health
and grant you salvation.
R. Amen.

May God fill your heart with peace
and lead you to eternal life.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A And may almighty God bless you and all here present,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK II

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May the Lord be with you to protect you.

R. Amen.

May he guide you and give you strength.

R. Amen.

May he watch over you, keep you in his care,
and bless you with his peace.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you and all here present,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK III

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God the Father bless you.

R. Amen.

May God the Son heal/comfort you.

R. Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit enlighten you.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you and all here present,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

MARRIAGE I

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God, the eternal Father,
keep you in mutual love,
that the peace of Christ may dwell always
in your hearts and in your home.

R. Amen.

May your children be a blessing to you,
and your friends a comfort,
and may you live in peace with everyone.

R. Amen.

May you bear witness to God's love in this world,
so that the poor and the suffering may find in you
generous friends,

and one day welcome you to an eternal home.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A And may almighty God bless you and all here present,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

B And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

MARRIAGE II

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God the Father
bestow joy upon you
and bless you in your children.
R. Amen.

May God's only Son have mercy on you
and stand by you in good times and in bad.
R. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit of God
fill your hearts with love
now and for evermore.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A And may almighty God bless you and all here present,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

- B And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

MARRIAGE III

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May the Lord Jesus, who was a guest at the wedding in Cana, bless you, your families, and your friends.

R. Amen.

May the same Lord, who loved his Church even to the end, pour his love into your hearts without ceasing.

R. Amen.

May he grant that, as you believe in his resurrection, you may await his blessed return with joyful hope.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A And may almighty God bless you and all here present, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

B And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come upon you all and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

ORDINATION OF A BISHOP I

BLESSING GIVEN BY THE NEWLY ORDAINED BISHOP

After the greeting of the bishop, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the bishop may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The bishop says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

Lord God,
you care for your people with kindness,
you rule them with love.
Give your Spirit of wisdom
to the bishops you have made teachers and pastors.
By advancing in holiness
may the flock become the eternal joy of the shepherds.
R. Amen.

Lord God,
by your power you allot us
the number of our days and the measure of our years.
Look favourably upon the service we perform for you,
and give true, lasting peace in our time.
R. Amen.

Lord God,
now that you have raised me to the order of bishops,
may I please you in the performance of my office.
Unite the hearts of people and bishop,
so that the shepherd may not be without the loyalty
of his flock,
or the flock without the loving concern of its shepherd.
R. Amen.

The bishop concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A And may almighty God bless you all,
+ the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B And may the blessing of almighty God,
+ the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

ORDINATION OF A BISHOP II

BLESSING GIVEN BY THE PRINCIPAL ORDAINING BISHOP

After the greeting of the bishop, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the bishop may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The bishop says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

He chose to make you a bishop for his people:
may you know happiness in this present life
and share unending joy.

R. Amen.

The Lord has gathered his people and clergy in unity.

By his care and your stewardship
may they be governed happily for many years.

R. Amen.

May they be obedient to God's law,
unshaken by adversity,
rich in every blessing,
and loyally assist you in your ministry.
May they be blessed with peace and calm in this life
and come to share with you
the fellowship of the citizens of heaven.

R. Amen.

The bishop concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A And may almighty God bless you all,
+ the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

B And may the blessing of almighty God,
+ the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

ORDINATION OF PRESBYTERS

After the greeting of the bishop, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the bishop may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The bishop says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God, who founded the Church and guides it still,
protect you with unfailing help,
that you may faithfully discharge the office of presbyter.
R. Amen.

May the Lord make you servants and witnesses
of divine love and truth,
and faithful ministers of reconciliation.
R. Amen.

May God make you true pastors
who nourish the faithful with living bread and the word of life,
that they may grow into the one body of Christ.
R. Amen.

The bishop concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A And may almighty God bless you all,
+ the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B And may the blessing of almighty God,
+ the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

ORDINATION OF DEACONS

After the greeting of the bishop, the deacon may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The bishop says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God, who has called you to service in the Church,
fill you with zealous care for all people,
especially the poor and the oppressed.

R. Amen.

May God, who has charged you to preach the gospel,
help you to live by his word
and bear witness to Christ with all your heart.

R. Amen.

May God, who made you stewards of his mysteries,
make you imitators of his Son Jesus Christ
and servants of unity and peace in the world.

R. Amen.

The bishop concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A And may almighty God bless you all,
+ the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

B And may the blessing of almighty God,
+ the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

ORDINATION OF DEACONS AND PRESBYTERS

After the greeting of the bishop, the deacon may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The bishop says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God, who founded the Church and guides it still,
protect you with unfailing help,
that you may faithfully discharge your office.
R. Amen.

May God, who has charged you as deacons
to preach the gospel, to minister at the altar, and to serve others,
make you fervent witnesses of Christ to the world
and faithful ministers of love.
R. Amen.

May God, who has called you to serve as presbyters,
make you true pastors
who nourish the faithful with living bread and the word of life,
that they may grow into the one body of Christ.
R. Amen.

The bishop concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A And may almighty God bless you all,
 + the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
 R. Amen.
- B And may the blessing of almighty God,
 + the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
 come upon you all and remain with you for ever.
 R. Amen.

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION I

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God, who inspires every holy resolve,
confirm your intention and strengthen your hearts
to accomplish faithfully all that you have promised.

R. Amen.

May God grant that in the joy of Christ
you may walk the narrow way you have chosen
and gladly bear one another's burdens.

R. Amen.

May the love of God gather you into a single family
that will reflect to the world the image of Christ's love.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A And may almighty God bless you and all here present,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

B And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION II

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God, who inspires every good resolve
and brings it to fulfilment,
protect you always by his grace,
that you may carry out faithfully
the duties of your calling.

R. Amen.

May God make you a sign and witness of divine love
before all the world.

R. Amen.

May God grant that the bonds
which unite you to Christ here on earth
may endure for ever in heaven.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A And may almighty God bless you and all here present,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

B And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION III

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God, who accomplishes every holy endeavour,
fill you with heavenly grace,
that, by your actions and holiness of life,
you may build up his people.

R. Amen.

May God make you a witness to divine love
and its living sign among all people.

R. Amen.

May God, who has called you
to the perfect following of Christ,
welcome you one day to the joy of heaven.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A And may almighty God bless you and all here present,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

B And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION IV

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May the almighty Father make you firm in faith,
single-hearted in the face of evil,
and wise in the pursuit of goodness.

R. Amen.

May the Lord Jesus, whose steps you follow,
enable you to manifest in your own lives
the mystery of his death and resurrection.

R. Amen.

May the fire of the Holy Spirit
cleanse your hearts from all sin
and set them on fire with divine love.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A And may almighty God bless you and all here present,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

B And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

CONSECRATION TO A LIFE OF VIRGINITY

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

God the Father has placed within your hearts
the desire to live a life of virginity.
May God's protection keep you true to this holy resolve.
R. Amen.

The Lord Jesus is the bridegroom
who binds the hearts of consecrated virgins to himself.
May his divine word bear abundant fruit in your lives.
R. Amen.

The Holy Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin Mary,
has come upon you this day
to consecrate your hearts to God.
May the same Spirit enkindle in you an ardent longing
to serve God and the Church.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A And may almighty God bless you and all here present,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

After the greeting of the bishop, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the bishop may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The bishop says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May the God of heaven and earth,
who today has brought you together
to dedicate this house of prayer,
[to recall the dedication of this house of prayer,]
fill you with the blessings of heaven.
R. Amen.

May God, who wills that all who are scattered
be united again in Christ,
make you the temple and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

May God free you at last from the bonds of sin,
take possession of your hearts,
and lead you with all the saints
to the inheritance of heaven.
R. Amen.

The bishop concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A And may almighty God bless you all,
+ the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B And may the blessing of almighty God,
+ the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

DEDICATION OF AN ALTAR

After the greeting of the bishop, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the bishop may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The bishop says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

May God, who has adorned you with a royal priesthood,
enable you to carry out your office in holiness,
and so to share worthily in the sacrifice of Christ.

R. Amen.

May God, who invites you to the one table
and feeds you with the one bread,
make you one in mind and heart.

R. Amen.

May all to whom you proclaim the Christ
be drawn to him by the example of your love.

R. Amen.

The bishop concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A And may almighty God bless you all,
+ the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

B And may the blessing of almighty God,
+ the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you all and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

MASSES FOR THE DEAD

After the greeting of the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest says the solemn blessing with hands outstretched over the people.

With surpassing love God has created us
and in the resurrection of Jesus Christ
given us the hope of rising again.

May the God of all consolation
send down upon you every grace and blessing.

R. Amen.

To us who are living may God grant forgiveness of sins
and to the dead a place of light and peace.

R. Amen.

May all of us live eternally with Christ,
who has truly risen from the dead.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

PRAYERS OVER THE PEOPLE

GENERAL USE

After the greeting by the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest sings or says one of the following prayers with hands outstretched over the people.

- 1 Have mercy, O Lord, on your people,
and do not withhold your help in this life
from those whom you call to life everlasting.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

- 2 Lord,
grant your people grace and protection:
give them health of mind and body,
make perfect their love for one another,
and keep them always faithful to you.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

GENERAL USE

After the greeting by the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest sings or says one of the following prayers with hands outstretched over the people.

- 3 Grant, O Lord, that your Christian people may understand the truths they profess and cherish the heavenly mysteries they have celebrated.

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

R. Amen.

- 4 Lord,
bless your people and make them holy,
that they may avoid all that is harmful
and find in you the fulfilment of their longing.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

- 5 Let your blessing, O Lord, strengthen your faithful people,
that they may never turn from your will,
but always rejoice in your grace and favour.

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

R. Amen.

- 6 Lord,
you care for your people even when they stray.
Turn our hearts entirely to you
and under your loving protection
keep us steadfast in your service.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

- 7 Let the light of your countenance
shine upon your people, O God,
that, faithful to your commandments,
they may always do what is right and good.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

8 Lord,
be present to your servants who call upon you,
and bless them with your unfailing kindness.
Since they glory to have you as their maker and ruler,
restore in them the beauty of your creation
and keep intact the gifts you have restored.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

9 Lord,
look with kindness on your people
who implore your mercy;
trusting in your care,
may they carry the gift of your love to all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.
R. Amen.

10 Lord,
bless your people who await the gift of your mercy,
and grant that the longings you instil in them
may be satisfied through your goodness.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

GENERAL USE

After the greeting by the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest sings or says one of the following prayers with hands outstretched over the people.

- 11 Lord,
in your compassion
give growth and strength to this people committed to your service,
and keep them always faithful to your commandments.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

- 12 Show mercy, Lord God, to your people,
that, delivered from every evil,
they may serve you with all their heart
and live securely under your protection.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

- 13 Stretch forth your strong right hand, O God,
and shield your faithful people,
that they may seek you with all their heart
and receive those things for which they rightly pray.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

- 14 Grant, Lord God,
that your family may always rejoice in this saving mystery
and continue to receive the gifts it bestows.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.
R. Amen.

- 15 Have pity, O Lord, on your people,
that they may reject each day the things that displease you
and find delight and peace in doing your will.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

- 16 Stretch forth your right hand, O God,

to protect your suppliant people.
Instruct and purify their hearts,
and prepare them now for the blessed life to come.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.
R. Amen.

- 17 Look with favour, O God, on this your family,
for whose sake our Lord Jesus Christ
did not hesitate to be delivered
into the hands of the wicked
and suffer the torment of the cross.

He lives and reigns for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

- 18 Lord,
may your people hold fast to the paschal mysteries
and await with longing your gifts yet to come.
Keep them faithful to the sacraments
which have given them rebirth,
and lead them to a new and everlasting life.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

GENERAL USE

After the greeting by the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest sings or says one of the following prayers with hands outstretched over the people.

- 19 Lord God,
from your abundant mercies
enrich your people and keep them safe,
so that, made strong by your blessings,
they may always abound in thanksgiving
and joyfully praise you for ever.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

- 20 Lord God,
bless your people with every good gift from on high.
Keep them holy and blameless in your sight,
and bestow upon them the riches of your grace.
Ground their faith in your word of truth,
form them in the gospel of salvation,
and fill their hearts with love of neighbour.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

- 21 Lord God,
purify your faithful people in mind and body,
and fire their hearts with your Spirit,
that they may shun all harmful pleasures
and delight for ever in your goodness.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.
R. Amen.

- 22 Lord,
fill the lives of your people with blessings
and give them growth in the spirit,
so that in all they do
they may be strengthened by the power of your love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

23 By the power of your grace, O Lord,
give your people new energy and strength,
that they may be faithful to you in prayer
and devoted to one another in works of charity.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

24 O God,
protector of all who hope in you,
bless your people.
Preserve, defend, and care for them,
that they may be free from sin,
safe from the power of evil,
and constant in their love for you.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

SEASON OF LENT

After the greeting by the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest sings or says one of the following prayers with hands outstretched over the people.

- 25 God of salvation,
let your Son's passion and death
be for your people
protection from evil in this life
and the sure hope of glory
in the life to come.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

CHRISM MASS

After the greeting by the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest sings or says one of the following prayers with hands outstretched over the people.

- 26 Lord God,
you sent the Holy Spirit, the inward light,
to wake our spirits to life eternal.
Now send your Church,
filled with strength, health, and courage,
to proclaim the good news to every land and nation.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

FEASTS OF SAINTS

After the greeting by the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest sings or says one of the following prayers with hands outstretched over the people.

FEASTS OF SAINTS

27 Lord God,
let the Christian people rejoice as they celebrate the saints,
the glorious members of Christ's Body.
May those who honour you today
share also in the eternal triumph of your saints,
and with them sing your endless glory.

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

R. Amen.

28 Turn the hearts of your people back to you, O Lord.
Bless them through the intercession of your saints
and direct their lives with your unfailing help.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

CONFIRMATION

After the greeting by the priest, the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest may say the following invitation or similar words.

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

The priest sings or says the following prayer with hands outstretched over the people.

- 29 Confirm, O God, the work you have wrought in us,
and preserve in the hearts of your faithful
the gifts of the Holy Spirit,
that they may never be ashamed
to confess before the world Christ crucified,
but may carry out his commandments
with unfailing love.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The priest concludes, using one of the following forms of blessing.

- A May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- B May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

FORMS OF BLESSING FOR USE BY A BISHOP

At the end of a stational Mass, the bishop gives the blessing. When, in keeping with the provisions of the law, the bishop imparts the apostolic blessing (see *Ceremonial of Bishops*, nos. 1122-1126), this replaces the usual blessing. On other occasions the bishops may use a solemn blessing, a prayer over the people, or one of the following blessings.

GREETING

If the bishop is using the mitre, he puts it on and, extending his hands, greets the people, singing or saying:

The Lord be with you.

The people answer:

And also with you.

BLESSING

With hands outstretched over the people, the bishop sings or says one of the following forms of blessing:

A May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

The people answer:

Amen.

B Blessed be the name of the Lord.

The people answer:

Now and for ever.

The bishop then sings or says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

The people answer:

Who made heaven and earth.

The bishop concludes:

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

The people answer:

Amen.



THE ORDER OF MASS
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The preceding Order of Mass is for the usual circumstances in a parish or other community. There are, however, particular circumstances which, of their nature, require adaptation of the Order of Mass: Mass with the participation of concelebrating priests, Mass celebrated at an altar facing away from the people, and Mass celebrated in the absence of the people. The instructions which follow are based on the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, nos. 77-231, and indicate the changes that are to be made when Mass is celebrated in each of these circumstances.

MASS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF CONCELEBRATING PRIESTS

1 If no deacon or other ministers assist in a concelebrated Mass, their functions are carried out by some of the concelebrants.

2 When everything is ready, there is the usual procession through the church to the altar. The concelebrants go ahead of the presiding celebrant. On reaching the altar, the concelebrants and the presiding celebrant make the prescribed reverence, kiss the altar, then go to their designated seats. During the introductory rites and the liturgy of the word, the concelebrants remain at their places, standing or sitting as the presiding celebrant does.

3 After the prayer over the gifts, the concelebrants take their places near the altar. The presiding celebrant then begins the dialogue of the eucharistic prayer. During the prayer the concelebrants stand around the altar in such a way that they do not interfere with the actions of the rite and the people have a clear view. They should not impede the deacon's performance of his ministry at the altar.

4 After the *Sanctus*, the concelebrants continue the eucharistic prayer in the way described below. Unless otherwise indicated, only the presiding celebrant makes the gestures. During the invocation or epiclesis, the concelebrants extend their hands toward the offerings. While saying the words of the Lord, they extend their right hands toward the bread and the cup, if this seems appropriate; they look at the eucharistic bread and the cup as those are shown and afterward bow low. During the anamnesis and epiclesis, they hold their hands outstretched.

5 Except as noted in the rubrics, the eucharistic prayer is said or sung by the presiding celebrant alone. The parts said by all the concelebrants together are to be spoken in such a way that the concelebrants say them in a very low voice and the presiding celebrant's voice is heard clearly. In this way the people should be able to understand the text without difficulty. The intercessions may be assigned to one or other of the concelebrants, who alone says them aloud with hands outstretched. The doxology is sung or said by the presiding celebrant, alone or with the concelebrants.

6 During the communion rite the concelebrants sing or say the Lord's Prayer with the presiding celebrant and the people, with hands outstretched. The embo-

lism is said by the presiding celebrant alone. During the *Agnus Dei*, some of the concelebrants may help the presiding celebrant break the eucharistic bread for communion, both for the concelebrants and for the people. After receiving communion under both kinds, the concelebrants return to their places unless they assist the presiding celebrant in giving communion to the people.

7 During the concluding rite, the concelebrants remain at their seats. Before leaving, they make the proper reverence to the altar; as a rule, the presiding celebrant kisses the altar.

8 In view of the psychology of children, as noted in the introduction to the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children,¹ it seems better to refrain from concelebration when Mass is celebrated with them.

MASS CELEBRATED FACING AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE

9 On an occasion when the location of the altar requires the priest to celebrate the liturgy of the eucharist facing away from the people, nevertheless he presides over the introductory rites and the liturgy of the word at the chair. The readings are proclaimed facing the people at the ambo.

10 During the eucharistic liturgy, the priest celebrant turns to the people for the invitation to prayer before the prayer over the gifts, the greeting of peace and (in the absence of a deacon) the invitation to extend the sign of peace, and the invitation to communion.

11 After communion, the priest goes to the chair for the prayer after communion. If, however, he remains at the altar, he turns to face the people for the concluding rite.

12 The deacon faces the people when he addresses them.

ORDER OF MASS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PEOPLE

13 This section gives the norms for Mass celebrated by a priest with only one minister to assist him and to make the responses. In general this form of Mass follows the rite of Mass with a congregation except as noted below. The minister takes the people's part to the extent possible.

14 The cup is prepared before Mass, either on a side table near the altar or on the altar itself; the Sacramentary is placed on the left side of the altar.

15 The priest and minister make the proper reverence to the altar. The priest then makes the sign of the cross, saying: *In the name of the Father*. He turns and greets the minister, using one of the formulas of greeting. For the penitential rite the priest stands before the altar. The priest then goes to the altar and venerates it with a kiss, goes to the book at the left side of the altar, and remains there until the end of the general intercessions. He reads the opening antiphon and says the *Kyrie* and the *Gloria*, in keeping with the rubrics. The opening prayer is recited in the usual manner.

¹See Congregation for Divine Worship, *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children and for Masses of Reconciliation*, 1 November 1974, Introduction, no. 22.

16 The minister or the priest himself reads the first reading and psalm, the second reading, when it is to be said, and the *Alleluia* verse or other chant.

17 The priest says the profession of faith with the minister if the rubrics call for it. The general intercessions may be said even in this form of Mass; the priest gives the intentions and the minister makes the response.

18 The liturgy of the eucharist takes place in the usual manner. In the communion rite, the priest may give the sign of peace to the minister, then, while he says the *Agnus Dei* with the minister, the priest breaks the eucharistic bread over the plate. After the *Agnus Dei*, he places a particle in the cup, saying inaudibly: *May this mingling*.

19 If the minister is not to receive communion, the priest, after making a genuflection, takes the eucharistic bread and, facing the altar, says once inaudibly: *Lord, I am not worthy*, and receives the body of Christ. The blood of Christ is received as usual. The priest, after receiving communion, says the communion antiphon.

20 The cup is cleansed at the side of the altar and then may be carried by the minister to a side table or left on the altar, as at the beginning.

21 The concluding rites are carried out as at Mass with a congregation, but the dismissal formula is omitted.



RITUAL MASSES

*One body, one Spirit,
one hope to which you are called;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all*

SEE EPHESIANS 4:4-6

RITUAL MASSES

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

rites belonging to the period of purification
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CHRISTIAN INITIATION

ELECTION OR ENROLLMENT OF NAMES

The Mass for Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent, page 118, may also be used.

OPENING PRAYER

Most holy God,
your saving grace extends to every season,
but in this time of Lent you gladden your Church
with a still greater outpouring of love.
Look kindly upon your elect,
that those about to enter the waters of baptism
and those already baptised
may know the power of your mighty arm.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty and ever-living God,
by the sacrament of baptism
you restore to eternal life
those who profess your name.
Accept the gifts and prayers of your people,
fulfil their longings and blot out their sins,
for they place their hope in you.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: The preface of the season is said.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Through the sacrament we have received
cleanse us, Lord God,
and rid us of all taint of sin,
that we who are weighed down by our guilt
may know the fullness of your heavenly pardon.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE SCRUTINIES

The following Masses are used when the scrutinies are celebrated, either on the designated Sundays (Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent), or at other times.

MASS OF THE FIRST SCRUTINY

OPENING
PRAYER

Grant, all-provident God,
that our elect may grow in wisdom and reverence
as they prepare to confess your name.
Through your grace
restore them to that first innocence
which was lost by the sin of Adam and Eve.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

O God,
let your merciful grace inspire your servants,
and let it shape their way of life,
that they may worthily receive these holy mysteries.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the First Scrutiny, page 646, or Preface of Lent I-IV, pages 530-536; interpolations for Eucharistic Prayer I, pages 704 and 706, for Eucharistic Prayer III, page 725.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
draw near with your redeeming grace.
Watch over the elect
and prepare them for the sacrament of eternal life.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MASS OF THE SECOND SCRUTINY

OPENING
PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,
fill your Church with the joy of the Spirit,
that these elect, born once of earthly parents,
may be born again to the new life of your kingdom.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

With joy, Lord, we present to you the sacrifice
that brings us eternal healing.
Grant, in your goodness,
that we may celebrate this mystery with faith
and offer it worthily for the elect.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the Second Scrutiny, page 648, or Preface of Lent I-IV, pages 530-536; interpolations for Eucharistic Prayer I, pages 704 and 706, for Eucharistic Prayer III, page 725.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Sustain your family always, Lord God,
and guide them along right paths;
keep them obedient to your will,
and in your never-failing goodness
direct them toward eternal salvation.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MASS OF THE THIRD SCRUTINY

OPENING
PRAYER

O God, source of all life,
grant that our elect,
who have been grounded in the mysteries of faith,
may receive new life at the font of baptism
and be numbered among the members of your Church.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Almighty God,
listen to our prayers:
as you have instructed your servants
in the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith,
so purify their hearts by the power of this sacrifice.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the Third Scrutiny, page 650, or Preface of Lent I-IV, pages 530-536; interpolations for Eucharistic Prayer I, pages 704 and 706, for Eucharistic Prayer III, page 725.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
keep your people one in spirit
with hearts devoted to your service,
so that, secure from every fear,
they may recapture the joy of their own salvation
and remember in loving prayer
those to be reborn in the waters of baptism.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BAPTISM

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used for the baptism of infants. This Mass may also be used for the celebration of the sacraments of initiation for adults or for children of catechetical age. White vestments are worn.

OPENING PRAYER

- 1 God of the living,
you grant us the grace to join with Christ
in the mystery of his death and resurrection.
Strengthen us by your Spirit of adoption,
that we may walk without stumbling in newness of life.

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

- 2 O God,
you bring us to new birth through your word of life;
grant that by accepting it with open hearts
we may be eager to live by the truth
and show forth in our lives
the rich fruits of Christian love.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

- 1 Lord,
to your priestly people you have added
those you have conformed to the likeness of your Son
[and sealed with the anointing of the Spirit].
In your goodness accept them
together with the gifts of your Church
as an offering pleasing to you.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Our bread is prepared, O Lord,
and the wine is mixed.
Open now the door to your banquet,
that we may celebrate this sacred meal with gladness
and take our place among the citizens of heaven
and the members of your household.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of Christian Initiation, page 652, or another suitable preface;
interpolations for Eucharistic Prayer I, pages 704 and 706, for Eucharistic Prayer II, page
717, for Eucharistic Prayer III, page 724.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

- 1 Nourished by the sacrament of your Son's body and blood,
we pray, Lord God,
that we may grow in the fellowship of his Spirit
and in love for one another,
and so with lively charity
reach full stature as the body of Christ,
for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

- 2 Lord God,
in our celebration we have proclaimed
the mystery of your Son's death and resurrection;
grant that by the power of this sacrament
we may profess that same mystery
by the manner of our lives.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, pages 934-938.

CONFIRMATION

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used when confirmation is celebrated within Mass. Red or white vestments are worn.

OPENING PRAYER

- 1 Almighty and merciful God,
send forth the Holy Spirit upon your Church
to make of us the temple where your glory dwells.

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

- 2 Fulfil your promise, God of kindness,
and send the Holy Spirit upon us
to make us witnesses before the world
of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

- 3 Gracious Lord,
pour forth your Holy Spirit upon us,
that, walking together in oneness of faith
and strengthened by the Spirit's power and love,
we may attain the full stature of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

- 4 Lord God,
may the Paraclete, who proceeds from you,
enlighten our minds and hearts
and guide us into all truth,
as Christ, your Son, has promised.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

- 1 Merciful Lord,
receive the prayers of your servants:
conformed more closely to your Son,
may they grow in faithful witness to him,
for they share in this memorial of the redemption
by which he gained for us your Holy Spirit.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Accept these servants, Lord,
in company with your only Son,
for they have been signed with his cross
and the anointing of the Spirit.
May they faithfully offer themselves in union with Christ
and receive each day the outpouring of your Spirit.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 Lord,
accept the offering of your family,
that those who have received the gift of the Holy Spirit
may treasure what they have been given
and come to the reward of eternal life.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of Christian Initiation, page 652, or another suitable preface.

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer I:

... grant us your constant help and protection.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Lord, accept this offering from your whole family.
We offer it for those reborn in baptism
whom you have confirmed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
Look on them with favour
and preserve in them the gift of your grace.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Bless and approve ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer III:

... and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

Merciful Father,
hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you.
Strengthen in their holy resolve those reborn in baptism,
whom you have confirmed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
Look on them with favour
and preserve in them the gift of your grace.
Unite to yourself all your children
now scattered over the face of the earth.

Welcome into your kingdom ...

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 Support with your blessing, Lord God,
those you have anointed with the Holy Spirit
and nourished with the sacrament of your Son;
grant that they may overcome all adversity,
bring joy to your Church by their holiness,
and foster its growth by their works of love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Lord God,
you have lavished upon your children
the gifts of your Holy Spirit
and nourished them with your only-begotten Son;
instruct them in the fullness of your law,
that they may show to the world
the freedom of your adopted children
and fulfil their prophetic mission
by the holiness of their lives.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

3 God of mercy,
pour forth upon us your spirit of love,
that we who have been nourished
by the one bread from heaven
may be one in mind and heart.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, page 939; Prayer over the People, page 969.

FIRST COMMUNION

The Mass of the day or, when permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the Votive Mass “The Holy Eucharist,” page 1128, may be used.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of Christian Initiation, page 652, or when appropriate, one of the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children may be used.

COMMUNION RITE: Before the invitation to communion, the priest may briefly remind those who will receive communion for the first time of the preeminence of the eucharist, which is the climax of their initiation and the centre of the whole Christian life.

The first communicants, together with their parents and catechists, receive communion under both kinds, followed by the other members of the assembly.

If the rite of reception into full communion takes place on a Sunday or on a solemnity, the Mass of the day is celebrated; on other days it is permissible to celebrate the Mass “Unity of Christians” (see Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, page 1047).

For the rite of Reception of Baptised Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic, see the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND THE DYING

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass or the Mass “The Sick” or the Mass “The Dying” from Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, page 1102 or 1104, may be used. White vestments are worn.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE PROCESSION AND GREETING: When those who are sick and the people have assembled, the Mass begins in the usual way.

After making the sign of the cross together with the people, the priest, extending his hands, greets all present with one of the greetings given in the Order of Mass.

INTRODUCTION

The priest or deacon then gives a brief introduction, inviting the faithful to participate fully in the celebration. He may use one of the following introductions or similar words.

- 1 We have come together
to celebrate the sacraments of anointing and eucharist.
Christ is always present
when we gather in his name;
today we welcome him especially as physician and healer.
We pray that the sick may be restored to health
by the gift of his mercy
and made whole in his fullness.

- 2 Christ taught his disciples
to be a community of love.
In praying together,
in sharing all things,
and in caring for the sick,
they recalled his words:
”Insofar as you did this to one of these,
you did it to me.”
We gather today to witness to this teaching
and to pray in the name of Jesus, the healer,
that the sick may be restored to health.
Through this eucharist and anointing
we invoke his healing power.

OPENING
PRAYER

1 Father,
you raised your Son's cross
as the sign of victory and life.

May all who share in his suffering
find in these sacraments
a source of fresh courage and healing.

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

2 God of compassion,
you take every family under your care
and know our physical and spiritual needs.

Transform our weakness by the strength of your grace
and confirm us in your covenant,
so that we may grow in faith and love.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

1 Merciful God,
as these simple gifts of bread and wine
will be transformed into the risen Lord,
so may he unite our sufferings with his
and cause us to rise to new life.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Lord,
we bring you these gifts,
to become the health-giving body and blood of your Son.

In his name
heal the ills which afflict us
and restore to us the joy of life renewed.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer I:

... grant us your constant help and protection.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Lord, accept this offering from your whole family
and especially from those who ask for healing
of body, mind, and spirit.

Grant us your peace in this life,
save us from final damnation,
and count us among those you have chosen.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Bless and approve ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer II:

... and all who minister to your people.

Remember also, Lord,
those who ask for healing
in the name of your Son,
that they may never cease to praise you
for the wonders of your power.

Remember our brothers and sisters ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer III:

... and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

Merciful Father,
hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you.
Hear especially the prayers of those who ask for healing
in the name of your Son,
that they may never cease to praise you
for the wonders of your power.
Unite to yourself all your children
now scattered over the face of the earth.

Welcome into your kingdom ...

PRAYER 1 Merciful God,
AFTER in celebrating these mysteries
COMMUNION your people have received the gifts of unity and peace.

Heal the afflicted
and make them whole
in the name of your only Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

2 Lord,
through these sacraments
you offer us the gift of healing.

May this grace bear fruit among us
and make us strong in your service.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, pages 940-942.

VIATICUM

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass or the Votive Mass “The Holy Eucharist,” page 1128, may be used. White vestments are worn.

OPENING PRAYER

God of all consolation,
whose Son is our way, our truth, and our life,
look lovingly on your servant N.,
that, entrusting himself/herself to your promises
and refreshed with the body and blood of your Son,
he/she may journey to your kingdom in peace.

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

BAPTISMAL PROFESSION OF FAITH AND LITANY: After the homily, the baptismal profession of faith and litany take place as described in *Pastoral Care of the Sick*, nos. 190-191.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father most holy,
look with kindness on our sacrifice,
that it may present to you the paschal Lamb,
whose suffering and death unlocked the gates of paradise.
By the grace of this sacrament lead your servant N.
into the unending paschal feast.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION: At the invitation for communion, in place of the usual invitations, the priest may use the following text.

Jesus Christ is the food for our journey;
he calls us to the heavenly table.

The priest and people say together:

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

After giving communion as viaticum, under both kinds if possible, and using the usual texts, the priest adds:

May the Lord Jesus Christ protect you
and lead you to eternal life.

The sick person answers:

Amen.

Others present receive communion in the usual way.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
eternal health of all who believe in you,
grant that your servant N.,
whom you have refreshed with food and drink from heaven,
may arrive safely in your kingdom of light and life.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, pages 940-942.

APOSTOLIC
PARDON

After the blessing, the priest may add the apostolic pardon for the dying.

Through the holy mysteries of our redemption,
may almighty God release you from all punishments
in this life and in the life to come.

May he open to you the gates of paradise
and welcome you to everlasting joy.

The sick person answers:

Amen.

MARRIAGE

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass is used along with the proper readings. White vestments are worn.

On the days listed in the Table of Liturgical Days, nos. 1-4 (see Volume One, page 153), the Mass of the day is used, the special interpolation for Eucharistic Prayers I, II, or III may be used, the nuptial blessing is given, and, if desired, one of the solemn blessings for marriage may be used.

But during the season of Christmas and in Ordinary Time, when a marriage is celebrated within a Sunday Mass in which the parish community participates, the Mass of the Sunday is used.

When a marriage is celebrated during Advent, Lent, or other days of penance, the parish priest (pastor) should advise the couple to take into consideration the special nature of these times.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The following takes the place of the usual introductory rites in the Order of Mass.

RECEPTION OF THE COUPLE

The reception of the bride and bridegroom takes place in accord with one of the following forms.

- A** **RECEPTION AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH:** At the appointed time, the priest, vested in an alb and a stole and chasuble of the colour of the Mass to be celebrated, goes with the ministers to the door of the church. There he receives the couple and greets them in a warm and friendly manner, showing that the Church shares their joy.

The procession to the altar then takes place: the ministers go first, followed by the priest, and the couple. According to local custom, they may be accompanied by at least their parents and the two witnesses to the place prepared for them. Meanwhile, the opening song is sung.

- B** **RECEPTION AT A PLACE WITHIN THE CHURCH:** At the appointed time, the priest, vested in an alb and a stole and chasuble of the colour of the Mass to be celebrated, goes with the ministers to the place prepared for the couple or to the chair.

When the couple come to their place, the priest receives them and greets them in a warm and friendly manner, showing that the Church shares their joy. Then the opening song is sung.

The priest goes to the altar, reverences it with a bow, and venerates it with a kiss. Then he goes to the chair.

GREETING

After making the sign of the cross together with the people, the priest, extending his hands, greets all present with one of the greetings given in the Order of Mass.

INTRODUCTION

The priest then speaks to the couple and all present, in order to prepare them for the celebration of marriage, using one of the following introductions or similar words.

- 1 My dear friends,
we are gathered here joyfully in God's holy house
to celebrate the marriage of N. and N.
They stand before us today
with the firm intent to establish a new family and home.
For them this is a day of great moment.
For our part let us support them
by our affection and friendship
and by offering our prayers for them.
Together with them let us listen attentively
to the word God speaks to us today.
Finally, in union with the whole Church
let us pray through Jesus Christ our Lord
that, as they begin their married life,
God our Father will accept them, bless them, and keep them as one.

- 2 N. and N., the Church shares your joy today
and welcomes you here most warmly
together with your relatives and friends.
On this day, in the presence of God our Father,
you will establish with each other
a partnership of life and love.
On this day of gladness, may God hear you,
look upon you, and send you help from above.
May God fulfil your hearts' desire
and grant your every prayer.

OPENING PRAYER

- 1 God of love,
you have consecrated the bond of marriage as a holy mystery,
making the covenant between husband and wife
a sign of the union between Christ and his Church.
Hear the prayers we offer for N. and N.,
that they may express in their life together
the mystery they celebrate in faith.

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

2 O God,
when you created the human race,
you desired that man and woman should be one.
Bind together with an inseparable love
N. and N.,
who today pledge themselves to each other.
Make their love fruitful,
that they may be a sign of the love you bear for us all.

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

3 Gracious God,
listen to our prayers for N. and N.,
who come before your altar today
to be united in the sacrament of marriage.
Shower your grace upon them,
that their love for each other may always be strong.

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

4 Almighty God,
hear the prayers we offer for your servants N. and N.,
who stand before us today
to be joined in the sacrament of marriage.
Let them grow in the faith they pledge
and enrich the life of your Church [with faithful children].

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

5 Listen kindly to our prayers, Lord God,
and graciously protect what you have established
for the continuance of the human race.
Grant that N. and N.,
joined in marriage by you their Creator,
may abide in your love all the days of their life.

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

6 From the beginning, O God,
you have blessed creation with abundant life.
Pour out your blessings upon N. and N.,
that they may be joined in mutual love,
in companionship and likeness of mind,
in holiness and in commitment to each other.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

1 Receive, O Lord, the gifts we offer
for N. and N., now joined in holy marriage;
your grace has united them in this sacrament,
bless and protect their life together.

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

2 In your kindness, Lord,
accept the gifts we offer on this joyful day,
and with a father's affection watch over this couple
you have joined in the covenant of marriage.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 Hear our earnest prayer, Lord,
and look with kindness on the gifts we offer for N. and N.
You have made them one in the holy covenant of marriage;
through these holy mysteries
strengthen their love for you and for each other.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of Marriage I-III, pages 658-662, or another suitable preface;
interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer I, page 706, for Eucharistic Prayer II, page 717, for
Eucharistic Prayer III, page 724.

NUPTIAL BLESSING

After the Lord's Prayer, the priest omits *Deliver us, Lord* and, standing facing the bride and bridegroom, invokes God's blessing upon them. The nuptial blessing is never omitted.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

The bride and bridegroom approach the altar, or remain at their places, and kneel.

The priest, with hands joined, invites all present to pray, using one of the following invitations, and all pray silently for a while. If one or both of the parties will not be receiving communion, the words in brackets are omitted.

- 1 My dear friends,
let us pray that God's blessing and grace will descend
on this man and woman now married in Christ,
and that [through the sacrament of Christ's body and blood]
God will unite in love this couple
now joined in the holy covenant of marriage.

- 2 Let us now invoke God's blessing on this bride and groom,
whose love is enriched in the sacrament of marriage,
that they may live securely under God's protection.

- 3 Let us pray to the Lord for N. and N.,
who have come to God's altar to begin their married life,
that [by sharing in the body and blood of Christ]
they may be united always in love for each other.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

The priest, with hands outstretched over the bride and bridegroom, continues, using one of the following nuptial blessings. The words in brackets may be omitted whenever circumstances suggest.

PRAYER 1

One of the following openings is chosen, corresponding to the reading used during the liturgy of the word.

- 1 By your mighty power, Lord God,
you have made all things from nothing;
you have set the universe in order
and created humankind in your own likeness.
You have ordained that man and woman
should be an inseparable help to each other,
that they should no longer be two, but one flesh.
And so you have taught
that no one may put asunder
those you have made one in marriage.

2 Lord God,
in the covenant of Christian marriage
you have transformed the union of man and woman
into so wonderful a mystery
that it signifies the mystical union
between Christ and the Church.

3 From the beginning, Lord God,
you so joined together man and woman
that their companionship was the one blessing
not forfeited by original sin
nor washed away by the flood.

The priest continues:

Look with favour upon these, your servants,
now united as husband and wife,
who ask the protection of your blessing:
pour out upon them the grace of the Holy Spirit,
that, with hearts infused with your love,
they may remain faithful to the covenant
they have made with each other.

Let the grace of your love and peace
remain with N., your daughter.
Let her follow the example of those holy women
whose praises are sung in the Scriptures.

Let N., your son, entrust his heart to her;
let him acknowledge her as his equal
and his coheir to the life of grace.
Let him cherish her with due honour
and love her always with that love
with which Christ loves his bride, the Church.

And now, Lord God, we pray for this couple:
keep them united in faith and obedient to your commands.

Keep them true to each other in body
and blameless in all they do.
Give them the strength which comes from the gospel,
and make them witnesses of Christ to all they meet.
[Bless them with children
and make them wise and virtuous parents
who will live to see their children's children.]

Grant them length of days together
and bring them at last to fullness of life
with the saints in heavenly glory.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The prayer *Lord Jesus Christ* is omitted, and the priest begins the sign of peace.

PRAYER 2

One of the following openings is chosen, corresponding to the reading used during the liturgy of the word.

- 1 Father most holy,
in shaping humankind in your own image,
you created both male and female,
so that, as husband and wife,
joined together in body and spirit,
they might fulfil their calling on earth.

- 2 O God,
to reveal the plan of your love
you made the love between bride and bridegroom
an image of the covenant between you and your people.
In the sacrament of Christian marriage
the union of husband and wife
has become a sign of the nuptial mystery
that exists between Christ and his Church.

The priest continues:

Stretch forth your hand in blessing
over N. and N., your son and daughter,
and fill their hearts with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grant, Lord God,
that, as they begin to live this sacrament,
they may bestow on each other the gifts of your love;
make them one in mind and heart
and a sign to each other of your presence.

Grant, Lord, that they may direct all their actions
toward building a true home.
[May they bring up their children in the ways of the gospel
and prepare them for your heavenly family.]

On this your daughter, N.,
bestow your abundant blessings,
that she may be a good wife [and mother],
gracing her home with a warm spirit,
with a love undivided, generous, and kind.

On this your son, N.,
bestow your heavenly blessing,
that he may be a conscientious and faithful husband
[and a caring and provident father].

Father most holy,
grant that this couple,
who have exchanged their vows before you
and who desire to share your table on earth,
may one day be seated with you
at the feast of the kingdom of heaven.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The prayer *Lord Jesus Christ* is omitted, and the priest begins the sign of peace.

PRAYER 3

The priest continues:

Father most holy,
Creator of the world and all it contains,
you made man and woman in your own image
and on their companionship
bestowed your generous blessings.
Hear our prayers for your son and daughter
who are joined today in the sacrament of marriage.

Let the fullness of your blessings
descend upon N., this bride,
and upon N., this bridegroom.
Let the power of your Holy Spirit
kindle in their hearts the fire of your love,
so that, expressing their delight in each other,
they may adorn the human family with children
and enrich the Church with new members.

Let them praise you, Lord, in times of joy
and turn to you in their sorrows;
let them find your help in their strivings
and know your comfort when hardship strikes.
Let them offer you prayers in the holy assembly
and stand as witnesses to you before the world.
Let them live a long and happy life
and welcome them at last to your heavenly kingdom
together with their friends who surround them today.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The prayer *Lord Jesus Christ* is omitted, and the priest begins the sign of peace.

SIGN OF
PEACE

Omitting the prayer *Lord Jesus Christ*, the priest, extending his hands to the people, immediately says or sings:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

The people answer:

And also with you.

Then the deacon (or the priest) may extend an invitation to the people to exchange a sign of peace, using one of the invitations given in the Order of Mass. The bride and bridegroom and all present show their peace and love for one another by exchanging a sign of peace.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

- 1 In your providence, Lord God,
you have instituted the state of marriage;
adorn it with your presence
by the power of this sacrifice,
that those you have joined in this holy covenant
[and nourished with one bread and one cup]
may love each other in oneness of heart.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Lord God,
you have called us to be guests at your table;
grant that N. and N.,
now united in the sacrament of marriage,
may always be faithful to you
and bear witness to your name before all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 3 Grant, almighty God,
that the power of this sacrament
may flourish in the lives of your servants N. and N.,
and grant that we may all gain
the effects of the sacrifice we have offered.

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

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, pages 943-945.

ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE

When Masses for various needs and occasions are permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass for the Anniversary of Marriage is used on wedding anniversaries, especially the twenty-fifth and fiftieth wedding anniversaries. The antiphons for this Mass may be taken from the Mass “In Thanksgiving” from Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, page 1121. The readings for this Mass may be taken from the *Lectionary for Mass*, Ritual Masses, Marriage, or from Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, “In Thanksgiving,” or from the lectionary for the celebration of marriage in the *Order of Celebrating Marriage*.

A special blessing and a renewal of commitment are found in the *Order of Celebrating Marriage*, Appendix II: Order for the Blessing of a Married Couple within Mass on the Anniversary of Marriage.

OPENING PRAYER

- 1 O God,
Creator of all that exists,
in the beginning you made man and woman,
that they might form between them the bond of marriage;
bless and confirm the union of your servants N. and N.,
that they may show themselves a more perfect sign
of the union between Christ and the Church.

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

- 2 Twenty-fifth anniversary
God of all faithfulness,
you have joined N. and N. in the unbreakable bond of marriage
and have blessed them with oneness of heart
amid the joys and burdens of life.
Deepen and perfect their love,
so that [together with their children]
they may rejoice in the holiness they bring to each other.

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

- 3 Fiftieth anniversary
Almighty God and Father,
keep in your loving care
this husband and wife, N. and N.
[and the children they have reared in a life of faith].
Remember their many years together
and the good they have done in their lives.

As you sealed the love of their youth
with the sacrament of marriage,
so crown their old age with the fruit of your blessing.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

- 1 O God,
in the blood and water that flowed from the side of Christ
you signified the mysteries of our rebirth;
accept our offerings in thanksgiving for N. and N.,
and bless their marriage with all your gifts of grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Twenty-fifth anniversary
O God,
in your kindness receive the sacrifice we offer
in thanksgiving for N. and N.,
that from it they may draw abundant peace and joy.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 3 Fiftieth anniversary
O God,
in your kindness receive the gifts we offer
in thanksgiving for N. and N.,
who have shared these years in true faithfulness.
Hear their prayers and bless them in full measure
with unity and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 Lord God,
you have nourished your servants N. and N.
with food and drink from above;
fill their hearts with joyous love,
that their home may be a place of integrity and peace,
open to all in need of loving comfort.

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

2 Twenty-fifth anniversary
O God,
you have welcomed this couple, N. and N.,
[together with their children and friends]
to the table of your family;
grant that with strength and gladness
their love for each other may grow
until by your mercy they take their place
at the wedding feast of heaven.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 Fiftieth anniversary
You have nourished us, Lord God,
at the rich table of this sacrament;
hear our prayers for this couple, N. and N.:
watch over them in the years ahead,
grant them holiness and fullness of days,
and welcome them finally to your heavenly banquet.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, page 945.

HOLY ORDERS

ORDINATION OF A BISHOP

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass for the ordination of a bishop is used along with its proper readings.

On days when the Ritual Mass may not be used, one of the readings for Mass may be chosen from those provided in the *Lectionary for Mass* for this Ritual Mass.

When several bishops are ordained, the prayers are said in the plural.

OPENING PRAYER

- 1 For a resident bishop
O God,
by the gift of your grace alone,
you call your servant and presbyter N.
to oversee the Church of N.
Enable him to carry out worthily
the office and ministry of bishop.
Grant that under your constant guidance
he may lead by word and example
the people entrusted to his care.

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

- 2 For a non-resident bishop
Eternal Shepherd,
governing your flock with watchful care,
you have chosen N., your servant and presbyter,
to be received this day into the college of bishops.
Grant that by holiness of life
he may always and everywhere
be a true witness to Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

3 General

O God, eternal Shepherd,
you formed the tribes of Israel into a single people,
and from the nations of the earth you gather a Church.

Watch over the flock of Christ
and the pastors who tend it.
Let the gospel they preach
and the eucharist at which they preside
so shape the family of your Church
that we may live and work together
in the communion of faith and love.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

1 If the newly ordained bishop presides at the liturgy of the eucharist

Lord,
we offer you the sacrifice of praise,
that we may serve you more generously;
despite our unworthiness,
bring to fulfilment
the gift you have entrusted to us.

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

2 If the principal ordaining bishop presides at the liturgy of the eucharist

Lord,
let the offering we make for your Church
and for N., your servant and bishop,
be a gift pleasing to you.
You have chosen him as high priest among your people;
endow him with apostolic virtue
for the sake of the flock entrusted to his care.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 General

O God,
you invite your people in communion with their bishop
to take their place around your altar.
As we set our gifts before you,
may all Christ's faithful people
rejoice as one in your marvellous deeds.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer I:

... grant us your constant help and protection.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Lord, accept this offering from your whole family.
We offer it for your servant N.,
[We offer it for me, your unworthy servant,]
whom you have chosen for the order of bishops.
In your mercy protect the gifts you have given him [me],
that the ministry he has [I have] received from you
may, by your grace, yield an abundant harvest.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Bless and approve ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer II:

... may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world:
perfect us in love
together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop,
[with N., your servant,]
whom you have chosen today
as pastor of the Church [of N.].
Remember all bishops, priests, and deacons,
and all who minister to your people.

Remember our brothers and sisters ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer III:

... advance the peace and salvation of all the world.

Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth:
your servant Pope N., our Bishop N.,
[your servant N.,]
ordained today as pastor of the Church [of N.];
strengthen all bishops, priests, and deacons,
all ministers of your Church,
and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

Merciful Father, ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer IV:

... to the praise and glory of your name.

Lord, remember those for whom we make this offering:
your servant Pope N.,
our Bishop N., [your servant N.,]
whom you have chosen today to serve your people;
remember all bishops, priests, and deacons,
all ministers of your Church,
those who take part in this offering,
those here present, all your people,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

Remember those who have died ...

PRAYER 1 If the newly ordained bishop presides at the eucharistic liturgy
AFTER Lord,
COMMUNION accomplish within us the healing effects of your mercy.
Transform our lives
and set our hearts on fire with love,
that we may learn to please you
in all that we say and do.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 If the principal ordaining bishop presides at the eucharistic liturgy
Lord,
by the power of this sacrament
bestow on N., your servant and bishop,
your numberless gifts of grace,
that he may worthily fulfil his pastoral ministry
and receive the eternal reward
promised to your faithful stewards.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 General
Eternal God,
you feed your Church
with bread blessed and broken,
and make of us, though many, one body.

Keep all who share this living bread
one in mind and heart
and gather your Church from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory and the power
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
for ever and ever.

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, pages 946-947.

ORDINATION OF PRESBYTERS

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass for the ordination of presbyters is used along with its proper readings.

On days when the Ritual Mass may not be used, one of the readings for Mass may be chosen from those provided in the *Lectionary for Mass* for this Ritual Mass.

When only one presbyter is ordained, the prayers are said in the singular.

OPENING PRAYER

1 Lord our God,
you watch over and guide your people
by the ministry of priests.
Grant to these deacons of the Church,
whom you choose today for the office of presbyter,
the strength to serve your holy will with constancy,
that by their life and ministry
they may glorify you in Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

2 God ever gracious,
you sent us Jesus the Christ,
who came not to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life in sacrifice.

Bless us with presbyters
whose glory is the cross
and whose leadership is service.
Keep all your people
true to Christ, the eternal priest,
in whose image the Church has been reborn.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

1 O God,
in your plan of salvation you have appointed priests
to serve the people of God at your holy altar.
By the power of this sacrifice,
grant that the ministry of these, your servants,
may always be pleasing to you
and bear in your Church that fruit which remains for ever.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 To the stewards of your mysteries, O God,
you entrust the gifts of a priestly people.
Unite your Church in praise and thanksgiving
both here and in your heavenly sanctuary.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of Ordination of Bishops and Presbyters, page 664, or Preface of Ministry, page 672.

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer I:

... grant us your constant help and protection.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Lord, accept this offering from your whole family.
We offer it for your servants,
whom you have chosen for the order of presbyters.
In your mercy protect the gifts you have given them,
that the ministry they have received from you
may, by your grace, yield an abundant harvest.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Bless and approve ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer II:

... may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world:
perfect us in love
together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop.
Remember also, Lord, these, your servants,
whom you have chosen today
as priests of the Church.
Remember all bishops, priests, and deacons,
and all who minister to your people.

Remember our brothers and sisters ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer III:

... advance the peace and salvation of all the world.

Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth:
your servant Pope N., our Bishop N.,
and these, your servants,
ordained today as priests of the Church;
strengthen all bishops, priests, and deacons,
all ministers of your Church,
and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

Merciful Father, ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer IV:

... to the praise and glory of your name.

Lord, remember those for whom we make this offering:
your servant Pope N., our Bishop N.,
and these servants you have chosen today
to serve your people as priests;
remember all bishops, priests, and deacons,
all ministers of your Church,
those who take part in this offering,
those here present, all your people,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

Remember those who have died ...

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 Lord God,
through the divine gift we have offered and received
give new life to your priests and all your servants,
so that, bound to you in unending love,
they may offer worthy service to your majesty.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Faithful God,
you have given us the body and blood of Christ
to sustain us on our pilgrim journey.

Give wisdom to our presbyters,
that your people may be guided
in all that leads to you;
keep constant in your ways
all who share in this banquet.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, page 948.

ORDINATION OF DEACONS

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass for the ordination of deacons is used along with its proper readings.

On days when the Ritual Mass may not be used, one of the readings for Mass may be chosen from those provided in the *Lectionary for Mass* for this Ritual Mass.

When only one deacon is ordained, the prayers are said in the singular.

OPENING PRAYER

- 1 O God,
you have taught the ministers of your Church
to desire not to be served but to serve.
Grant that these servants whom you call today
to the office of deacon
may labour resourcefully,
minister with gentleness,
and pray to you without ceasing.

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

- 2 Compassionate God,
you sent Jesus as the greatest among us,
and yet the servant of all.

By your word
create within us a thirst for what is right,
and, by the sharing of your sacrament,
a hunger for justice.
May those who minister these gifts of word and sacrament
be models of service,
that your Church may be the comfort of the needy
and the strength of the oppressed.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

- 1 Father most holy,
your Son washed the feet of his disciples,
that he might give us an example.
Accept these gifts
and grant that by offering ourselves as a spiritual sacrifice
we may be filled with the spirit of humility
and a willingness to serve our neighbour.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 For the worship of your name, O God,
and for the service of the needy,
your people and your ministers
place these gifts before you.
Make the words we voice in praise
resound in works of service.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the Ordination of Deacons, page 668, or Preface of Ministry,
page 672.

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer I:

... grant us your constant help and protection.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Lord, accept this offering from your whole family.
We offer it for your servants,
whom you have chosen for the order of deacons.
In your mercy protect the gifts you have given them,
that the ministry they have received from you
may, by your grace, yield an abundant harvest.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Bless and approve ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer II:

... may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world:
perfect us in love
together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop.
Remember also, Lord,
those to whom you have committed today
the care and ministry of your Church.
Remember all bishops, priests, and deacons,
and all who minister to your people.

Remember our brothers and sisters ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer III:

... advance the peace and salvation of all the world.

Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth:
your servant Pope N., our Bishop N.,
and these, your servants,
ordained today as ministers of the Church;
strengthen all bishops, priests, and deacons,
all ministers of your Church,
and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

Merciful Father, ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer IV:

... to the praise and glory of your name.

Lord, remember those for whom we make this offering:
your servant Pope N., our Bishop N.,
and these servants you have chosen today
to serve your people as deacons;
remember all bishops, priests, and deacons,
all ministers of your Church,
those who take part in this offering,
those here present, all your people,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

Remember those who have died ...

PRAYER 1 Lord,
AFTER you have nourished your servants
COMMUNION with the food and drink of heaven.
 Make them faithful ministers of word, of sacrament,
 and of loving service,
 for the sake of your glory and the salvation of all believers.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 God of mercy,
 you feed us with the word of life
 and the body and blood of the Lord.

 Confirm in service and charity
 those who minister the food of life.
 Bring all who live by the strength of these holy gifts
 to nourish the hungry in their every need,
 and so rejoice in that eternal mercy
 which awaits your faithful servants.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, page 949.

ORDINATION OF DEACONS AND PRESBYTERS IN THE SAME CELEBRATION

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass for the ordination of deacons and presbyters in the same celebration is used along with its proper readings.

On days when the Ritual Mass may not be used, one of the readings for Mass may be chosen from those provided in the *Lectionary for Mass* for this Ritual Mass.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord,
in your providence
you give your people pastors to guide them.
Pour out in your Church
the spirit of reverence and courage
that will make these, your servants,
worthy ministers at your altar
and strong but gentle champions of your gospel.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father most holy,
your Son washed the feet of his disciples,
that he might give us an example.
Accept these gifts
and grant that by offering ourselves as a spiritual sacrifice
we may be filled with the spirit of humility
and a willingness to serve our neighbour.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of Ministry, page 672, or Preface of the Ordination of Deacons,
page 668.

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer I:

... grant us your constant help and protection.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Lord, accept this offering from your whole family.
We offer it for your servants,
whom you have chosen for the order of deacons and the order of presbyters.
In your mercy protect the gifts you have given them,
that the ministry they have received from you
may, by your grace, yield an abundant harvest.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Bless and approve ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer II:

... may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world:

perfect us in love

together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop.

Remember also, Lord,

these deacons and priests

to whom you have committed today

the care and ministry of your Church.

Remember all bishops, priests, and deacons,

and all who minister to your people.

Remember our brothers and sisters ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer III:

... advance the peace and salvation of all the world.

Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth:

your servant Pope N., our Bishop N.,

and these, your servants,

ordained today as deacons and priests of the Church;

strengthen all bishops, priests, and deacons,

all ministers of your Church,

and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

Merciful Father, ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer IV:

... to the praise and glory of your name.

Lord, remember those for whom we make this offering:

your servant Pope N., our Bishop N.,

and these servants you have chosen today

to serve your people as deacons and priests;

remember all bishops, priests, and deacons,

all ministers of your Church,

those who take part in this offering,

those here present, all your people,

and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

Remember those who have died ...

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord,
you have nourished your servants
with the food and drink of heaven.
Make them faithful ministers of word, of sacrament,
and of loving service,
for the sake of your glory and the salvation of all believers.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, page 950.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR HOLY ORDERS

The rite of admission may be celebrated on any day, except the Easter Triduum, Holy Week, Ash Wednesday, or the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, especially in the church or oratory of a seminary or religious institute, on a given occasion, for example, a gathering of presbyters or deacons, either during Mass or during a celebration of the liturgy of the hours or the word of God. Because of its nature, the rite is never joined to an ordination or the institution of readers or acolytes.

If the rite is celebrated within Mass, the Mass “Vocations to Holy Orders” from Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, page 1062, when permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), may be said with the readings proper to the rite of admission. White vestments are worn.

When the Mass of the day and not the Mass “Vocations to Holy Orders” is said, one of the readings may be chosen from those given in the *Lectionary for Mass* for the rite of admission.

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

The Mass “The Priest Himself: On an Anniversary” is found in Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, page 1114.

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

FIRST PROFESSION

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used. White vestments are worn.

When only one person celebrates first profession, the prayers are said in the singular.

OPENING PRAYER

Ever-faithful God,
you have inspired our brothers/sisters
with the resolve to follow Christ more closely.
Grant a happy outcome to the journey they have begun,
that they may offer you
the perfect gift of loving service.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
receive the gifts and prayers we offer you
as we celebrate this beginning of religious profession.
Grant that the firstfruits which your servants offer
may be transformed by your grace into a rich harvest.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of Religious Profession, page 674.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
let the mystery we have shared fill us with joy
and grant by its power
that these, your servants, may faithfully carry out
the duties they have accepted
and offer you their willing service.

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

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, pages 951-954.

PERPETUAL PROFESSION

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used. White vestments are worn.

When only one person celebrates perpetual profession, the prayers are said in the singular.

OPENING PRAYER

- 1 God of life,
through the power of baptismal grace you have inspired your servants
to follow more closely in the footsteps of your Son.
Grant that by seeking evangelical perfection
they may deepen the holiness of your Church
and enliven its apostolic zeal.

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

- 2 Lord, Father most holy,
confirm your servants N. and N. in their chosen way of life.
Fulfil their desire,
that the grace of baptism be strengthened
by the new bonds of profession.
Let this grace have in them its full effect,
that they may offer you fitting praise
and with zeal extend the kingdom of Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

- 1 Lord,
in your goodness accept the gifts and prayers of your servants
and confirm in your love
those who vow to live by the evangelical counsels.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Lord,
in your goodness receive these offerings
and change them into the sacrament of our salvation.
Fill with the gifts of the Holy Spirit
these servants whom you have called with a father's care
to follow more closely the example of your Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of Religious Profession, page 674.

For Men Religious:

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer I:

... grant us your constant help and protection.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Lord, accept from your whole family
and from these, your servants,
this offering which we make to you on the day of their profession.
Today, by your grace,
they have dedicated their lives to you;
when your Son returns in glory,
admit them to the joy of the unending paschal feast.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Bless and approve ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer II:

... and all who minister to your people.

Remember also, Lord, these, our brothers,
who today have dedicated themselves for ever to your service.
Grant that they may always raise their minds and hearts to you
and glorify your name.

Remember our brothers and sisters ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer III:

... and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

Strengthen in their holy resolve these, your servants,
who today, through the bonds of religious life,
have dedicated themselves for ever to your service.
Grant that they may give witness in your Church
to the new and eternal life won by Christ's redemption.

Merciful Father, ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer IV:

... to the praise and glory of your name.

Lord, remember those for whom we make this offering:
your servant Pope N., our Bishop N., and all bishops,
the priests, deacons, and other ministers of your Church;
remember these, our brothers,
who today by their perpetual profession
have consecrated themselves more closely to you;
remember those who take part in this offering,
those here present, all your people,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

Remember those who have died ...

For Women Religious:

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer I:

... grant us your constant help and protection.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Lord, accept from your whole family
and from these, your servants,
this offering which we make to you on the day of their profession.
Today, by your grace,
they have joined themselves more closely to your Son;
may they hasten joyfully to meet him
when he comes in glory at the end of time.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Bless and approve ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer II:

... and all who minister to your people.

Remember also, Lord, these, our sisters,
who have left all things for your sake,
that they may find you in all things
and, unmindful of self, serve the needs of others.

Remember our brothers and sisters ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer III:

... and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

Strengthen these, your servants, in their holy resolve
to follow Christ devotedly
through their witness to the gospel
and their love of neighbour.

Merciful Father, ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer IV:

... to the praise and glory of your name.

Lord, remember those for whom we make this offering:
your servant Pope N., our Bishop N., and all bishops,
the priests, deacons, and other ministers of your Church;
remember these, our sisters,
who today have consecrated themselves to you for ever
by the bond of religious profession;
remember those who take part in this offering,
those here present, all your people,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

Remember those who have died ...

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 Having reverently shared these divine mysteries, Lord God,
we pray for these, your servants,
who have bound themselves to you by their holy offering;
kindle within them the fire of the Holy Spirit
and join them in everlasting union with your Son,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

2 Lord God,
let the profession we have celebrated today
and the holy sacrament we have received
fill our hearts with gladness;
grant that this twofold act of devotion
may inspire your servants with an ardent and compelling love
to serve the Church and their neighbour.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, pages 951-954.

RENEWAL OF VOWS

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used. White vestments are worn.

When only one person celebrates the renewal of vows, the prayers are said in the singular.

OPENING PRAYER

O God,
you rule creation and guide the human heart.
Bless your sons/daughters who wish to renew
the offering they have made of themselves.
As the years pass,
bind them more closely to the mystery of your Church
and deepen their commitment
to the good of the human family.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
look mercifully on the gifts of your people
which our brothers/sisters have enriched
by their renewed offering of chastity, poverty, and obedience.
Transform our earthly gifts into the sacrament of eternal life
and fashion our hearts into the image of Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of Religious Profession, page 674.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
we have received this heavenly sacrament
and now pray for these, your servants,
who, relying on your grace alone,
have renewed their holy vows;
strengthen them with the power of Christ
and protect them by your Holy Spirit.

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

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, pages 951-954.

TWENTY-FIFTH OR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used. White vestments are worn.

When more than one person celebrates an anniversary of religious profession, the prayers are said in the plural.

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God and Lord,
grant that we may offer you thanks
for the goodness you have shown our brother/sister N.
Today he/she comes to rededicate that gift
he/she first received from you.
Confirm within him/her the spirit of perfect love,
that he/she may devote himself/herself more fervently each day
to the work of salvation and the glory of your name.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Together with our gifts, Lord,
accept the offering of himself/herself
which our brother/sister N. desires to renew this day;
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
conform him/her more perfectly
to the likeness of your beloved Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of Religious Profession, page 674.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
on this joyous anniversary
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son;
grant that our brother/sister N.,
who has been renewed by this heavenly food and drink,
may advance with gladness on the journey
that begins and ends with you.

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

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, pages 951-954.

CONSECRATION TO A LIFE OF VIRGINITY

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used. White vestments are worn.

When only one person celebrates the consecration to a life of virginity, the prayers are said in the singular.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
you have instilled in your servants
the desire to lead a life of virginity.
Complete the work you have begun in them
and grant them the grace to persevere to the end,
that their offering to you may reach full measure.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
through this sacrifice
give your servants perseverance in the life they have undertaken,
so that at the coming of Christ the King
the doors may be open for them
and they may enter the heavenly kingdom with joy.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer I:

... grant us your constant help and protection.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Lord, accept from your whole family
and from these, your servants,
this offering which we make to you on the day of their consecration.
Today, by your grace,
they have joined themselves more closely to your Son;
may they hasten joyfully to meet him
when he comes in glory at the end of time.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Bless and approve ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer II:

... and all who minister to your people.

Remember also, Lord, these, our sisters,
whom you have consecrated today
with a spiritual anointing.

With lamps of faith and charity alight,
may they serve you and your people faithfully,
as they await the return of Christ, the Bridegroom.

Remember our brothers and sisters ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer III:

... and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

Strengthen these, your servants, in their holy resolve
to follow Christ devotedly
through their witness to the gospel
and their love of neighbour.

Merciful Father, ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer IV:

... to the praise and glory of your name.

Lord, remember those for whom we make this offering:
your servant Pope N., our Bishop N., and all bishops,
the priests, deacons, and other ministers of your Church;
remember these, our sisters,
whom you have consecrated this day
to divine worship
and the lifelong service of others;
remember those who take part in this offering,
those here present, all your people,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

Remember those who have died ...

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Renewed with your sacred gifts, Lord God,
we pray that the way of life
chosen by your servants N. and N.
may foster the progress of the human family
and steadily advance the growth of your Church.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, page 955.

BLESSING OF AN ABBOT OR ABBESS

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used. White vestments are worn.

OPENING
PRAYER

1

For an abbot

Lord God, Shepherd of your Church,
you have chosen N., your servant,
to be abbot of this community of N.;
grant that by his teaching and example
he may guide his brothers along right paths
and with them joyfully receive from you
the everlasting reward of heaven.

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

2

For an abbess

Lord God, Shepherd of your Church,
you have chosen N., your servant,
to be abbess of this community of N.;
grant that by her teaching and example
she may guide her sisters along right paths
and with them joyfully receive from you
the everlasting reward of heaven.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Receive the gifts of your servants, Lord,
and grant that by offering their lives as a spiritual sacrifice
they may be filled at all times
with true humility, obedience, and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

God of love,
look kindly on your family,
and grant that we who have celebrated the mystery of faith
may hasten without fail along the path of the gospel
and in all things offer you glory.

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

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH OR AN ALTAR

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used. White vestments are worn.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,
fill this place with the gift of your holy presence
and extend your hand to all who call upon you.
May your word here proclaimed
and your sacraments here celebrated
strengthen the hearts of all the faithful.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
receive the gifts of a joyful Church,
so that your people who gather in this holy place
may, through these mysteries, come to eternal salvation.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Eucharistic Prayer I or III is used with the Preface of the Dedication of a Church I, page 676, which is an integral part of the dedication of a church.

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer I:

... grant us your constant help and protection.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Lord, accept this offering from your whole family
and from your servants,
who by their dedication and tireless labour
have built this church [in honour of N.]
to the glory of your name.
[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Bless and approve ...

Interpolation for Eucharistic Prayer III:

... and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

Merciful Father,
hear the prayers of the family
which dedicates this church to you.
May it be for them
a place of salvation and sacrament,
where the gospel of peace is proclaimed
and your holy mysteries celebrated.
Guided by your word and secure in your grace,
may your people, pilgrims in this world,
come safely to the eternal Jerusalem.
There may all your children,
now scattered over the face of the earth,
be settled at last in your city of peace.

Welcome into your kingdom ...

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
through the holy gifts we have received
deepen our knowledge of your truth,
that we may always worship you in this holy temple
and rejoice in your presence with all the saints.

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

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, page 956.

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH
ALREADY IN GENERAL USE
FOR SACRED CELEBRATIONS

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the Mass from the Dedication of a Church may be used. White vestments are worn.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Eucharistic Prayer I or III is used with the Preface of the Dedication of a Church I, page 676; interpolations for Eucharistic Prayers I and III, pages 1031 and 1032.

DEDICATION OF AN ALTAR

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used. White vestments are worn.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
you willed that your Son,
being lifted up on the altar of the cross,
should draw all things to himself.
Bless with your heavenly grace
the community which dedicates this altar to your service;
make it the table of our unity,
at which we are richly fed
and where, through the power of your Spirit,
we grow daily as your holy people.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord our God,
let your Holy Spirit descend upon this altar
to sanctify the gifts of your people
and to cleanse the hearts of all who partake of them.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Eucharistic Prayer I or III is said with the Preface of the Dedication of an Altar, page 684, which is an integral part of the rite of the dedication of an altar.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
draw us ever closer to this holy altar
where we celebrate the memorial of Christ's sacrifice,
so that, one in faith and love
and nourished by the body and blood of Christ,
we may be transformed into his likeness.

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

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, page 957.

BLESSING OF A CHURCH

On the days listed in the Table of Liturgical Days, nos. 1-4 (see Volume One, page 153), the prayer of the day is used. On other days the following opening prayer is used.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord,
bless this church,
which your grace has enabled us to build.

Grant that all who gather here in faith
to listen to your word
and celebrate the holy mysteries
may experience the presence of Christ,
who promised to be with those
gathered in his name,
for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

BLESSING OF AN ALTAR

The Mass of the day is used.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used. White vestments are worn.

OPENING PRAYER

- 1 In the dedicated church
O God,
each year you renew for us
the day of this church's dedication;
hear the prayers of your people
and grant that they may always worship you here
in spirit and in truth,
and receive redemption in full measure.

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

- 2 Outside the dedicated church
God of majesty,
you choose living stones
to fashion for yourself an eternal dwelling place.
Increase the spiritual gifts you have given to your Church,
that your faithful people may continue to grow
and so build up the new and heavenly Jerusalem.

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

- 3 Outside the dedicated church
God of blessings,
you gave to your assembled people the name of Church:
grant that all who gather in your name
may love, reverence, and follow you,
and under your governance
be brought to the life of glory that you promise.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

1 In the dedicated church
Mindful of the day, O Lord,
on which you filled your house
with holiness and glory,
we ask that you make of us
an offering ever pleasing in your sight.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Outside the dedicated church
Accept, Lord, the sacrifice we offer,
and grant that all who seek your aid
may be strengthened by the power of the sacraments
and receive an answer to their prayers.

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: In the dedicated church: Preface of the Dedication of a Church II, page 680; outside the dedicated church: Preface of the Dedication of a Church III, page 682.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 In the dedicated church
Lord God,
let your holy people take with them
the joy and fruit of your blessing,
that what we have expressed in outward worship
may bring us renewal in spirit.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Outside the dedicated church
O God,
you chose to foreshadow in your Church on earth
the new and heavenly Jerusalem.
Through our sharing in this sacrament,
fashion us into a temple of your grace
and lead us one day to the place where your glory dwells.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING: Solemn Blessing, page 956.



MASSES AND PRAYERS
FOR VARIOUS NEEDS
AND OCCASIONS

*Whatever you ask in my name,
the Father will give you*
JOHN 16:23

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MASSES AND PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS NEEDS AND OCCASIONS

1 This section gives Masses and prayers which may be used for various needs and occasions.

Most of the texts in this section may be used either in Masses with a congregation or in Masses without a congregation. The texts in the following Masses must generally be used in Masses in the absence of the people, unless at certain times there is a persuasive pastoral reason for using them in a Mass with a congregation: “Charity,” page 1106, “Harmony,” page 1107, “The Family,” page 1108, “Relatives and Friends,” page 1109, “Forgiveness of Sins,” page 1115, “A Happy Death,” page 1116.

2 The Lectionary gives proper readings for the Masses that have a complete formulary of antiphons and prayers.

3 In weekday Masses in Ordinary Time, the priest may always use the three corresponding presidential prayers taken from those associated with a Mass for a specific need, or he may use only the opening prayer.

4 Masses for Various Needs and Occasions are celebrated in vestments of the colour proper to the day or the season or in violet if they bear a penitential character, for example, the Mass “In Time of War or Conflict,” or the Mass “The Hungry: In Time of Famine,” or the Mass “Forgiveness of Sins.”

5 The Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions with its proper prefaces and corresponding intercessions (A. The Church on the Way to Unity; B. God Guides the Church on the Way of Salvation; C. Jesus, Way to the Father; D. Jesus, the Compassion of God) may be used especially with the Mass formularies of this section where it is suggested.

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

FOR THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

UNIVERSAL CHURCH A

OPENING PRAYER

In your wonderful providence, O God,
you willed that the kingdom of Christ
should extend throughout the earth
and that all people should partake in his saving redemption;
grant that your Church may be the sacrament of universal salvation,
to reveal and accomplish the mystery of your love for all.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of mercy,
look with favour on the gifts of your people
and, through the power of this sacrament,
grant that the company of those who believe in you
may become ever more fully a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
a people you claim as your own.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface of Ordinary Time VIII, page 572; or Eucharistic Prayer for
Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A or B.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Through your sacraments, O God,
you nurture and strengthen your Church;
grant that we who have been renewed at your heavenly table
may respond to this proof of your love
and become for all of humanity
a life-giving leaven and a means of salvation.

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

UNIVERSAL CHURCH B

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
in the covenant of your Christ
you continue to gather from all nations
a people made one in the Holy Spirit;
grant that, faithful to its mission,
your Church may go forward with the human family,
to serve as its leaven and life-giving spirit,
renewing it in Christ
and transforming it into the family of God.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Graciously receive the gifts we offer, O Lord,
and grant that your Church,
born from the side of Christ
in his sleep of death on the cross,
may draw from our sharing in this mystery
the holiness which bestows life and conforms us to Christ.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface of Ordinary Time VIII, page 572; or Eucharistic Prayer for
Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A or B.*

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Refreshed by the sacrament of your Son,
we ask you, Lord God,
to make fruitful the work of your Church,
by which you reveal the mystery of salvation to the poor,
whom you have called to an honoured place in your kingdom.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH C

OPENING
PRAYER

Almighty God,
preserve the Church as your holy people
united by the oneness of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
let it be the sacrament that reveals your holiness and unity
and leads the world to the perfection of your love.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of your Son's boundless love,
we humbly pray
that through the ministry of your Church
his saving work may bear fruit
for the salvation of all the world.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface of the Unity of Christians, page 688; or Eucharistic Prayer
for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A or B.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

By this marvellous sacrament, O God,
you comfort and invigorate your Church;
through these holy mysteries
keep your people close to Christ,
that in all we do in this changing world
we may, in freedom, build your eternal kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH D

OPENING
PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,
in Christ, your Son,
you revealed your glory to nation upon nation.
Safeguard the great work of your mercy,
that your Church throughout the world
may persevere with unshakeable faith
in confessing your holy name.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

O God,
you sanctify your Church through the same sacrifice
by which you have washed it clean;
grant that, united to Christ its head,
the Church may offer itself to you
and seek always that which is pleasing to you.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface of Ordinary Time VIII, page 572; or Eucharistic Prayer for
Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A or B.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
in your goodness govern the Church,
whose life you foster at the table of the eucharist;
grant that under your firm guidance
your Church may prosper in freedom
and persevere in the integrity of faith.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LOCAL CHURCH OR CONGREGATION

The prayers over the gifts and prayers after communion that are given in the preceding Mass formularies may also be used.

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
in every pilgrim Church throughout the world
you make visible the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
Grant that your people,
united with their bishop
and made one in the Holy Spirit through the gospel and the eucharist,
may faithfully reflect the universal Church
and become a sign and instrument of Christ's presence in the world.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of your Son's boundless love,
we humbly pray
that through the ministry of your Church
his saving work may bear fruit
for the salvation of all the world.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface of Ordinary Time VIII, page 572; or Eucharistic Prayer for
Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A or B.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
let this Church flourish and persevere to the end
in holiness of life and integrity of faith,
in mutual charity and pure worship;
always govern and protect
those whom you never cease to nurture
with your word and the body of your Son.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

UNITY OF CHRISTIANS

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used, even on Sundays in Ordinary Time, whenever there are special celebrations for the unity of Christians.

OPENING
PRAYER

1 Almighty and eternal God,
by whom the dispersed are gathered
and kept together as one,
look lovingly on the flock of your Son,
that all who have been sealed by one baptism
may be joined together by wholeness of faith
and preserved in fellowship by the bond of love.

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

2 God,
lover of all,
we humbly make our prayer:
pour forth the abundance of your Spirit upon us
and grant that, by living a life worthy of our calling,
we may bear witness to your truth before the world
and confidently seek the unity of all believers
in the bond of peace.

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

3 O God,
who gathered together a diversity of nations
to be united in the profession of your holy name,
grant us the will and the strength to follow your command,
that all who are called to your kingdom
may be united in faith and holiness of life.

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

4 Regard with favour, O Lord,
the prayers of your people
and unite the hearts of all believers
in repentance and in praise of you,
so that, with all divisions among Christians healed,
we may hasten with joy to your eternal kingdom
in the perfect communion of one Church.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

5 Lord,
look with kindness on your people
and pour out upon us the gifts of your Spirit,
that we may grow in love of truth
and work zealously
for the perfect unity of all Christians.

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

6 Lord,
shower upon us your abundant mercy
and, by the power of your Spirit,
remove all division among Christians,
that your Church may shine forth more clearly
as a sign lifted high for the nations to see;
and grant that through the light of the Holy Spirit
the world may believe in the one you have sent, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

1 Lord,
by the offering of Christ,
made once and for all,
you adopted a people as your own;
graciously bestow on your family, the Church,
the gifts of unity and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Gracious and merciful Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of our salvation,
we pray that this sacrament of your love
may become for us the sign of unity
and the bond of charity.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 Let the sacrifice we offer, O Lord,
cleansing us of our failings
and gather together at last in one eucharist
all those made one in the waters of baptism.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface of the Unity of Christians, page 688; or Eucharistic Prayer for
Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 Lord,
as the communion we have received
prefigures the union of all the faithful in you,
so may its power
bring unity and peace to your Church.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 God of mercy,
pour forth upon us your spirit of love,
that by the power of this sacrifice
those who believe in you
may be one in mind and heart.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 Having shared in the sacrament of Christ,
we ask you, Lord God,
to renew in your Church the gift of holiness,
that all who glory in the name of Christian
may come to serve you in oneness of faith.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used, even on Sundays in Ordinary Time, whenever there are special celebrations for the missions.

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 O God,
it is your will that all should be saved
and come to the knowledge of the truth.
Look upon your abundant harvest
and send workers to preach the gospel to every creature,
so that your people, gathered by the word of life
and supported by the power of the sacraments,
may advance in the way of salvation and love.

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

- 2 O God,
who sent your Son as true light of the world,
send the Spirit you have promised
to sow the seed of truth in human hearts
and to inspire in them the obedience of faith,
that all those reborn to new life through baptism
may be joined together as one holy people.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

- 3 You have made your Church, O God,
the sacrament of salvation for all peoples,
that the saving work of Christ
may continue until the end of time.
Stir up in the hearts of the faithful
a more urgent sense
that they are called to seek the salvation of all,
so that from every nation
one family and one people may arise and flourish.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

- 1 Lord,
look upon the face of Christ, your Son,
who gave himself up as a ransom for all,
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting
your name may be great among the nations
and one sacrifice may be offered to your glory.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Receive, O sovereign Lord, the gifts of your Church
as an offering acceptable in your sight,
just as you accepted the glorious passion of your Son,
offered for the salvation of all the world.

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: C.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

- 1 Nourished with the sacrament of our redemption,
we ask you, Lord, that by its saving power
true faith may always grow and prosper.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Lord God,
let our sharing at this table make us holy
and grant that through your Church,
the sacrament of your love,
all nations may receive with joy
the salvation gained on the cross by your only Son.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR THE MEMBERS
OF THE CHURCH

POPE

(ESPECIALLY ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF ELECTION)

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used, even on Sundays in Ordinary Time, whenever there are special celebrations for the anniversary of the election of the pope.

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 O God,
in your wisdom and providence
you built your Church upon Peter,
first among the apostles;
look with favour on our Pope N.,
that, as Peter's chosen successor,
he may be for your people the visible rock and foundation
on which their oneness in faith and communion is built.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

- 2 O God,
pastor and ruler of all the faithful,
look kindly on your servant N.,
whom you have chosen as shepherd for your Church;
grant that by word and example
he may lead the flock entrusted to his care
and with them reach eternal life.

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

- 3 O God,
look with kindness on your people
as we pray for your servant N.,
whom you have chosen to succeed Peter
as shepherd of your entire flock.
Grant that as vicar of Christ on earth
he may strengthen his brethren,
that the whole Church, bound to him in unity, love, and peace,
may find in you, the pastor of our souls, eternal life and truth.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

O Lord,
look graciously on the gifts we offer,
and with unfailing protection watch over your holy Church
and over N. our pope,
whom you have chosen to be its pastor.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Having eaten at this heavenly table,
we humbly pray, Lord God:
by the power of this mystery
confirm your Church in unity and love
and keep safe from all harm your servant N., its pastor,
together with the flock entrusted to his care.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BISHOP

(ESPECIALLY ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION OR ELECTION)

When permitted (see Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual and Other Masses, page 28), the following Mass may be used, even on Sundays in Ordinary Time, whenever there are special celebrations for the anniversary of the ordination or election of the bishop.

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 O God,
eternal shepherd of the faithful,
you tend your Church in many ways
and govern it with love.
Grant that your servant N.,
to whom you have entrusted your people,
may lead his flock in the name of Christ
and be for them a faithful teacher, pastor, and priest.

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

- 2 O God,
pastor and ruler of all the faithful,
look kindly on your servant N.,
whom you have chosen as shepherd for your Church;
grant that by word and example
he may lead the flock entrusted to his care
and with them reach eternal life.

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

- 3 Lord God,
you have chosen your servant N.
to lead your flock as successor to the apostles.
Fill him with the spirit of counsel and fortitude,
the spirit of knowledge and piety,
that he may faithfully govern the people given to his care
and build up the Church
as the sacrament of salvation in the world.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
let this offering for your servant N., our bishop,
be a gift pleasing to you.
You have chosen him as high priest among your people;
endow him with apostolic virtue
for the sake of the flock entrusted to his care.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord,
by the power of this sacrament,
bestow on your servant N., our bishop,
your numberless gifts of grace,
that he may worthily fulfil his pastoral ministry
and receive the eternal reward
promised to your faithful stewards.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRIESTS

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 O God,
you have appointed your only-begotten Son
eternal high priest;
grant that those he has chosen
as ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may remain faithful to the ministry they have accepted.

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

- 2 Lord our God,
you watch over and guide your people
by the ministry of priests.
Grant them the strength to serve your holy will with constancy,
that by their life and ministry
they may glorify you in Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

O God,
in your plan of salvation you have appointed priests
to serve the people of God at your holy altar.
By the power of this sacrifice
grant that their ministry may always be pleasing to you
and bear in your Church that fruit which remains for ever.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
through the divine gift we have offered and received,
give new life to your priests and all your servants,
so that, bound to you in unending love,
they may offer worthy service to your majesty.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

DEACONS

The following Mass or the Mass “Ministers of the Church,” page 1058, is used.

OPENING
PRAYER

Compassionate God,
you sent Jesus as the greatest among us,
and yet the servant of all.

By your word
create within us a thirst for what is right,
and, by the sharing of your sacrament,
a hunger for justice.
May those who minister these gifts of word and sacrament
be models of service,
that your Church may be the comfort of the needy
and the strength of the oppressed.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

For the worship of your name, O God,
and for the service of the needy,
your people and your ministers
place these gifts before you.
Make the words we voice in praise
resound in works of service.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

God of mercy,
you feed us with the word of life
and the body and blood of the Lord.

Confirm in service and charity
those who minister the food of life.
Bring all who live by the strength of these holy gifts
to nourish the hungry in their every need,
and so rejoice in that eternal mercy
which awaits your faithful servants.

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

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
you have taught the ministers of your Church
to desire not to be served but to serve.
Grant that they may labour resourcefully,
minister with gentleness,
and pray to you without ceasing.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Father most holy,
your Son washed the feet of his disciples,
that he might give us an example.
Accept these gifts
and grant that by offering ourselves as a spiritual sacrifice
we may be filled with the spirit of humility
and a willingness to serve our neighbour.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord,
you have nourished your servants
with the food and drink of heaven.
Make them faithful ministers of word, of sacrament,
and of loving service
for the sake of your glory and the salvation of all believers.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RELIGIOUS

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
you inspire every good resolve
and bring it to fulfilment;
guide along the paths of salvation
your servants who have left all things
and dedicated themselves entirely to you.
By following Christ and renouncing the things of this world
may they faithfully serve you and their neighbour
with a spirit of poverty and humility of heart.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Through the holy gifts we offer, O Lord,
sanctify your servants,
whom you have gathered in your name,
so that, in fulfilling the vows they have made to you,
they may serve your glory with undivided hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: B.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have gathered your servants in your love
and they have shared this one bread;
grant that they may be one in mind and heart,
rousing each other to charity and good works,
so that by holiness of life
they may stand before the world as true witnesses to Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL CHRISTIANS IN THEIR VOCATION

OPENING
PRAYER

1 O God,
you have given the world the power of the gospel
to act as a leaven.

Grant that the faithful you have called
to live amid the world and its concerns
may be animated by the spirit of Christ,
so that all they do in this present life
may serve to build up your kingdom.

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

2

O God, the giver of every perfect gift,
by the grace of baptism
you adopt us as your own
and call us to your service.

Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
to live the gospel we have embraced.
Deliver us from self-seeking
and cause us to work for the common good.
Keep us loyal to Christ in all we set out to accomplish,
that the praise and the glory may be yours alone.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

O God,
you chose to save the world by the sacrifice of your Son;
through the power of this offering
grant that lay men and women,
whom you have called to be apostles,
may serve the world as a leaven of holiness
and imbue it with the spirit of Christ.

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: B.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Having partaken of the fullness of grace, Lord God,
we pray that your faithful people,
whom you have strengthened at the eucharistic table
and called to work in the midst of this world,
may be staunch witnesses to the truth of the gospel
and make your Church a vital presence for our times.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

VOCATIONS TO HOLY ORDERS

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
in your providence
you give your people pastors to guide them.
Pour out in your Church
the spirit of reverence and courage
to raise up worthy ministers of your altar
and to make them strong but gentle champions of your gospel.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, the gifts of your people
and hear our humble prayers,
that the stewards of your mysteries may increase in number
and persevere always in your love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: B.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
hear the prayers of those you have refreshed
at your table with the bread of life.
By this sacrament of love
bring to maturity the seeds you have generously sown
in the field of your Church;
may many of your people welcome the call
to serve you in their brothers and sisters.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

VOCATIONS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 Father most holy,
you invite all the faithful to perfect love
and inspire many of them
to follow more closely in the footsteps of Christ.
Grant that those you choose for this calling
may in their manner of life
give to the Church and to the world
a clear sign of your kingdom.

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

- 2 For Masses in religious communities

Look with favour, Lord, on this religious family
and increase the number of its members,
that it may lead them toward the ideal of perfect love
and inspire them to work faithfully for the salvation of all.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Father all-holy,
in your mercy receive the gifts we offer
and bless with spiritual freedom and loving communion
those who cheerfully resolve to follow your Son
along the narrow path of perfection.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: B.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 Lord God,
strengthen your servants by this spiritual food and drink,
that, faithful to the call of the gospel,
they may everywhere reflect the living image of your Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

2 For Masses in religious communities

By the power of this sacrament, Lord God,
give us the grace of faithful service to your will,
that we may bear witness to your love before the world
and strive for the one treasure that will never fail.

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

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

OPENING
PRAYER

In your inscrutable providence, O God,
you desire your Church to share in the sufferings of your Son.
Grant to all who are persecuted for your name's sake
a spirit of endurance and love,
that they may remain true and faithful witnesses
to all that you have promised.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

O Lord,
accept our humble gifts and prayers
and grant that all who suffer persecution
for their faithful service to you
may gladly unite their sufferings
to the sacrifice of Christ, your Son,
and know that their names are written in heaven
among the company of the elect.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: C.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

By the power of this sacrament, Lord God,
confirm your servants in the truth
and enable your faithful who suffer persecution
to carry their cross in the footsteps of Christ
and, in the midst of their sufferings,
to glory in the name of Christian.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR PARTICULAR NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

ELECTION OF A POPE OR OTHER BISHOP

OPENING
PRAYER

O God, eternal shepherd,
you watch over and govern your flock with vigilance;
in your immense love
grant to your Church a pastor
who will please you by his holiness
and aid us with his unfailing care.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

O Lord,
bestow on us your abundant love
and grant that, through the holy gifts we reverently offer,
your holy Church may be blessed with a shepherd pleasing to you.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

You have nourished us, Lord God,
with the sacrament of your Son's body and blood;
in your wondrous love
give us the joy of welcoming a shepherd
called to be an example of virtue to your people
and to fill their minds with the truth of the gospel.

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

COUNCIL OR SYNOD

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 O Lord,
ruler and guardian of your Church,
pour forth on your servants gathered in council/synod
the spirit of understanding, truth, and peace,
that they may strive with all their hearts
to know what is pleasing to you
and pursue it with all their strength.

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

- 2 O God,
you guide your people with kindness,
you govern them with love.
Grant the spirit of wisdom
to those you have called as teachers and guides,
that your people may be led
to understand the truth more fully
and to please you by their growth in holiness.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

All-merciful God,
look with kindness on these gifts
and bestow on your servants the grace of your light,
that they may clearly see and faithfully carry out
what is right and good in your eyes.

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface of the Holy Spirit II, page 622; or Eucharistic Prayer for
Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

God of mercy,
grant that the sacrament we have received
may confirm your servants in truth
and inspire them to seek the glory of your name.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PILGRIMAGE

OPENING
PRAYER

God of the covenant,
you call your Church
to be a pilgrim in this passing world,
with eyes set on your holy city.

Go before us on our pilgrimage.
Show us the path to holiness
and bring us to our journey's end in peace.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord God,
you provide us with food and drink
to sustain our strength for the journey.
Give us words to sing your praise
and a heart to thank you for your gifts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: B.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord,
you have given the body and blood of your Son
as food for our pilgrimage on earth.
Through this eucharist show us always
the joy that is in store
for those who come in peace to the heavenly Jerusalem.

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

PASTORAL OR SPIRITUAL GATHERINGS

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 Instil in us, O Lord,
a spirit of understanding, truth, and peace,
that we may strive with all our hearts
to know what is pleasing to you
and hold fast to it with one accord.

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

- 2 O God,
your Son promised to be in the midst
of those who gather in his name;
grant that we may know his presence among us
and experience in truth and love
his abundant mercy, grace, and peace.

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

- 3 Gracious God,
you gather a people as your own,
not to remove them from the world
but to make them shine out as its light.

Send forth your Spirit
upon those you have brought together.
Keep us faithful in witness to Jesus, your Christ,
that all the earth may come to praise you,
the author of light unending.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

- 4 Be close to this assembly,
Lord God of steadfast truth.
Grant us patience in listening,
wisdom in speaking,
and courage to do the works of the gospel.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

In your mercy, Lord,
look with kindness on the offerings of your servants,
that we may truly understand and confidently proclaim
what is salutary and right in your eyes.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface of the Holy Spirit II, page 622; or Eucharistic Prayer for
Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Merciful God,
grant that the holy gifts we have received
may strengthen our resolve to do your will
and make us witnesses to the truth throughout the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NEEDS

FOR THE STATE

NATION

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
in your marvellous wisdom you order all things;
graciously accept the prayers we offer for our country,
so that harmony and justice may be secured
by wise leaders and upright citizens
and all may enjoy lasting prosperity and peace.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

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THOSE WHO SERVE IN PUBLIC OFFICE

OPENING
PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,
whose hand upholds the rights and aspirations of all,
guide those in authority,
that people everywhere on earth
may enjoy prosperity, freedom of worship,
and the security of peace.

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

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A GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
whose providence orders all things
and whose governance guides their progress,
look with kindness on the leaders of this nation;
as they gather, fill them with the spirit of your wisdom,
that their decisions may accord with your will,
fostering peace and the common good.

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

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HEAD OF STATE

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
to whom every human power is subject,
bless your servant [King/Queen/President] N.,
that he/she may fulfil worthily the offices of state.
Grant that, revering you and striving in all things to please you,
he/she may secure freedom, order, and peace for all his/her people.

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

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AN ELECTION

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
you give wisdom to all who attend to your word.

Keep us aware of our civic responsibility,
that we may elect
trustworthy and compassionate leaders
who will pursue justice,
seek peace,
and work for the common good.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

COURTS OF JUSTICE

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
you render judgement
with perfect mercy and justice.

Bestow integrity upon those whose work it is
to judge the right and expose the wrong,
that they may set their hearts on what is just,
discern what is fair,
and be persuaded by truth alone.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

OPENING
PRAYER

God ever just,
you hear the cry of the poor;
you break the power of oppression
and set the downtrodden free.

Change indifference to compassion,
and let the desires of those with abundance
make place for the needs of those who are poor.
Turn our hearts to the way of the gospel,
that peace may triumph over discord
and our justice mirror your own.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

HUMAN RIGHTS

OPENING
PRAYER

God of justice,
you adorned the human race
with a marvellous diversity,
and you clothed each of its members
with a dignity
that may never be diminished.

Instil in us respect for that dignity,
that we may always champion for others
the justice we seek for ourselves.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

AN ASSEMBLY OF NATIONAL LEADERS

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
whose providence orders all things
and whose governance guides their progress,
look with kindness on the leaders of nations;
as they gather, fill them with the spirit of your wisdom,
that their decisions may accord with your will,
fostering peace and the common good.

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

PROGRESS OF PEOPLES

OPENING
PRAYER

By your will, O God,
all peoples have a common origin
and have been called to form a single family.
Fill the hearts of all with the fire of your love
and enkindle in them a desire for true human progress,
that through your rich gifts
each person may be brought to fulfilment,
all division overcome,
and justice and equity firmly rooted in society.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

O Lord,
graciously hear the prayers of those who cry to you;
receive the offering of your Church
and fill all people with the spirit which makes them your children,
that love may conquer inequality
and the family of nations may be one in your peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
we have been refreshed with the one bread
by which you continue to renew the human family;
grant that our sharing in this sacrament of unity
may fill us with a strong and unselfish love
that will inspire us to work for the progress of peoples
and bring to completion the work of justice.

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

PEACE AND JUSTICE

See also the Mass "Harmony," page 1107.

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 O God,
your Son revealed
that peacemakers will be called your children;
grant that we may tirelessly promote the justice
that alone ensures genuine and lasting peace.

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

- 2 O God,
like a father you care for us all;
grant that humankind, to which you gave a common origin,
may become one family,
united always in peace and concord.

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

- 3 O God, Creator of the world,
under whose governance the ages of history unfold,
listen with kindness to our prayers
and bless these times with tranquillity and peace,
that we may always exult in praise of your mercy.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

- 4 God of peace,
you are peace itself;
a divided heart cannot find you,
a violent mind cannot welcome you.
Grant that those who are one in heart
may hold fast to the gift of peace
and that those who are divided
may forget their strife and be healed.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord God,
your Son is our peacemaker and our king;
grant that his saving sacrifice,
offered through these sacramental signs of unity and peace,
may foster harmony and concord among all your children.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Instil in us, Lord God, the spirit of charity,
that we who have been nourished
by the body and blood of your only-begotten Son
may in turn foster among all people
that peace which he left as his gift.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

IN TIME OF WAR OR CONFLICT

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 Strong and merciful God,
you crush wars and overthrow the proud;
banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

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

- 2 O God, the author and lover of peace,
to know you is to live
and to serve you is to reign.
Defend us from all violent attacks,
so that, trusting in your protection,
we may never fear the assaults of our enemies.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Remember, Lord,
that your Son, who is our peace,
has destroyed hatred by his blood.
Look with forgiveness on the evil we have done
and grant that this sacrifice
may restore peace to all your beloved children.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have satisfied our hunger with the one bread
that sustains the human heart;
give us the strength to overcome the scourge of war
and to safeguard your law of justice and love.

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

OUR OPPRESSORS AND ENEMIES

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 O God,
whose great commandment enjoins us
to show true love even to those who afflict us,
grant that we may fulfil the law of Christ
by returning good for evil
and by bearing one another's burdens.

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

- 2 O God,
who alone can judge rightly
the motives of the human heart,
hear us as we pray
for those at whose hands we suffer
and for those who would do us harm.

Turn them from the path of oppression and cruelty,
and deliver us from the desire for vengeance.
Break the cycle of evil which entraps us all,
that together we may give thanks in the peace of your kingdom.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

In our desire for peace, O Lord,
we offer you this sacrifice for those who do us harm
and we call to mind the death of your Son
by which you reconciled us to yourself
while we were still your enemies.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

O God,
through this sacrament of our peace
grant that we may live in harmony with all;
look kindly on those who oppose us
and bring us together in reconciliation.

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

RECONCILIATION

The words in parentheses in the following prayers are used at special times of penance.

OPENING
PRAYER

1 God of reconciliation and mercy,
you set aside days of deliverance
when we proclaim you Creator and Father of us all.
Come to our aid [in this time of your favour],
that we may welcome your word of peace
and work with you in renewing all things
under the headship of Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

2 Especially during the season of Easter
O God, the author of true freedom,
you desire to form the entire human race
into one people, delivered from slavery.
[In this time of grace and blessing]
grant that your Church may grow in freedom
and be the universal sacrament of salvation,
to reveal and accomplish the mystery of your love for all.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Remember, Lord,
that your Son, our peace and reconciliation,
has washed away the sin of the world by his blood.
Look with favour on your Church's offering
and grant that we
[who joyfully celebrate this time of grace]
may extend to all the freedom of Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface of Ordinary Time I, page 558, or Preface for General Use I,
page 574; or Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: D.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
grant that the sacrament of unity we have shared
may increase our strength,
instil in us a strong and robust love,
and make us the instruments of your peace.

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

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL NEEDS

FOR THE FRUITS OF THE EARTH

FRUITFUL SEASONS

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 With your help, O God, we sow seeds upon the earth,
that by your power they may grow and flourish;
in your bounty supply what our labours cannot achieve,
for you alone give increase and growth.

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

- 2 Pour down your blessings on your people, Lord God,
that through your goodness
our land may bear an abundant harvest
to be enjoyed in grateful praise of your holy name.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

- 3 God, Creator and Provider,
yours is the earth and its fullness,
the mighty oceans teeming with life.

Help us to tend wisely
what is ours in trust.
Prosper the work of our hands
and multiply the harvests of land and sea
for the good of peoples everywhere
and the glory of your name.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

- 1 O God,
you give us the fruits of the earth
and you nurture those of the spirit.
Bless the work of our hands,
that we may reap an abundant harvest
and use for your honour and glory
all that comes from your providence.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Take into your presence, O Lord, the gifts we bring:
grains of wheat made into bread
to be changed into the body of your Son,
and grant that we may rejoice in the blessing you bestow
on the seed we scatter on the earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface of Ordinary Time V, page 566.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

- 1 Lord God,
in you we live, and move, and have our being;
as you renew us in this sacrament,
guide the work of our hands,
that we may be nourished by an abundant crop,
harvested from the seeds we plant with your blessing.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

- 2 All-powerful God,
bless your faithful people with a plentiful harvest
for bodily nourishment and growth in the spirit,
and grant that we may share in the eternal rewards
pledged by the sacrament we have received.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE HARVEST

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 Lord and Father of all goodness,
in your providence you have entrusted the earth to our care;
grant that we may be sustained by the produce we harvest
and that by your help
we may use the fruits of the earth for your glory
and for the benefit of our brothers and sisters.

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

- 2 We give thanks, O Lord,
for the harvest which the earth has produced for our good;
as your providence has provided these fruits of the earth,
so may the seeds of charity and justice bear fruit in our hearts.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
sanctify these gifts, the fruits of the earth,
which we present in thanksgiving;
as you have given us a rich harvest drawn from fertile soil,
so make our hearts abound in fruits of the Spirit.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface of Ordinary Time V, page 566.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
through this sacrament of salvation
we have given you thanks for the fruits of the earth;
by the working of this mystery in our hearts
grant us a harvest of heavenly blessings.

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

THOSE WHO MAKE THEIR LIVING ON THE SEA

OPENING
PRAYER

God of all creation,
by the word of your mouth
the oceans came to be;
by the power of your Son
the mighty waves were stilled.

Protect those who go down to the sea in ships:
give them a [prosperous voyage / bountiful catch]
and bring them to safe harbour.

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

FAVOURABLE WEATHER

OPENING
PRAYER

1 Rain

O God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
send us the rain we need,
that, supplied with the things we require in this life,
we may seek more confidently after things eternal.

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

2 Fine weather

Almighty and ever-living God,
you heal us through correction
and save us through forgiveness;
hear our prayer,
that we may enjoy the good weather for which we long
and always use your loving gifts
for the glory of your name and our own salvation.

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

3 To avert storms

O God,
all the elements of nature obey your command;
we implore you to quiet the storms that terrify us,
that the threat of their destructive force may pass
and we may have reason to offer you thanks and praise.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

FOR STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

REVERENT USE OF CREATION

OPENING
PRAYER

By your word,
Lord God,
we and all creatures
are formed, sustained, and fed.

Teach us to live in peace
with the world your hands have made,
that, as faithful stewards of your good earth,
we may reverence you in the works of your creation.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

O Lord,
as we place upon this altar
the gifts of your creation,
give us grateful hearts
to offer you our homage and praise.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

God our provider,
from the fruit of the earth
you feed us with the bread of heaven.
Make us good stewards of your gifts
and grant us, even now in this world,
a foretaste of that glory
to which you are drawing the whole of creation.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HUMAN WORK

OPENING
PRAYER

1 O God, Creator of the universe,
you have imposed the duty of work on the human race;
grant in your kindness
that our labours may bring us growth in this life
and help to extend the kingdom of Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

2 Through the labour of the human race, O God,
you guide and bring to perfection
your vast work of creation.
Hear the prayers of your people
and grant that all men and women
may obtain work which befits their dignity,
enhances their lives,
and contributes to the well-being of all.

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

3 O God,
you have given human hands
the power to harness the forces of nature;
hear our prayer,
that, facing our labours with a Christian spirit,
we may show genuine charity to our fellow workers
and together strive to bring your creation to fulfilment.

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

PRAYER 1
OVER THE
GIFTS

In these gifts, O Lord,
you provide humankind
with the food that nourishes
and the sacrament that gives us life.
Grant, we pray, that our minds and bodies
may never lack this strength and support.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Accept, O Lord, the gifts of your Church at prayer,
and grant that through our labour,
which we offer to you,
we may be joined to the work of Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface of Ordinary Time V, page 566.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

- 1 Lord God,
we have shared in this meal of unity and love;
in your mercy hear our prayers,
that through the work you have entrusted to us
we may earn our livelihood here on earth
and confidently build up your kingdom.

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

- 2 Lord God,
as you renew us through the sacrament
that promises eternal life,
so guide and sustain us
with those things we need for our life on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THOSE WHO WORK IN INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

OPENING
PRAYER

Almighty God,
Creator of all that is,
you call us to serve you
as stewards of the world you have made.

Guide those who exercise this stewardship
in industry, commerce, and technology.
Grant to your people the wise use
of all the talents you have given,
that our endeavours may serve the common good
and your own greater glory.

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

IN TIME OF INDUSTRIAL CONFLICT

OPENING
PRAYER

God of justice and peace,
we are drawn together to hear your word
as we seek an end to conflict.

Since all resources come from you,
hear the prayer of your Church:
provide for the needs of both workers and employers
and guide us to solutions fair to all,
that we may once more work together
in harmony and peace.

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

EDUCATION

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 God of all knowledge,
whose wisdom unfolds for us
the meaning of the world in which we live,
be the inspiration and the end of all our efforts
to know, learn, and teach.
Through the seeds of inquiry and wonder
which you have implanted,
may we continue to grow in your wisdom.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

- 2 God of wisdom and grace,
you endow us with gifts of energy and intellect
to bring to fulfilment your work of creation.

Enlighten by your Spirit those who teach and those who learn,
that they may discern what is right and good
and gladly share with others the fruit of their wisdom.

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

THE COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
whose word is truth
and in whose light we see light,
guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.

Make them seekers after truth
and advocates of human dignity.
Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,
and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world,
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence
and of longing for your peace.

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

SOCIAL SERVICE

OPENING
PRAYER

1 For general service

Loving God,
in Christ Jesus, the servant of all,
you call us to the service of others.

Grant to those who assist the community
the skill to recognise its urgent needs
and the strength to pursue its just demands.
Endow us all with patience and courage,
that we may care for the suffering,
feed the hungry,
shelter the homeless,
and sustain the needy.

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

2 For health care workers

Wondrous God, author of life,
you fashioned us in your likeness
and breathed into us
the life which is your own.

Be with those whose special care
is the health of mind and body.
Fill their hearts with awe
for the life which is your gift
and sustain them daily in your service,
that their hands may bring to others
the comfort of your healing touch.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

FOR THE AFFLICTED

THE HUNGRY: FOR THE HUNGRY

OPENING
PRAYER

God of power and goodness,
you never fail to provide for all your creatures;
fill us with an urgent love
to assist all those deprived of food,
that their hunger may be relieved
and they may serve you with gladness and trust.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
look upon our offering,
drawn from the good things you have given us;
it is a sign of your abundant life
and of our unity in love;
may it inspire us to share what we have
and to take responsibility for one another.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: D.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Almighty God and Father,
we humbly pray
that the living bread which comes down from heaven
may give us the strength
to raise up our brothers and sisters in need.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE HUNGRY: IN TIME OF FAMINE

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
author not of death but of life,
you give food to all the living;
mercifully deliver your servants from the scourge of famine,
that they [we] may serve you with glad and untroubled hearts.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

From the very little we have, O Lord,
we willingly offer you these gifts,
with the plea that through your goodness
they may become for us the firstfruits of your saving bounty.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: D.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
from your bounty we have received the bread of heaven;
we ask that it renew our hope and strength,
that we may work successfully to provide for our needs
and the needs of our brothers and sisters.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

THE POOR AND NEGLECTED

OPENING
PRAYER

1 O God, the source of human dignity,
in your image every person is fashioned
and by your Son all people are redeemed.

Make us honour the work of your hands,
that we may reverence you in those whom the world considers least
and serve you in all whom society neglects.

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

2 For use by such a community

God of compassion,
an ever-present helper
and friend to all who are poor,
be close to us who call out to you in our need.

Give us courage
and strengthen our support for one another,
that your constancy may give us hope
and your justice lift the burden of our want.

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

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

OPENING
PRAYER

1 For victims of abuse

O God,
in whose enduring love we trust,
bind up the wounds of those betrayed
by abuse at the hands of others.
Heal them and make them whole,
that they may once more receive and give love
with confidence in their dignity as your sons and daughters.

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

2 For victims of genocide

O God,
in your silence every anguished cry is heard;
each person is created in your image,
all peoples are precious in your sight.

Receive into your peace the victims of persecution
and hear the lament of those who mourn their killing.
Keep their memory always before us
and rid every heart of violence and vengeance,
that hatred may be banished from the face of the earth
and the family of nations brought together in peace.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Righteous God,
whose Son bore witness to the truth
even while suffering shame and death,
strengthen those who suffer persecution.
When they are accused,
keep them from speaking in hatred;
when rejected,
preserve them from bitterness;
when imprisoned,
save them from despair.
Render justice to the oppressed
and rouse us to do what is right,
that our society may be cleansed and made new.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

THE UNEMPLOYED

OPENING
PRAYER

O God, the giver of every good thing,
through our labour you give us a share
in your creative work.

Support all who suffer anxiety and deprivation
through lack of work.

Guide the people of this land
so to use its wealth and resources,
that those who seek employment may find it
and receive just payment for their work.

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

REFUGEES AND EXILES

OPENING
PRAYER

Lord God,
to whom no one is a stranger
and from whose loving care none is ever distant,
look with compassion on refugees and exiles,
on displaced persons and abandoned children.
Restore them to family and home
and fill our hearts with your own kindness
toward the outcast and the needy.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
you desired that your Son lay down his life
to gather your scattered children into one;
grant that this offering, which brings us peace,
may create in us a communion of spirit
and increase our love and care for each other.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: D.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have refreshed us with the one bread and the one cup;
fill our hearts with compassion for the exiled and abandoned,
that all may be gathered one day in the land of the living.

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

THE HOMELESS

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
the refuge of those who have no place to lay their heads,
you call us to share our bread with the hungry
and to shelter the homeless.

Open our eyes and hearts to their need,
that we may commit ourselves and the resources of society
to providing our brothers and sisters
with all that ensures life and dignity.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRISONERS AND DETAINEES

When a Mass is celebrated for those imprisoned because of the gospel, the Mass "Persecuted Christians," page 1065, is used.

OPENING
PRAYER

1 For prisoners
Almighty and ever-merciful God,
from whom no secret of the heart is hidden,
you alone know who is just,
and alone can forgive the sinner.
Hear our prayer for your servants
who are detained in prison,
that, sustained by patience and hope,
they may shortly resume their lives in freedom.

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

2 For detainees
O God,
whose Son took the form of a slave
to free the human race from the bondage of sin,
restore to your servants held captive
the freedom you intend all your children to enjoy.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
we offer you this sacrament,
which brings deliverance to the human race,
that your servants held captive may be released
and may always enjoy freedom of spirit.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: D.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Mindful, O God, of the price paid for our deliverance,
we seek your mercy for our brothers and sisters held captive,
that, freed from their bonds,
they may work for the justice of your kingdom.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE SICK

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 O God,
your only-begotten Son bore our sorrows
to show the power in human suffering and weakness.
Graciously hear our prayers for the sick
and grant that those who are weighed down
by pain, distress, or disease
may know they are counted among the elect,
whom Christ has called blessed,
and that they are joined to his suffering
for the salvation of the world.

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

- 2 All-powerful and ever-living God,
the lasting health of all who believe in you,
hear our prayers
as we ask your merciful help for the sick;
restore them to health,
that they may offer you joyful thanks
in the midst of your Church.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

- 3 For the addicted
- O God,
whose will is health and wholeness
for all your children,
look with compassion on those bound by addiction.
Remove the fears that beset them
and guide their steps toward recovery,
that, encouraged by the support of [family and] friends,
they may know your love
and find rest and new life in your strength.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

4 In times of epidemic

Merciful God,
come to the help of your people.
Be our shelter in this time of peril
and, through this eucharist,
strengthen the bonds of our community.
Bring healing to all who suffer
the ravages of disease
and assist those whose skill and art
can put an end to this affliction.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

5 In times of epidemic

O God,
our refuge and our shield,
even when we walk in the shadow of death
you are there at our side.

Be with your people in this time of danger:
bring strength to the afflicted
and protection to those untouched by disease.
Give us love and courage,
that we may trust in your power to save
and reach out to all who need our care.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

O God,
under whose loving gaze our lives run their course,
receive the prayers and gifts
by which we ask your mercy for those who are sick,
that our anxiety about their illness
may be turned into joy at their recovery.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: D.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

O God,
the one sure remedy for human weakness,
show the power of your loving care for those who are sick,
that, helped by your mercy,
they may be restored in health to your holy Church.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE DYING

OPENING
PRAYER

1 For the dying

Almighty and merciful God,
you changed death, which had befallen the human race,
into the very gateway to eternal life;
look with kindness on your son/daughter in his/her last agony,
that, joined to Christ's passion and sealed by his blood,
he/she may stand without sin in your presence.

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

2 For those who will die today

Almighty and merciful God,
always and everywhere you reveal your love for all creatures.
Hear our prayers for those who will die today,
that, redeemed by the blood of your Son
and freed from the taint of sin,
they may go forth from this world
and rest for ever in the embrace of your mercy.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

O God,
accept the sacrifice we offer in trust
for your servant who is nearing death;
through it cleanse him/her of all sin,
that after the trials you have given him/her to endure in this life
he/she may obtain eternal rest in the life to come.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Merciful God,
by the power of this sacrament
support your servant with your grace,
that in the hour of his/her death
he/she may not succumb to the evil one,
but in the company of the angels
may have safe passage from death to life.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

IN TIME OF DISASTER

OPENING
PRAYER

1 General

Since you, O God, are with us,
nothing that has happened, nothing still to come,
can rob us of our hope in Christ.

Sustain us, we beg you, in these present trials;
bind us now, more than ever,
to you and to each other,
so that we may triumph
by the power of him who loves us,
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

2 Earthquake

O God,
who set the earth upon its foundation,
spare your suppliant people in their fear;
keep us safe from the danger of earthquakes,
and let us feel always the presence of your love,
that we may be secure under your protection
and serve you with grateful hearts.

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

FAMILY AND PERSONAL NEEDS

CHARITY

OPENING
PRAYER

Lord,
in flame our hearts with the Spirit of your love,
that our thoughts may be worthy of you
and pleasing to your majesty,
and that we may love you without reserve
in our brothers and sisters.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

O Lord,
we implore you, sanctify these gifts
and accept the sacrifice we offer in spirit and in truth,
that we may extend your love to all people.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: B.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit
upon those you have nourished with the one bread of heaven
and renew in them the sweet gift of perfect love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HARMONY

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
you are perfect unity,
you are love itself;
make your faithful people one in mind and heart,
that your Church, founded on the confession of faith,
may flourish in harmony and peace
and remain strong in unity.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

You restore your image in us, O God,
through your sacraments and commandments;
guide our steps in your ways,
and through the sacrifice we offer
grant us the gift of charity,
which your grace has taught us to desire.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface of the Unity of Christians, page 688; or Eucharistic Prayer for
Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
we have received the sacrament of unity;
grant that, united in mind and heart,
we may live in your household,
possessing the peace we have exchanged
and holding fast to the peace of which we have partaken.

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

THE FAMILY

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
in your ordering of all things
family life has its firm foundation;
mercifully hear the prayers of your people
and teach us to imitate the Holy Family
in our conduct and love for each other,
that we may be welcomed with joy to your heavenly home.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
we offer you the sacrifice which makes our peace with you,
and we humbly pray
that our families may be united in harmony and grace.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: B.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you have refreshed us with this heavenly sacrament.
Grant us the grace to follow closely
the example of the Holy Family,
that after the trials of this present life
we may be welcomed into their company for ever.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
through the grace of the Holy Spirit
you filled the hearts of the faithful with gifts of charity.
Grant health of mind and body to our relatives and friends,
for whom we seek your mercy,
that they may love you with all their strength
and delight in fulfilling your will.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Show your mercy, O Lord, to our friends and relatives,
for whom we offer you this sacrifice of praise,
that through these sacred gifts
they may be blessed with heavenly grace
and attain the glory of everlasting happiness.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: B.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
we who have received these holy mysteries
pray for our relatives and friends,
whom you have bound to us with a special love;
pardon their sins
and grant them your constant support and guidance,
that we may all serve you with one heart
and rejoice together in your presence for ever.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

YOUNG PEOPLE

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 God of every generation,
under your loving guidance
our lives unfold to maturity
in a world that both fascinates and frightens us.

Show us in Jesus and his gospel
the way to life in all its fullness.
When confusion and fear cloud our way,
draw us by your gift of hope
to take delight in the wonder of creation
and to find our fulfilment in serving others.

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

- 2 Wondrous God,
you gather us today
in the name of Jesus Christ,
who calls us his friends.

Keep us faithful to the word we will hear;
bind us to one another
by the eucharist we celebrate
and draw us closer to you.

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

THE ELDERLY

OPENING
PRAYER

Almighty, ever-living God,
whose wisdom decides the length of our days,
give us health, comfort, and well-being
and grant, we pray, that our spiritual peace may grow
even when bodily vigour declines.
In the strength of your living word,
direct our hearts and minds
to live all our days for you.

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

THE PRIEST HIMSELF: ON APPOINTMENT

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
you have called me to preside over your family
through no merit of my own
but only because of your boundless grace;
grant that I may faithfully fulfil the ministry of priesthood
and under your constant guidance
direct wisely the people given to my care.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

O God,
whose power and goodness rule the days and seasons of our life,
watch over the ministry entrusted to me by your grace.
Through the power of this sacrifice
shape the hearts of your people and your priest,
that the shepherd may have a loyal flock
and the flock a caring shepherd.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

All-powerful and ever-living God,
source and perfection of every virtue,
through my sharing in this mystery
give me the strength to do what is right
and to preach what is true,
that by word and deed
I may instruct the faithful in the ways of your grace.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

THE PRIEST HIMSELF: GENERAL

OPENING
PRAYER

God of mercy and love,
incline your ear to my prayers
and fill me with the grace and light of the Holy Spirit,
that I may rightly celebrate your mysteries,
faithfully serve your Church,
and cherish you with a never-ending love.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Accept, O God, the gifts we reverently offer,
and, for the sake of Christ, priest and victim,
grant that I, who share in his priesthood,
may offer myself always
as a spiritual sacrifice pleasing to you.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Father all-holy,
you have strengthened me with the bread of heaven
and gladdened me with the cup of the new covenant;
grant that I may serve you faithfully
and spend myself with courage and love
for the salvation of your people.

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

THE PRIEST HIMSELF: ON AN ANNIVERSARY

OPENING
PRAYER

Father all-holy,
you have chosen me through no merit of mine
to share in Christ's eternal priesthood
and to minister to your Church;
grant that I may be a strong but gentle preacher of the gospel
and a faithful steward of your mysteries.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
we offer you the sacrifice of praise,
that we may serve you more generously;
despite our unworthiness,
bring to fulfilment
the gift you have entrusted to us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: A.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

To glorify your name, Lord God,
I have celebrated the mystery of faith
on the anniversary of my ordination,
that my life may be true to what I proclaim
in the sacramental offering of Christ's sacrifice,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 Merciful Lord,
hear the prayers of those who call on you
and forgive the sins of those who confess to you,
that we may receive your gifts of pardon and peace.

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

- 2 Look kindly, Lord, upon your people
and pardon all our sins,
that your mercy may shield us
from the punishment our offences deserve.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
we offer you this sacrifice of reconciliation and praise
to obtain your loving forgiveness for our sins
and your guidance for our wavering hearts.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface of Ordinary Time IV, page 564.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Grant, all-merciful God,
that we who have received pardon through this sacrament
may by your grace avoid sin in the future
and serve you in sincerity of heart.

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

A HAPPY DEATH

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
you have created us in your own image
and have sent your Son to undergo death for our sake;
keep us ever watchful in prayer,
that we may leave this world unstained by sin
and find joyous rest in the arms of your mercy.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

You have destroyed our death, O Lord,
by the death of your only Son;
through the power of his sacrament
keep us obedient to your will even to the end,
that we may depart from this world in trust and peace
to share by your grace in the resurrection of Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface for General Use V or VI, pages 582 or 584; or Eucharistic
Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: D.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
through the celebration of these mysteries
we have received the pledge of immortal life;
we pray for your grace at the hour of our death,
that the snares of the enemy may be overcome,
and that we may rest eternally in your embrace.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

THE BEREAVED

OPENING
PRAYER

Most merciful God,
whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,
surround the family of N. with your love,
that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,
but have confidence in your goodness,
and strength to meet the days to come.

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

MISCELLANEOUS PRAYERS

AT THE BEGINNING OF A YEAR

This Mass may not be celebrated on 1 January, the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

OPENING
PRAYER

Eternal God, without beginning or end,
you are the source of all creation.
Make this new year
whose beginning we dedicate to you
a time of health and well-being,
resplendent with works of holiness.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Grant, O Lord, that the sacrifice we offer
may be pleasing in your eyes,
so that we who joyfully celebrate this new year
may live through all its days united in your love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
stay close to your people
who have partaken of these holy mysteries,
that we who rely always on your protection
may be free from every danger through the coming year.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

IN ANY NEED

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 O God,
our refuge in distress, our strength in infirmity,
and our comfort in sorrow,
spare your people,
that we who have been rightly chastised by affliction
may draw new life and strength from your mercy.

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

- 2 Almighty and merciful God,
look with compassion on your children's affliction;
lighten our burden and confirm our faith,
that we may never doubt your fatherly care.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

- 1 O God,
receive our prayers and offerings,
that we who are stricken by the scourge of our sins
may be delivered by your compassionate grace.

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

- 2 Receive, O Lord, the gifts we confidently offer
and grant that the bitter sorrow we bear
may be changed into a sweet and pleasing sacrifice.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: D.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

- 1 Lord God,
look kindly upon us in our need,
and, through the passion of your Son,
avert the wrath of your indignation,
which our sins justly deserve.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Renewed and strengthened at your heavenly feast,
we humbly pray, Lord God,
that we may face the trials ahead with courage
and lend unstinting support to friends in their time of need.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

IN THANKSGIVING

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 God of mercy,
you always answer your people in their trials;
we thank you for your loving-kindness
and humbly ask you to free us from all evil,
that we may serve you in happiness all our days.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

- 2 God and Father of every gift,
we praise you, the source of all we have and are.
Teach us to acknowledge always
the good things your infinite love has given us
and to love you sincerely with all our strength.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

- 1 Lord,
who gave us your Son
to rescue us from death and from every evil,
mercifully accept this sacrifice,
which we offer in thanksgiving for delivering us from hardship.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 O Lord,
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
in thanksgiving for what you have given us,
and we pray that what we have received without merit
we may use to the glory of your name.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Preface for General Use IV, page 580; or Eucharistic Prayer for Masses
for Various Needs and Occasions: B.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 Almighty God,
through this bread of life
you deliver us from the chains of sin
and lovingly renew our strength;
grant that we may constantly grow
in the hope of eternal glory.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 O God,
you have given to us as spiritual food
the saving sacrament of your Son,
which we have offered to you in thanksgiving;
strengthen us by your gifts of power and joy,
that we may serve you more devotedly
and receive from you even greater blessings.

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



VOTIVE MASSES

*Bless the Lord, my soul,
do not forget God's many gifts*

PSALM 103:2

VOTIVE MASSES

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THE HOLY TRINITY

The following prayers are used for a Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity. White vestments are worn.

OPENING
PRAYER

God our Father,
you revealed the wonderful mystery of the Godhead
by sending into the world
the Word who speaks all truth
and the Spirit who makes us holy.
Grant that we may proclaim the fullness of faith
by acknowledging and worshipping
three Persons, eternal in glory,
one God of majesty and power.

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

ALTERNATIVE

OPENING YEAR A
PRAYER

Merciful and gracious Father,
you showed the fullness of your love
when you gave your only Son for our salvation
and sent down upon us the power of your Spirit.

Complete within us the work of your love,
that we who have communion in Christ
may come to share fully
the undying life he lives with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

YEAR B

God our Father,
you have given us a share
in the life that is yours
with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

Strengthen that life within your Church,
that we may know your presence,
observe your commands,
and proclaim the gospel to every nation.

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

YEAR C O God,
your name is veiled in mystery,
yet we dare to call you Father;
your Son was begotten before all ages,
yet is born among us in time;
your Holy Spirit fills the whole creation,
yet is poured forth now into our hearts.

Because you have made us and loved us
and called us by name,
draw us more deeply into your divine life,
that we may glorify you rightly through your Son,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord our God,
sanctify the gifts of your servants
as we call upon your holy name
and by their power
make us an everlasting gift to you.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the Holy Trinity, page 594.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord our God,
let our reception of this sacrament
and our worship of the ever blessed and undivided Trinity
bring us wholeness of mind and body.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE HOLY CROSS

The following prayers are used for a Votive Mass of the Holy Cross. Red Vestments are worn.

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 All-powerful God,
in obedience to your will,
your only Son suffered death on the cross
to save the human race.
Grant that we who embrace this mystery on earth
may share the triumph of his redemption in heaven.

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

- 2 Lifted up among us, O God,
is Jesus the crucified:
sign of your steadfast love
and pledge of your will to save.

To those who look upon the cross with faith
grant healing of soul
and life eternal.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
may this sacrifice,
once offered on the altar of the cross
to take away the sin of the world,
free us now from all our offences.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the Holy Cross, page 612, or Preface of the Passion of the Lord I, page 538.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Nourished at this heavenly table,
we ask you, Lord Jesus Christ,
to lead to the glory of the resurrection
all whose salvation you purchased
by the life-giving wood of the cross.

You live and reign for ever and ever.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

For a Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist, the Mass of the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, page 180, or the following prayers are used. White vestments are worn.

Option 2 of the presidential prayers may also be used for a Votive Mass of Jesus Christ the High Priest.

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 O God,
through the paschal mystery of your only-begotten Son
you accomplished the work of our redemption;
grant that we who proclaim in sacramental signs
the death and resurrection of Christ
may experience ever more fully your gift of salvation.

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

2

- O God,
for your own glory and the salvation of the human race
you appointed Christ as eternal high priest;
grant that by sharing in his memorial
the people he purchased for you by his blood
may know the power of his cross and resurrection.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

- 1 Gracious and merciful Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of our salvation,
we pray that this sacrament of your love
may become for us the sign of unity
and the bond of charity.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Lord God,
make us worthy to celebrate this holy eucharist,
for, as often as this sacrifice is offered
in remembrance of your Son,
the work of our redemption is accomplished.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the Holy Eucharist I or II, pages 596-598.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 Lord God,
may our sharing at this heavenly table sanctify us,
so that through the body and blood of Christ
all the members of your household
may be bound together in love.

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

2 Grant, Lord God,
that by our sharing in this sacrifice,
which Christ commanded us to offer as his memorial,
we may become with him
an everlasting gift to you.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The following prayers are used for a Votive Mass of the Holy Name of Jesus. White vestments are worn.

OPENING
PRAYER

Grant in your kindness, Lord God,
that we who venerate the holy name of Jesus
may taste its sweetness in this life
and be filled with unending joy in the life to come.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Almighty Father,
accept the gifts we offer
in the name of Jesus, your Son;
we offer them with sure hope in his promise
that you will grant whatever we ask in his name,
for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

O God,
you decreed that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend
and all should find salvation.
Mercifully grant that in these sacred mysteries
we may offer to the Lord Jesus
the homage that is rightly his,
for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

THE MERCY OF GOD

The following prayers are used for a Votive Mass of the Mercy of God. White vestments are worn.

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
your mercies are beyond measure
and infinite the store of your goodness.
Increase the faith of this people consecrated to you,
that with due understanding we may grasp
how great is the love that created us,
how precious the blood that redeemed us,
and how holy the Spirit who gives us new life.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

In your mercy, Lord, receive our gifts
and transform them into the sacrament of redemption,
the memorial of your Son's death and resurrection,
that we, who trust always in Christ,
may by the power of this sacrifice
come at last to eternal life.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

God of compassion,
grant that we who are nourished by the body and blood of your Son
may draw with confidence from the wellspring of mercy,
and day by day show ourselves more compassionate to others.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

The following prayers are used for a Votive Mass of the Precious Blood of Jesus. Red vestments are worn.

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
by the precious blood of your only-begotten Son
you have redeemed the whole human race;
safeguard in us the work of your mercy,
that by celebrating the mystery of our salvation
we may continue always to enjoy its fruits.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord of majesty,
we come before you bearing our gifts;
through these mysteries may we draw near to Jesus,
the Mediator of the new covenant,
and renew the salvation he bought for us
by the shedding of his blood.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the Passion of the Lord I, page 538.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

- 1 Refreshed by the food and drink of salvation,
we pray, Lord God,
that we may be washed clean in the blood of our Saviour
and that he may become for us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Refreshed by heavenly food and drink,
we ask you, almighty God,
to defend from the terrors of evil
those you have redeemed by the precious blood of your Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

For a Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Mass for the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, page 182, or the following prayers are used. White vestments are worn.

OPENING
PRAYER

Clothe us, Lord God, with the virtues
that adorned the heart of your Son
and enkindle in us the fire of his love,
that, conformed to his image,
we may come to share eternal redemption.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

God and Father of mercies,
in your unsurpassed goodness and love
you have given us your only-begotten Son;
unite our hearts so completely with his,
that we may offer you fitting worship.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, page 602.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
having partaken of your sacrament of love,
we implore your mercy,
that we may be conformed to Christ on earth
and come to share his glory in heaven,
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The following prayers are used for a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit. Red vestments are worn.

OPENING PRAYER

- 1 O God,
you have instructed the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit.
Grant that in the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.

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

- 2 Lord God,
may the Paraclete, who proceeds from you,
enlighten our minds and hearts
and guide us into all truth,
as Christ, your Son, has promised.

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

- 3 O God,
to you every heart lies open
and every desire is known,
from you no secret is hidden;
purify our inmost thoughts
with the light of the Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and offer you fitting praise.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

4 Lord God,
you sanctify your Church in every nation and people.
Pour out the gifts of your Spirit
across the face of the earth,
and in your merciful kindness
touch the hearts of all believers
as you touched those who first heard
the preaching of the gospel.

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

5 O God,
whose Spirit rules and guides us
and whose protection keeps us safe,
extend your hand in mercy toward us
and be moved by our prayers,
that your gifts may always strengthen the faith
of those who believe in you.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

1 Lord,
sanctify the gifts we offer
and cleanse our hearts
by the radiant light of the Holy Spirit.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Look with favour, O Lord,
on the spiritual offering we bring to your altar
with reverence and devotion;
grant us a steadfast spirit,
that our faith may accompany these gifts
and our humility make them pleasing to you.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 Lord,
grant that the sacrificial gifts we offer in your sight
may be sanctified by the fire of the Holy Spirit,
who inflamed the hearts of your Son's disciples.

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

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

- 1 Lord God,
let your Holy Spirit fall on us like dew
to cleanse our inmost hearts
and to make them fruitful.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Lord our God,
you have nourished us with food from heaven;
fill the hidden recesses of our hearts
with the tender love of your Spirit,
that the pledge we have received in this earthly celebration
may be fulfilled at your table in heaven.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 3 Lord God,
increase within us the gifts we have received,
that we may burn with the fire of that Spirit
whom you poured forth on the apostles at Pentecost.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

GENERAL

For a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mass from the Common of Saints “The Blessed Virgin Mary,” pages 431-437, is used, in accord with the liturgical season.

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

The following prayers are used for a Votive Mass of Mary, Mother of the Church.

OPENING PRAYER

God and Father of mercies,
as your only Son hung on the cross,
he gave his Mother, the blessed Virgin Mary,
to be our Mother also.
Grant that under her loving care
your Church, growing daily more fruitful,
may rejoice in the holiness of its children,
and draw to its bosom all peoples of the earth.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
accept our gifts
and change them into the sacrament of our salvation.
By its power
inflame our hearts with the love that filled the Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church,
and join us more closely with her
in sharing the redemptive work of your Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary III, page 628.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
we have received this pledge of redemption and life
and we humbly pray that your Church,
through the motherly care of the blessed Virgin,
may proclaim the gospel to all nations
and bathe the whole world with the light of the Spirit.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

THE HOLY NAME OF MARY

The following opening prayer is used for a Votive Mass of the Holy Name of Mary. The other presidential prayers are chosen from the Common of Saints, "The Blessed Virgin Mary," pages 431-437, in accord with the liturgical season.

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
as your Son was dying on the altar of the cross,
he gave us as our Mother the blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother he had chosen as his own.
Grant that we who entrust ourselves to her maternal care
may find shelter and strength when we call upon her name.

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

THE ANGELS

For a Votive Mass of the Angels, the Mass of the Guardian Angels, 2 October, page 384, or the following prayers are used. White vestments are worn.

OPENING
PRAYER

All-provident God,
you arrange in wonderful order every ministry,
both human and angelic;
grant that the angels,
who stand before your face to serve you,
may guard and assist our lives on earth.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

O Lord,
we offer you this sacrifice of praise,
imploping that our sacrifice,
borne into your presence by the ministry of an angel,
may be pleasing in your sight
and helpful to our salvation.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the Angels, page 614.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Restored by the bread of heaven,
we ask, Lord God,
that in the strength of this food
we may advance in the way of salvation
under the watchful care of your angels.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

JOSEPH

For a Votive Mass of Joseph, the Mass of the solemnity of Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary, 19 March, page 291, or the Mass of Joseph the Worker, 1 May, page 303, or the following prayers are used. White vestments are worn.

OPENING
PRAYER

O God,
in the mystery of your providence you chose Saint Joseph
to be the husband of Mary, the blessed Mother of your Son;
grant that we who revere him on earth as our protector
may have him as our intercessor in heaven.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Father of all holiness,
as we prepare to offer the sacrifice of praise,
we humbly ask that in serving you
we may be supported by the prayers of Saint Joseph,
to whose fatherly care on earth
you entrusted your only-begotten Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary, page 590.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have nurtured us by this life-giving sacrament.
May we live just and holy lives
supported by the example and prayers of Saint Joseph,
that just and obedient man,
who served you faithfully in the great work of redemption.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL THE APOSTLES

The following prayers are used for a Votive Mass of All the Apostles. Red vestments are worn.

OPENING
PRAYER

Lord our God,
let your Church always find joy
in honouring the blessed apostles,
so that, treasuring their teaching and merits,
we may live under their guidance and protection.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
send into our hearts the Holy Spirit
you so richly poured upon the apostles,
that we may acclaim the truths we have received through them
and rightly offer to your glory this sacrifice of praise.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the Apostles I or II, pages 632-634.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Grant, O God,
that with gladness and simplicity of heart
we may devote ourselves
to the teaching of the apostles
through our sharing in prayer
and in the breaking of the bread.

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

ONE APOSTLE

For a Votive Mass of one apostle, the Mass of the feast day of that apostle is used. But if two apostles are honoured together on the same feast day and the presidential prayers of that feast are not appropriate for a Votive Mass of one of them alone, the following prayers are used. Red vestments are worn.

OPENING
PRAYER

Lord,
strengthen in us that faith
which made Saint N. ever loyal to your Son.
By the prayers of your apostle
grant that your Church may become for all nations
the sacrament of salvation.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
as we remember the blessed apostle N.,
we present our gifts to you
and we ask that by following his example
we may lead lives worthy of the gospel of Christ
and work to spread the gospel message.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the Apostles II, page 634.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

As we keep the memory of your apostle N., Lord God,
grant that the pledge of eternal salvation we have received
may be our help and support
now and in the life to come.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PETER, APOSTLE

The following prayers are used for a Votive Mass of Peter, Apostle. Red vestments are worn.

OPENING
PRAYER

Lord God,
you gave your apostle Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven
and entrusted him with the power to bind and to loose;
by the help of his prayers
free us from the sins that hold us bound.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
you inspired the blessed apostle Peter
to confess that you are the living God
and that Jesus Christ is your Son,
and you enabled him to bear witness to his Master
through his own glorious suffering;
as we celebrate his memory,
graciously accept the offerings of your people.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the Apostles I, page 632.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have admitted us to the banquet of life
as we honour the memory of the apostle Peter.
Keep us close to your Son,
who alone has the words of eternal life,
that he may lead us as faithful sheep of your flock
to the rich pastures of heaven,
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

PAUL, APOSTLE

The following prayers are used for a Votive Mass of Paul, Apostle. Red vestments are worn.

OPENING
PRAYER

Lord God,
in a wonderful way you chose the apostle Paul
to preach the gospel of Christ.
Fill the entire world with the faith
he proclaimed both to rulers and nations,
that your Church may be blessed with continual growth.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

As we celebrate these sacred mysteries,
grant, O Lord, that the Holy Spirit may fill our hearts
with the same light of faith
which inspired the apostle Paul
to make your glory known to the nations.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of the Apostles I, page 632.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Refreshed, Lord God,
by our partaking of the body and blood of your Son,
we pray that Christ may truly be our life,
that nothing may separate us from his love,
and that, faithful to the teaching of Saint Paul,
we may walk together in mutual affection.

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

ALL SAINTS

The following prayers are used for a Votive Mass of All Saints. White vestments are worn.

OPENING
PRAYER

O God, fountain of all holiness,
you blessed your saints on earth
with differing gifts of grace,
and in heaven you bless them
with the one reward of glory.
Grant, through their intercession,
that each of us may lead a life
worthy of the calling we have received.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Be pleased, Lord, with the gifts we offer
in honour of all the saints.
We believe they have reached the haven of eternal life;
grant that we may experience their prayers for our salvation.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of Other Saints: Holy Men and Women I or II, pages 642-644.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

O God
you nourish us with one bread
and sustain us with one hope;
strengthen us by your grace,
that with all your saints
we may become one body and one spirit in Christ
and with him rise to glory,
for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.



MASSES FOR THE DEAD

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them*

SEE 4 EZRA 2:34-35

MASSES FOR THE DEAD

Although for convenience complete Mass formularies are given, the texts from Other Masses and Prayers for the Dead, where appropriate, are interchangeable, with the necessary changes in gender and number.

Similarly, if prayers for funerals or anniversaries are used in other circumstances, the inappropriate words should be omitted.

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FUNERAL MASS FOR AN ADULT

OPENING PRAYER

- 1 Almighty God and Father,
it is our certain faith
that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of all who have fallen asleep.
Grant that through this mystery
your servant N., who has gone to his/her rest in Christ,
may share in the joy of his resurrection.

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

- 2 O God,
to whom mercy and forgiveness belong,
hear our prayers on behalf of your servant N.,
whom you have called out of this world;
and because he/she put his/her hope and trust in you,
command that he/she be carried safely home to heaven
and come to enjoy your eternal reward.

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

- 3 O God,
in whom sinners find mercy and the saints find joy,
we pray to you for our brother/sister N.,
whose body we honour with Christian burial,
that he/she may be delivered from the bonds of death.
Admit him/her to the joyful company of your saints
and raise him/her up on the last day
to rejoice in your presence for ever.

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

- 4 O God,
who alone can bestow life after death,
deliver your servant N. from all his/her sins,
that he/she, who believed in the resurrection of your Christ,
may be joined with you in glory on the last day.

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

5 During the season of Easter

God of loving-kindness,
listen favourably to our prayers:
strengthen our belief that your Son has risen from the dead
and our hope that your servant N. will also rise again.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

1 Calling upon your mercy, Lord,
we offer you these gifts for the salvation of your servant N.
He/she firmly believed your Son to be a gentle Saviour;
may he/she also find in Christ a merciful judge,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

2 Lord, on this day of burial
be pleased by the sacrifice we offer
for your servant N.;
draw near with your gift of loving-kindness,
that he/she may be cleansed from any trace of sin
and healed of every human failing.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 By this sacrifice, merciful God,
wash away in the blood of Christ
the sins of your servant N.
You cleansed him/her once in the water of baptism;
in your mercy grant him/her pardon and eternal rest.

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

 During the season of Easter

4 Lord,
be pleased by our offering
and gather your departed servant N. into glory with your Son,
in whose great mystery of love we are all united.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of Christian Death I-V, pages 690-698.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 Lord God,
your Son, Jesus Christ, gave us
the sacrament of his body and blood
to guide us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom.
May our brother/sister N., who shared in the eucharist,
come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Father, all-powerful God,
we pray for our brother/sister N.
whom you have called from this world.
May this eucharist cleanse him/her,
forgive his/her sins,
and raise him/her up to eternal joy in your presence.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 Lord,
we have received the sacrament of your only Son,
who was sacrificed for us and rose in glory.
We humbly pray for your servant N.,
that, purified by these paschal mysteries,
he/she may share in the glory of the final resurrection.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

4 During the season of Easter

Lord God,
may the death and resurrection of Christ,
which we celebrate in this eucharist,
bring our brother/sister N. the peace of your eternal home.

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

OTHER OPENING PRAYERS FOR AN ADULT

OPENING PRAYER

- 1 God of faithfulness,
in your wisdom you have called your servant N. out of this world;
release him/her from the bonds of sin,
and welcome him/her into your presence,
so that he/she may enjoy eternal light and peace
and be raised up in glory with all your saints.

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

- 2 Lord,
in our grief we turn to you.
Are you not the God of love
who open your ears to all?

Listen to our prayers for your servant N.,
whom you have called out of this world:
lead him/her to your kingdom of light and peace
and count him/her among the saints in glory.

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

- 3 Holy Lord, almighty and eternal God,
hear our prayers for your servant N.,
whom you have summoned out of this world.
Forgive his/her sins and failings
and grant him/her a place of refreshment, light and peace.
Let him/her pass unharmed through the gates of death
to dwell with the blessed in light,
as you promised to Abraham and his children for ever.
Accept N. into your safekeeping
and on the great day of judgement
raise him/her up with all the saints
to inherit your eternal kingdom.

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

4 Almighty God and Father,
by the mystery of the cross you have made us strong;
by the sacrament of the resurrection
you have sealed us as your own.
Look kindly upon your servant N.,
now freed from the bonds of mortality,
and count him/her among your saints in heaven.

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

5 Lord God,
in whom all find refuge,
we appeal to your boundless mercy:
grant to the soul of your servant N.
a kindly welcome,
cleansing of sin,
release from the chains of death,
and entry into everlasting life.

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

6 God of all consolation,
open our hearts to your word,
so that, listening to it, we may comfort one another,
finding light in time of darkness
and faith in time of doubt.

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

FUNERAL MASS FOR A CHILD

FOR A CHILD WHO DIED BEFORE BAPTISM: With the permission of the local Ordinary (after taking into consideration pastoral circumstances), funeral rites may be celebrated for children whose parents intended them to be baptised but who died before baptism. The funeral rites may be celebrated either in the home of the child or some other suitable place according to local custom.

In such funerals, there should ordinarily be a liturgy of the word, as described in the ritual. If at times the celebration of Mass is considered opportune, the following texts designated for a child who died before baptism are used.

In the general catechesis of the faithful, it should be explained that the celebration of such a funeral is intended for the consolation and support of the family and does not weaken the Church's teaching on the necessity of baptism.

OPENING
PRAYER

1 For a baptised child
Merciful Lord,
whose wisdom is beyond human understanding,
you adopted N. as your own in baptism
and have taken him/her to yourself
even as he/she stood on the threshold of life.
Listen to our prayers and extend to us your grace,
that one day we may share eternal life with N.,
for we firmly believe that he/she now rests with you.

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.

2 For a baptised child
Lord God,
from whom human sadness is never hidden,
you know the burden of grief
that we feel at the loss of this child.
As we mourn his/her passing from this life,
comfort us with the knowledge
that N. is already at peace in your loving arms.

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

3 For a child who died before baptism
O Lord,
whose ways are beyond understanding,
listen to the prayers of your faithful people:
that those weighed down by grief
at the loss of this [little] child
may find reassurance in your infinite goodness.

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

4 For a child who died before baptism
God of all consolation,
searcher of mind and heart,
the faith of these parents [N. and N.] is known to you.
Comfort them with the knowledge
that the child for whom they grieve
is entrusted now to your loving care.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

1 For a baptised child
Lord,
sanctify the gifts we offer you,
that the parents who now entrust to you
the child you gave to them
may joyfully embrace him/her in the kingdom of heaven.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 For a baptised child and a child who died before baptism
God of loving-kindness,
accept our offering as a sign of our reverence,
that we who are bowed down
yet trust in your providence
may be lifted up by your gentle love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Preface of Christian Death I-V, pages 690-698.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 For a baptised child
Lord,
you feed us with the gift of your eucharist.
May we rejoice with this child
at the feast of eternal life in your kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 For a baptised child and a child who died before baptism
Lord,
hear the prayers of those who share in the body and blood of your Son.
Comfort those who mourn for this child
and sustain them with the hope of eternal life.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OTHER OPENING PRAYERS FOR A BAPTISED CHILD

OPENING PRAYER

- 1 Lord of all gentleness,
surround us with your care
and comfort us in our sorrow,
for we grieve at the loss of this [little] child.

As you washed N. in the waters of baptism
and welcomed him/her into the life of heaven,
so call us one day
to be united with him/her
and share for ever the joy of your kingdom.

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

- 2 Eternal Father,
through the intercession of Mary,
who bore your Son and stood by the cross as he died,
grant to these parents in their grief
the assistance of her presence,
the comfort of her faith,
and the reward of her prayers.

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

- 3 Lord God,
source and destiny of our lives,
in your loving providence
you gave us N.
to grow in wisdom, age, and grace.
Now you have called him/her to yourself.

We grieve over the loss of one so young
and struggle to understand your purpose.

Draw him/her to yourself
and give him/her full stature in Christ.
May he/she stand with all the angels and saints,
who know your love and praise your saving will.

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

4 Lord,
in our grief we call upon your mercy:
open your ears to our prayers,
and one day unite us again with N.,
who, we firmly trust,
already enjoys eternal life in your kingdom.

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

5 To you, O Lord,
we humbly entrust this child,
so precious in your sight.
Take him/her into your arms
and welcome him/her into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,
but the fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

OPENING PRAYER

- 1 O God,
glory of believers and life of the just,
by the death and resurrection of your Son, we are redeemed:
have mercy on your servant N.
and make him/her worthy to share the joys of paradise,
for he/she believed in the resurrection of the dead.

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

- 2 Lord,
as we keep the anniversary of your servant N.,
refresh him/her with the dew of your mercy
and graciously admit him/her to the company of your saints.

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

- 3 Lord God,
through the blessed passion of your Son,
grant to your servant N.
the pardon for which he/she always longed,
that he/she may behold you face to face
and enjoy for ever the vision of your glory.

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

- 4 God of forgiveness and mercy,
grant to your servant N.,
whose anniversary we keep today,
a haven of radiant light and blessed peace.

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

5 During the season of Easter

Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son willingly suffered death for our sake,
grant in your goodness that your servant N.
may share the glory and triumph of his resurrection.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

1 Look with favour, Lord,
on the sacrifice we offer for our brother/sister N.,
that, cleansed and restored by heavenly healing,
he/she may live and rejoice in your glory for ever.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Listen, O Lord, to our prayers for our brother/sister N.,
whose anniversary we observe today,
that this sacrifice of atonement and of praise
may unite him/her for ever to the company of your saints.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 Lord God,
we offer you this sacrifice for our brother/sister
and we pray that N.,
who knew you on earth by the light of faith,
may dwell with you in paradise for ever.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

4 Lord,
let the prayers and sacrifice we offer
for the salvation of our brother/sister N.
be pleasing in your sight
and obtain for him/her the fullness of redemption.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

5 During the season of Easter

By this sacrifice, merciful God,
wash away in the blood of Christ
the sins of your servant N.
You cleansed him/her once in the water of baptism;
in your mercy grant him/her pardon and eternal rest.

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

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PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

- 1 Renewed by these sacred mysteries, O Lord,
we humbly pray that your servant N., cleansed of all sin,
may be blessed with resurrection to eternal life.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Lord God,
you have graciously received our prayers and sacrifice
offered for your servant N.;
if any trace of sin remains in him/her
by your mercy forgive it and wash it away.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 3 Healed and strengthened by this life-giving food,
we pray, Lord God,
that through this sacrament
our brother/sister N. may be cleansed from all sin
and pass over into the company of heaven.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

- 4 Almighty and merciful God,
grant that our brother/sister N.,
for whom we have offered this sacrifice,
may by its power be purified of all sin
and enter the joy of your perpetual light.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 5 During the season of Easter
Lord,
we have received the sacrament of your only Son,
who was sacrificed for us and rose in glory.
We humbly pray for your servant N.,
that, purified by these paschal mysteries,
he/she may share in the glory of the final resurrection.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OTHER MASSES AND PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

ONE PERSON

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 To you, O God, the dead are alive,
and in you the saints find fullness of joy.
Hear our prayers that your servant N.,
whose eyes are now closed to the light of this world,
may awake to the brightness of eternal light.

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

- 2 Lord,
let our prayers ascend before you
and let the joys of eternity greet your servant N.
As you created him/her in your own image
and adopted him/her as your son/daughter,
grant him/her a share in your everlasting inheritance.

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

- 3 Merciful Lord,
incline your ear to our prayers
and forgive your servant N. all his/her sins,
that he/she may have life on the day of resurrection
and find rest in the realm of light.

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

- 4 Into your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brother/sister N.
In this life you embraced him/her with your tender love;
deliver him/her now from every evil
and bid him/her enter eternal rest.

The old order has passed away:
welcome him/her then into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,
but the fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever.

- 5 Lord God,
here on earth your servant N.
was found worthy to be conformed to Christ;
free him/her from every bond of sin,
that in the glory of the resurrection
he/she may breathe life anew
and dwell among your saints for ever.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

- 1 Lord,
in your mercy be pleased with the sacrifice we offer;
let it bring your servant N.
the pardon he/she always desired,
that he/she may rejoice with all the saints
and join in praising your glory without end.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Lord,
in your love accept the gifts
that we trustingly offer for your servant N.,
and grant him/her salvation through this sacrifice,
which you chose as the one remedy
to bring healing to all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 3 Almighty and eternal God,
your Son offered himself as the bread of life
and poured out his blood as the cup of salvation;
have mercy on our brother/sister N.,
that our offering may win him/her pardon and peace.

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

- 4 Look with mercy, Lord, on our servant N.,
for whom we offer you this sacrifice of praise,
that through its power to atone and reconcile
he/she may rise again to everlasting life.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 5 Lord,
by this sacrifice you have taken away the sins of the world.
As we offer it for your servant N.,
may it bring us closer to our salvation.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 We give you thanks, Lord God,
for the heavenly food we have shared,
and we humbly pray that your servant N.,
freed by your Son's death from the bonds of sin,
may enter into your presence with joy.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Refreshed with life-giving food, Lord God,
we ask that our brother/sister N.
be delivered from the chains of death
and be given a share
in the glorious resurrection of your Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

3 Lord God,
we who have received this pledge of eternal life
humbly ask that our brother/sister N.
be delivered from the snares of death
and welcomed into the company of all the redeemed.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

4 Lord God,
strengthened by this life-giving sacrament,
we pray that our brother/sister N.,
with whom you have shared your covenant of love,
may be purified by this holy mystery
and find everlasting joy in the peace of Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

5 Lord God,
may the sacrifice of your Church profit your servant N.,
that he/she, who shared the sacrament of Christ's mercy,
may now share in the company of Christ
together with all the saints.

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

A POPE

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 O God,
from whom the just receive an unfailing reward,
grant that your servant N., our Pope,
whom you made Vicar of Peter and Shepherd of your Church,
may rejoice for ever in the vision of your glory,
for he was a faithful steward here on earth
of the mysteries of your forgiveness and grace.

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

- 2 O God,
in your wonderful providence
you chose your servant N., our Pope, to govern the Church;
grant that your Son, whom he represented on earth,
may welcome him now into eternal glory.

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

- 3 O God, eternal shepherd of souls,
look with favour on our prayers
for your servant N., our Pope,
who presided in love over your Church.
Grant that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may receive the reward promised to the faithful steward.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

- 1 Grant, O Lord, that the holy sacrifice
which makes our peace with you
may bring your servant Pope N. a blessed reward
and obtain for us your merciful grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Lord,
look with kindness on the gifts of your Church at prayer,
and by the power of this sacrifice
grant that your servant Pope N.,
whom you appointed high priest to your flock,
may be numbered in heaven among your chosen priests.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 Lord,
accept this sacrifice of peace your people offer,
as we entrust your servant Pope N. to your mercy.
On earth he was an instrument of love and peace
for the entire human family;
grant him now the reward of his labours
in the company of all your saints.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 Lord God,
renewed by this sacrament of divine life,
we pray for your servant Pope N.
You willed that he should be
the visible foundation of your Church's unity on earth;
count him now among your blessed flock in heaven.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Sustained by the sacrament of divine love,
we pray, Lord God,
that your servant Pope N.,
who was the faithful steward of your mysteries on earth,
may sing for ever the praises of your mercy
in the glorious company of the saints.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

3 Gathered at this table of the heavenly feast,
we implore your mercy, Lord God,
for your servant Pope N.,
that he may rejoice at last in the fullness of truth
in which he boldly strengthened your people on earth.

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

A BISHOP

OPENING
PRAYER

1 A diocesan bishop
Almighty and merciful God,
eternal shepherd of your people,
listen to our prayers
and grant that your servant N., our bishop,
to whom you entrusted the care of this Church,
may enter the joy of his eternal Master,
there to receive the rich reward of his labours.

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

2 Another bishop
O God,
from the ranks of your priests
you chose your servant N.
to fulfil the office of bishop.
Grant that he may share
in the eternal fellowship of those priests
who, faithful to the teachings of the apostles,
dwell in your heavenly kingdom.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

1 A diocesan bishop
Lord,
we call upon your great mercy,
that this sacrifice which your servant N., our bishop,
offered to you during his earthly life
for the well-being of your people
may win for him now your pardon and peace.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Another bishop
Lord,
accept the sacrifice we offer
for Bishop [Cardinal] N., your servant.
Here on earth you entrusted him with the office of bishop;
admit him now to the company of your saints in heaven.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 A diocesan bishop

Lord God,
open the arms of your mercy
to your servant N., our bishop,
so that by the power of this sacrifice
he may be welcomed for ever into the presence of Christ,
in whom he trusted and whose gospel he preached.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Another bishop

Almighty and merciful God,
we pray for Bishop [Cardinal] N., your servant,
chosen as ambassador for Christ on earth;
grant that through this sacrifice
he may be cleansed of his sins
and be given a place in heaven with Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A PRIEST

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 God of mercy and love,
grant to N., your servant and priest,
a glorious place at your heavenly table,
for you made him here on earth
a faithful minister of your word and sacrament.

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

- 2 O God,
listen favourably to our prayers
offered on behalf of your servant and priest,
and grant that N.,
who committed himself zealously to the service of your name,
may rejoice for ever in the company of your saints.

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

- 3 Lord God,
you chose our brother N. to serve your people as a priest
and to share the joys and burdens of their lives.

Look with mercy on him
and give him the reward of his labours,
the fullness of life promised to those who preach your holy gospel.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

- 1 Almighty God,
grant that through this sacrifice
N., your servant and priest, may now behold unveiled
the mysteries of which he was the faithful steward on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Lord,
in your mercy accept the sacrifice of worship
which we offer for N., your servant and priest.
Grant that this sacrifice,
which he devoutly offered to you in your Church,
may obtain for him now pardon and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

1 Having received the sacrament of salvation,
we implore your mercy, O God,
for N., your servant and priest.
You made him a faithful steward of your mysteries on earth;
let him now enjoy their fullness in heaven.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Nourished at this heavenly table, Lord God,
we humbly pray that through this sacrifice
N., your servant and priest,
who faithfully ministered in your Church on earth,
may rejoice in your presence for ever.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

A DEACON

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 God of mercy,
as once you chose seven men of honest repute
to serve your Church,
so also you chose N. as your servant and deacon.
Grant that he may rejoice in your eternal fellowship
with all the heralds of your gospel,
for he was untiring in his ministry here on earth.

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

- 2 Lord God,
you sent your Son into the world
to preach the good news of salvation
and to pour out his Spirit of grace upon your Church.

Look with kindness on your servant N.
As a deacon in the Church
he was strengthened by the gift of the Spirit
to preach the good news,
to minister in your assembly,
and to do the works of charity.

Give him the reward promised
to those who show their love of you
by service to their neighbour.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Lord,
show mercy to N., your servant and deacon,
for whose salvation we offer this sacrifice.
In this life he was a minister of Christ your Son;
raise him up to everlasting glory
with all your faithful servants.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Filled with your holy gifts, Lord God,
we humbly pray for your servant N.,
whom you called to serve your Church as deacon;
through this sacrifice
free him from the chains of death,
count him among your faithful servants,
and bid him enter the joy of your kingdom.

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

A RELIGIOUS

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 All-powerful God,
we pray for our brother/sister N.,
who responded to the call of Christ
and pursued wholeheartedly the ways of perfect love.
Grant that he/she may rejoice
on that day when your glory will be revealed
and in company with all his/her brothers and sisters
share for ever the happiness of your kingdom.

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

- 2 God of blessings,
source of all holiness,
the voice of your Spirit has drawn countless men and women
to follow Jesus Christ
and to bind themselves to you
with ready will and loving heart.

Look with mercy on N.,
who sought to fulfil his/her vows to you,
and grant him/her the reward promised to all good
and faithful servants.

May he/she rejoice in the company of the saints
and with them praise you for ever.

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

ONE WHO WORKED IN THE SERVICE OF THE GOSPEL

OPENING
PRAYER

Faithful God,
we humbly ask your mercy for your servant N.,
who worked so generously to spread the Good News:
grant him/her the reward of his/her labours
and bring him/her safely to your promised land.

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

A YOUNG PERSON

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 Lord,
your wisdom governs the length of our days.
We mourn the loss of N.,
whose life has pass so quickly,
and we entrust him/her to your mercy.
Welcome him/her into your heavenly dwelling
and grant him/her the happiness of everlasting youth.

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

- 2 Lord God,
source and destiny of our lives,
in your loving providence
you gave us N.
to grow in wisdom, age, and grace.
Now you have called him/her to yourself.

As we grieve the loss of one so young,
we seek to understand your purpose.

Draw him/her to yourself
and give him/her full stature in Christ.
May he/she stand with all the angels and saints
who know your love and praise your saving will.

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

PARENTS

OPENING
PRAYER

Lord God,
who commanded us to honour father and mother,
look kindly upon your servants N. and N.,
have mercy upon them,
and let us see them again in eternal light.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Receive, Lord, the sacrifice we offer for my/our parents;
grant them unending joy in the land of the living
and reunite me/us with them
in the blessed company of the saints.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
grant that our partaking in this heavenly sacrament
may obtain for my/our parents perpetual light and peace
and bring me/us together with them
to the banquet of your eternal glory.

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

A PARENT

OPENING
PRAYER

God of our ancestors in faith,
by the covenant made on Mount Sinai
you taught your people to strengthen the bonds of family
through faith, honour, and love.
Look kindly upon N.,
a father/mother who sought to bind his/her children to you.
Bring him/her one day to our heavenly home
where the saints dwell in blessedness and peace.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

Receive, Lord, the sacrifice we offer for my/our father/mother;
grant him/her unending joy in the land of the living
and reunite me/us with him/her
in the blessed company of the saints.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Lord God,
grant that our partaking in this heavenly sacrament
may obtain for my/our father/mother perpetual light and peace
and bring me/us together with him/her
to the banquet of your eternal glory.

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

MARRIED PERSONS

OPENING
PRAYER

1 A married couple

Lord God,
whose covenant is everlasting,
have mercy upon the sins of your servants N. and N.;
as their love for each other united them on earth,
so let your love join them together in heaven.

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

2 A married couple

Eternal Father,
in the beginning you established the love of man and woman
as a sign of creation.
Your own Son loves the Church as a spouse.
Grant mercy and peace to N. and N.
who by their love for each other
were signs of the creative love
which binds the Church to Christ.

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

3 A married couple

Lord God,
giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious,
you created in marriage a sign of your covenant.
Look with mercy upon N. and N.
You blessed them in their companionship,
and in their joys and sorrows you bound them together.
Lead them into eternal peace,
and bring them to the table
where the saints feast together in your heavenly home.

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

4 A husband or wife

In your mercy, Lord, pardon your servant N.
and watch over [his wife N. / her husband N.] with loving care;
as married love joined them together in this life,
may the fullness of your love reunite them in the life to come.

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

5 A wife

Eternal God,
you made the union of man and woman
a sign of the bond between Christ and the Church.

Grant mercy and peace to N.,
who was united in love with her husband.
May the care and devotion of her life on earth
find a lasting reward in heaven.
Look kindly on her husband and family/children
as now they turn to your compassion and love.
Strengthen their faith and lighten their loss.

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

6 A husband

Eternal God,
you made the union of man and woman
a sign of the bond between Christ and the Church.

Grant mercy and peace to N.,
who was united in love with his wife.
May the care and devotion of his life on earth
find a lasting reward in heaven.
Look kindly on his wife and family/children
as now they turn to your compassion and love.
Strengthen their faith and lighten their loss.

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

Almighty and faithful Creator,
 all things are of your making,
 all people are shaped in your image.
 We now entrust the soul of N. to your goodness.
 In your infinite wisdom and power,
 work in him/her your merciful purpose,
 known to you alone from the beginning of time.
 Console the hearts of those who love him/her
 in the hope that all who trust in you
 will find peace and rest in your kingdom.

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

AN ELDERLY PERSON

OPENING PRAYER

- 1 God of endless ages,
 from one generation to the next
 you have been our refuge and strength.
 Before the mountains were born
 or the earth came to be,
 you are God.
 Have mercy now on your servant N.,
 whose long life was spent in your service.
 Give him/her a place in your kingdom,
 where hope is firm for all who love
 and rest is sure for all who serve.

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

- 2 God of mercy,
 look kindly on your servant N.,
 who has set down the burden of his/her years.
 As he/she served you faithfully throughout his/her life,
 may you give him/her the fullness of your peace and joy.
 We give thanks for the long life of N.,
 now caught up in your eternal love.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God for ever and ever.

ONE WHO DIED AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 God of deliverance,
you called our brother/sister N.
to serve you in weakness and pain,
and gave him/her the grace of sharing the cross of your Son.
Reward his/her patience and forbearance
and grant him/her the fullness of Christ's victory.

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

- 2 Most faithful God,
lively is the courage of those who hope in you.
Your servant N. suffered greatly
but placed his/her trust in your mercy.
Confident that the petition of those who mourn
pierces the clouds and finds an answer,
we beg you, give rest to N.
Do not remember his/her sins
but look upon his/her sufferings
and grant him/her refreshment, light, and peace.

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

- 3 O God,
you are water for our thirst
and manna in our desert.
We praise you for the life of N.
and bless your mercy
that has brought his/her suffering to an end.
Now we beg that same endless mercy
to raise him/her to new life.
Nourished by the food and drink of heaven,
may he/she rest for ever
in the joy of Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

ONE WHO DIED SUDDENLY

OPENING
PRAYER

Lord,
as we mourn the sudden death of our brother/sister,
show us the immense power of your goodness
and strengthen our belief
that N. has entered into your presence.

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

ONE WHO DIED ACCIDENTALLY OR VIOLENTLY

OPENING
PRAYER

Lord our God
you are always faithful and quick to show mercy.
Our brother/sister N.
was suddenly [and violently] taken from us.
Come swiftly to his/her aid,
have mercy on him/her,
and comfort his/her family and friends
by the power and protection of the cross.

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

ONE WHO DIED BY SUICIDE

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 God, lover of souls,
you hold dear what you have made
and spare all things, for they are yours.
Look gently on your servant N.,
and by the blood of the cross
forgive his/her sins and failings.

Remember the faith of those who mourn
and satisfy their longing for that day
when all will be made new again
in Christ, our risen Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

- 2 Almighty God and Father of all,
you strengthen us by the mystery of the cross
and with the sacrament of your Son's resurrection.
Have mercy on our brother/sister N.
Forgive all his/her sins and grant him/her peace.
May we who mourn this sudden death
be comforted and consoled by your power and protection.

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

RELATIVES AND BENEFACTORS

OPENING
PRAYER

Lord God,
wellspring of forgiveness
and loving author of our salvation,
in your mercy hear our prayers
and through the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
bestow on the members of our community,
our friends, relatives, and benefactors
who have passed from this world
a share in your everlasting happiness.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

God,
whose mercy is beyond telling,
receive our humble prayers
and, through this sacrament that brings salvation,
grant to the members of our community,
our friends, relatives, and benefactors,
remission of all their sins.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

Almighty and merciful God,
grant that the members of our community,
our friends, relatives, and benefactors,
for whom we have offered this sacrifice,
may by its power be purified of all sin
and enter the joy of your perpetual light.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SEVERAL PERSONS

OPENING
PRAYER

- 1 O Lord,
you gave new life to N. and N.
in the waters of baptism;
show mercy to them now
and bring them to the happiness of life in your kingdom.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
- 2 To you, O Lord, we commend the souls of N. and N., your servants;
in the sight of this world they are now dead;
in your sight may they live for ever.
Forgive whatever sins they committed through human weakness
and in your goodness grant them everlasting peace.

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

- 3 All-powerful God,
whose mercy is never withheld
from those who call upon you in hope,
look kindly on your servants N. and N.,
who departed this life confessing your name,
and number them among your saints for evermore.

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

- 4 God, our Creator and Redeemer,
by your power your only Son has conquered death
and has passed from this world into your kingdom.
Grant that your servants [N. and N.]
may share his triumph over death
and enjoy for ever the vision of your glory.

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

5 O God,
Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful,
grant your servants forgiveness of all their sins
and let our prayers obtain for them
the pardon for which they always longed.

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

6 Almighty and eternal God,
life of those destined to die
and joy of all the saints,
hear our prayers for your servants [N. and N.];
grant that, freed now from the bonds of death,
they may possess the eternal glory of your kingdom.

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

7 Almighty and eternal God,
Lord of the living and the dead,
your mercy extends to every creature;
hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters,
that, pardoned for all their sins,
they may enter your heavenly courts
and join the endless chorus of your praise.

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

8 O God,
in whose mercy the faithful find repose,
forgive the sins of your servants N. and N.
and grant pardon to all who rest in Christ,
that, freed from every trace of guilt,
they may be united with the risen Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

9 Lord God,
bestow unending mercy on our departed brothers and sisters
and grant them an eternal reward,
for they have placed their faith and hope in you.

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

PRAYER
OVER THE
GIFTS

1 Lord,
as we offer you this sacrifice for your servants N. and N.,
we ask that you fulfil our humble prayer
and embrace them with your everlasting mercy.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

2 Show mercy, Lord, to your servants N. and N.,
for whom we offer this sacrifice of reconciliation.
Since they remained faithful to you in this life,
reward them with your eternal presence.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 Lord our God,
whose Son offered himself to you as a living sacrifice,
accept the offering of your Church,
that your servants N. and N. may be freed from all sin
and obtain the prize of everlasting life.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

4 Look with favour, Lord,
on the sacrifice we offer for your servants.
On earth you gave them the privilege of Christian faith;
grant them now its eternal reward.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

5 In your kindness, Lord,
accept our offering for your servants N. and N.
and for all who sleep in Christ,
that by the power of his unique sacrifice
they may be freed from the shackles of death
and enter the kingdom of life eternal,
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

6 Lord,
look kindly upon the gifts we offer
to win eternal rest for your servants,
that through these saving mysteries
they may be numbered for ever among those you have redeemed.

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

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PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION

- 1 Fed by this heavenly sacrament, Lord God,
we humbly implore your mercy,
that through this sacrifice
the faithful departed may receive pardon for their sins
and so enter your kingdom,
there to sing the unending hymn of your praise.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 2 Through the redemptive power of this sacrament,
Lord God,
grant that your servants may share eternal happiness
in the fellowship of the just.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 3 Almighty and merciful God,
purify us by the sacrament we have received,
that this sacrifice may be for us
a plea for pardon,
strength in our frailty,
and a constant support.
Let it bring forgiveness of all our sins
and be the pledge of eternal life
for the living and the dead.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 4 Lord,
you have accepted this sacrifice,
offered for our departed brothers and sisters.
Bless them with your mercy
and crown the grace they received in baptism
with the full measure of eternal joy.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 5 Lord God,
let our prayers come to the aid of your servants;
through this sacrifice rid them of all sin
and bestow on them the gift of eternal salvation.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 6 Having partaken of these holy mysteries, almighty God,
we pray that they may advance our salvation
and win for our departed brothers and sisters
the forgiveness we beg of your mercy.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

7 Merciful God,
it is our fervent prayer
that the sacrament of redemption we have received
may obtain protection for us, the living,
and everlasting pardon for our departed brothers and sisters.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8 Lord God,
we pray for our departed brothers and sisters
and for all who sleep in Christ.
When they walked on earth by the light of faith,
they shared this holy sacrament;
may they share now the light of everlasting glory.

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



THE ANTIPHONAL

*Rejoice in the Lord.
Be glad and sing,
you faithful and just*

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THE ANTIPHONAL

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- If the *Glory to the Father* and the repetition of the antiphon would cause the chant to last too long, the *Glory to the Father* is omitted. When the procession is short, only one psalm verse is sung, or even the antiphon alone without a verse.²
- Where the antiphon is not taken from a psalm or canticle, a psalm is indicated from which suitable verses may be chosen. Another psalm may be substituted at will, for example, Psalm 34, which by an ancient tradition is used at communion.³
- Where two antiphons are provided for communion (for example, in Ordinary Time), the second is usually from one of the gospels. Preference should be given to an antiphon which comes from the gospel text of the Mass.⁴

2 The opening and communion songs may be sung alternately either by the choir and the people, or by the cantor and the people, or they may be sung entirely by the people or by the choir alone.⁵

3 Other approved songs may always be sung if the antiphons and psalms provided here are not used. These songs should be suitable for the entrance or communion procession and should be in harmony with the day or season.⁶

- In the case where there is no singing for the entrance or communion procession, several possibilities are suggested: the antiphon may be recited by the people, or by some of them, or by a reader, or even by the priest. If by the priest, he may use the opening antiphon after the greeting, integrated into his introductory remarks. Similarly, he may incorporate the communion antiphon into the invitation to communion.⁷

¹See Congregation for Divine Worship, *Ordo Cantus Missæ*, Introduction, 24 June 1974 (hereafter, OCM), nos. 1 and 17.

²See OCM, no. 1.

³See OCM, no. 23.

⁴See *Missale Romanum, editio typica altera* (Vatican Polyglot Press, 1975), Introduction *Tempus «Per Annum»*, page 339.

⁵See Volume One, *The Sacramentary* (Revised Edition), the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (hereafter GIRM), nos. 26 and 56:9.

⁶See GIRM, nos. 26 and 56:9.

⁷See GIRM, nos. 26 and 56:9; see Congregation for Divine Worship, Instruction *Calendaria particularia*, 24 June 1970, no. 40a.

THE PROPER OF SEASONS

SEASON OF ADVENT

WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT THROUGH 16 DECEMBER

MONDAY

OPENING See Jeremiah 31:10; Isaiah 35:4

Nations, hear the word of the Lord,
make it known to the ends of the earth:
Fear no longer, behold our Saviour will come.

— *Jeremiah 31:10-14 or Psalm 96*

COMMUNION See Psalm 106:4-5; Isaiah 38:3

Come, O Lord, king of peace,
fill our hearts with joy in your presence.

— *Psalm 106:1-5; 47-48*

TUESDAY

OPENING See Zechariah 14:5, 7

See, the Lord will come with all his saints,
and a great light will shine that day.

— *Psalm 97*

COMMUNION 2 Timothy 4:8

To all who long for his appearing
the righteous judge will award a rightful crown.

— *Psalm 72:1-8*

WEDNESDAY

OPENING See Habakkuk 2:3; 1 Corinthians 4:5

The Lord will come without delay,
revealing what is hidden in darkness,
showing himself to all the world.

— *Psalm 97*

COMMUNION Isaiah 40:10; see 34:5

Look, our Lord will come with power,
a light to the eyes of all his servants.

— *Psalm 34:1-11*

THURSDAY

OPENING See Psalm 119:151-152

Lord, you are near, a faithful guide,
long familiar, God for ever.

— *Psalm 119:145-152; 169-176*

COMMUNION Titus 2:12-13

Live in this passing world
in holiness and justice;
look forward, blessed in hope,
till the great God comes in glory.

— *Psalm 130*

FRIDAY

OPENING Unidentified

The Lord will come in glory
to bestow upon his people
eternal life and peace.

— *Psalm 72:1-8, 18-19*

COMMUNION Philippians 3:20-21

We await the coming
of Christ, our Lord and Saviour,
to make our humble bodies
glorious like his own.

— *Psalm 96 or Hosea 6:1-3*

SATURDAY

OPENING Psalm 80:4, 2

Enthroned above the cherubim,
come, Lord, reveal yourself and save us.

— *Psalm 80:2-4, 18-20*

COMMUNION Revelation 22:12

I, the Lord, am coming soon
to give each a due reward.

— *Psalm 34*

WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT 17-24 DECEMBER

17 DECEMBER

OPENING See Isaiah 49:13

Heavens, rejoice, and earth, exult!
Our Lord comes to comfort the poor.

— *Isaiah 49:7-13*

COMMUNION See Haggai 2:8

The Desire of all the nations will come
and the house of the Lord be filled with glory.

— *Psalms 63:2-9*

18 DECEMBER

OPENING Unidentified

The Lamb foretold by John,
Christ our King, will come.

— *Psalms 96:1-3, 10-13*

COMMUNION Matthew 1:23

His name shall be Emmanuel,
for he is God-with-us.

— *Psalms 46*

19 DECEMBER

OPENING See Hebrews 10:37

He-who-shall-come will come, without delay:
our Saviour, who will take away our fear.

— *Psalms 27*

COMMUNION Luke 1:78-79

The Dawning from on high
will guide us into peace.

— *Luke 1:68-79 or Psalms 85:9-14*

20 DECEMBER

OPENING See Isaiah 11:1; 40:5; Luke 3:6

A shoot will spring from the stock of Jesse,
the glory of the Lord will fill the world,
and all flesh will see its Saviour.

— *Psalms 72:1-8, 18-19*

COMMUNION Luke 1:31

You shall conceive and bear a Son,
and you shall name him Jesus.

— *Luke 1:46-55*

21 DECEMBER

OPENING See Isaiah 7:14; 8:10

Soon he will come, the Ruler, the Lord;
his name shall be Emmanuel,
for he is God-with-us.

— *Psalms 46*

COMMUNION Luke 1:45

Blessed are you for believing:
what the Lord said will be done.

— *Psalms 119:1-2, 13-16, 103-104, 171-172*

22 DECEMBER

OPENING Psalm 24:7

Lift up your heads, you gates,
reach higher, eternal doors;
let the King of glory enter.

— *Psalms 24*

COMMUNION Luke 1:46, 49

My soul acclaims the Lord;
the Almighty has done great things for me.

— *Luke 1:46-55*

23 DECEMBER

OPENING See Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 72:17

The child to be born for us
shall be known as Mighty God,
a blessing for all the nations.

— *Psalm 72:1-11, 17-18*

COMMUNION Revelation 3:20

I stand at the door and knock.
Listen and open for me to come in,
and we shall feast together.

— *Psalm 34 or Sirach 14:20; 15:3-5a, 6b
or Psalm 23*

24 DECEMBER

OPENING See Galatians 4:4

Now the appointed time has come,
God has sent his Son into the world.

— *Psalm 22:4-6, 10-11, 23-24*

COMMUNION Luke 1:68

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

— *Luke 1:68-79*

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

26 DECEMBER
STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

OPENING Unidentified

The gates of heaven opened for Stephen,
the first of all the army of martyrs
to win a triumph and a glorious crown.

— *Psalm 126 or Psalm 119:1-2, 21-24, 81-82, 85-88*

COMMUNION Acts 7:58

As they stoned him, Stephen cried:
Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

— *Psalm 31:10, 15-18, 20, 22-25*
or *Psalm 119:1, 78, 86, 95, 150, 153, 157, 161, 173*

27 DECEMBER
JOHN, apostle, evangelist

OPENING Unidentified

Blessed are you, John the apostle,
who reclined close to the Lord at supper;
to you were revealed the secrets of heaven,
the words of life that you gave the world.

— *Psalm 147:12-20 or Sirach 14:20; 15:3-5a, 6b*

Or: Sirach 15:5

When he spoke in the midst of the Church,
the Lord filled him with the spirit
of wisdom and understanding
and clothed him in a robe of glory.

— *Psalm 92*

COMMUNION John 1:14, 16

The Word was made flesh
and dwelt among us;
and from his fullness
we have all received.

— *Psalm 147:12-20 or Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6*

28 DECEMBER
HOLY INNOCENTS, martyrs

OPENING Unidentified

Innocent children slaughtered for Christ,
they follow the spotless Lamb and sing for ever:
Glory to you, O Lord.

— *Psalm 8*

COMMUNION See Revelation 14:4

Redeemed from among all peoples,
firstfruits for God and the Lamb,
they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

— *Psalm 23 or Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a*

29 DECEMBER
FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

OPENING John 3:16

God so loved the world
as to give his only Son,
that all who believe in him
might have eternal life.

— *Psalm 98*

COMMUNION Luke 1:78

Our compassionate God has come
like a dawning from on high.

— *Luke 1:68-79 or Psalm 34*

30 DECEMBER
SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

OPENING Wisdom 18:14-15

When the world was hushed to silence
at the turning-point of night,
Lord, your almighty Word
leapt down from the royal throne.

— *Psalm 93*

COMMUNION John 1:16

We have all received
from his fullness,
and grace for grace.

— *Psalm 8 or Psalm 34 or Psalm 65:2-3, 5, 10-14*

30 DECEMBER
THE HOLY FAMILY

OPENING Luke 2:16

The shepherds went in haste
and found Mary and Joseph,
and the infant placed in a manger.

— *Psalm 127 or Psalm 68:2, 5-7, 33-36*

COMMUNION Baruch 3:38

Our God has appeared on earth
and lives among us.

— *Psalm 46*

31 DECEMBER
SEVENTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE
OF CHRISTMAS

OPENING Isaiah 9:6

For us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
whose shoulder bears dominion,
Great Counsellor his name.

— *Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6 or Psalm 96*

COMMUNION 1 John 4:9

God sent into the world
his only-begotten Son,
that through him we might live.

— *Psalm 98*

WEEKDAYS OF THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS
2 JANUARY TO THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MONDAY

OPENING Unidentified

A hallowed day has dawned for us.
Nations, come and adore the Lord,
for a great light shines on the earth.

— *Psalm 63:2-9 or Psalm 99*

COMMUNION John 1:14

We have seen the glory
of the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

— *Psalm 97*

TUESDAY

OPENING Psalm 118:26-27

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.

— *Psalm 96*

COMMUNION Ephesians 2:4; Romans 8:3

God loved us so much
that he sent his only Son
in the likeness of sinful flesh.

— *Psalm 36:6-10 or Psalm 72:1-8*

WEDNESDAY

OPENING Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
on a land overshadowed by death
a light has dawned.

— *Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6*

COMMUNION 1 John 1:2

The Life who was with the Father
is now revealed to us.

— *Psalm 36:6-10*

THURSDAY

OPENING See John 1:1

In the beginning, before the ages,
the Word was God.
He chose to be born for us,
the Saviour of the world.

— *Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6 or Psalm 147:12-20 or Psalm 96*

COMMUNION John 3:16

God so loved the world
as to give his only Son,
that all who believe in him
might have eternal life.

— *Psalm 98*

FRIDAY

OPENING Psalm 112:4

Dawn after darkness for faithful hearts,
the Lord is merciful, tender, and just.

— *Psalm 112 or Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6*

COMMUNION 1 John 4:9

We have seen the love of God,
who sent into the world
his only-begotten Son,
that through him we might live.

— *Psalm 98*

SATURDAY

OPENING Galatians 4:4-5

God sent his Son,
born of a woman,
to make us his adopted children.

— *Psalm 22:4-6, 10-11, 23-24*

COMMUNION John 1:16

We have all received
from his fullness,
and grace for grace.

— *Psalm 8 or Psalm 34*

SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

OPENING See Wisdom 11:23-24, 26

O Lord our God, have mercy on us.
All creation to you is precious;
you disregard our sins and so convert us.

— *Psalm 56*

Giving of Ashes

ANTIPHON

One of the following antiphons may be sung before and after each verse or stanza of Psalm 51.

A See Joel 2:13

Fast in sackcloth and ashes
and cry to the God of mercy:
Forgive our sins, O Lord.

B Joel 2:17; Esther 13:17

Priests who serve the Lord
mourn within the temple:
Spare, O Lord, your people,
do not stifle our praise.

C Psalm 51:4

Lord, wash away our sin
and cleanse us from our guilt.

RESPONSORY

The following version of the responsory has been translated and arranged in such a way that it can be sung to the chant melody of the *Attende, Domine* (page 1152).

Response: Psalm 79:9

Lord, turn to us, we pray,
show us your mercy,
sinners in need of forgiveness.

See Baruch 3:2

1. Death may come upon us when we least expect it;
time may not allow leisure for repentance.
Now God invites us to amend our folly.

Response

2. In your mercy, Saviour, turn to us and free us;
glorify your name; Lord our God, redeem us,
or will your anger smoulder on for ever?

Response

SONG

The following song is an Alternative, metrical rhymed version of the Ash Wednesday antiphons and responsory. It is provided to accompany a prolonged giving of ashes. It is especially suitable in situations where there is no cantor or choir, since the melody would be repeated from one verse to the next and the whole assembly would be able to sing this hymn.

One of the following refrains is sung after each verse:

A Spare your people, gracious Lord!

B Parce nobis, Domine.

C Libera nos, Domine.

1. Put on sackcloth, fast and mourn!
Marked with ashes, fit for scorn!
Cry until your hearts are torn!
2. Young and old and newly-wed,
Turn to God again and shed
Pomp and fashion, every shred!
3. Priests who serve the Lord, lament!
Cry aloud: O Lord, relent;
Pardon us when we repent!
4. On this day the Lord intends
All of us to make amends,
Now, before the daylight ends.
5. Death may take us unawares,
Busy with our own affairs,
Too preoccupied for prayers.
6. God our Saviour, do not spurn
Sinners longing to return:
Must your wrath for ever burn?
7. Knowing our excuse is lame,
Still we ask you, end our shame
For the glory of your name.

COMMUNION Psalm 1:2-3

Ponder day and night on the law of God
and yield a harvest when the time is ripe.

— *Psalm 1*

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

OPENING See Psalm 55:17-20, 23

Cry to the Lord, who heard me
when traitors were all around;
cast your care on the Lord,
and you will be sustained.

— *Psalm 55:1-15, 17-23*

COMMUNION Psalm 51:12

Create a clean heart within me,
and a new spirit, O God.

— *Psalm 51*

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

OPENING Psalm 30:11

The Lord heard me and pitied me;
the Lord came to my rescue.

— *Psalm 30*

COMMUNION Psalm 25:4

Teach us how to live,
Lord, show us your ways.

— *Psalm 25*

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

OPENING Psalm 69:17

Hear us, Lord,
forgiving and gracious;
boundless in mercy,
look on us, Lord.

— *Psalm 69:2-17*

COMMUNION Matthew 9:13

I delight in mercy,
not sacrifice;
I came to call sinners,
not the just.

— *Hosea 6:1-6 or Psalm 51:10-17*

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

MONDAY

OPENING Psalm 123:2-3

Like the eyes of slaves
watching their master's hand,
so our eyes are watching
for mercy from our God.
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

— *Psalm 123*

COMMUNION Matthew 25:40, 34

Whatever you did to the least of mine,
you did to me, says the Lord.
Come, my Father has blessed you;
inherit your eternal kingdom.

— *Psalm 145*

TUESDAY

OPENING Psalm 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our refuge
in every generation;
from everlasting to everlasting
you are God.

— *Psalm 90*

COMMUNION Psalm 4:2

Lord, you are just and heard my prayer,
when I was troubled and oppressed.
Hear me now, have mercy, Lord.

— *Psalm 4*

WEDNESDAY

OPENING Psalm 25:6, 3, 22

Remember, Lord, your mercies
to Israel in ages past,
and free us from all oppression.

— *Psalm 25*

COMMUNION Psalm 5:12

Joy to all who trust in you, O Lord,
eternal joy, for you dwell among them.

— *Psalm 5*

THURSDAY

OPENING Psalm 5:2-3

Listen, Lord, and hear my prayer,
turn to me, my King and God.

— *Psalm 5*

COMMUNION Matthew 7:8

Ask and receive, search and find,
knock and the door will be opened.

— *Psalm 31:2-9*

FRIDAY

OPENING Psalm 25:17-18

Deliver me, Lord, from anguish,
look on my pain and my sorrow,
and pardon all my sins.

— *Psalm 25*

COMMUNION Ezekiel 33:11

As I live, I desire
that a sinner shall not die
but turn back and live.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 51*

SATURDAY

OPENING Psalm 19:8

A faithful revelation,
perfect and reviving,
wisdom even for children:
such is the law of God.

— *Psalm 19:8-15*

COMMUNION Matthew 5:48

Be perfect, says the Lord,
like your heavenly Father.

— *Psalm 119:9-16, 33-40 or Psalm 1*

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

MONDAY

OPENING Psalm 26:11-12

Lord, redeem me, have mercy on me;
I stand firmly on your path
and I bless you, Lord, among the faithful.

— *Psalm 26*

COMMUNION Luke 6:36

Be merciful, says the Lord,
like your heavenly Father.

— *Psalm 103*

TUESDAY

OPENING Psalm 13:4-5

Give light to my eyes
or I shall sleep in death;
do not let the enemy
boast of defeating me.

— *Psalm 13*

COMMUNION Psalm 9:2-3

With all my heart I praise you,
telling of all your wonders,
singing a joyful song to you,
the Lord Most High.

— *Psalm 9:2-3, 8-13*

WEDNESDAY

OPENING Psalm 38:22-23

Do not abandon me, O Lord my God.
Come swiftly, do not leave me, Lord my Saviour.

— *Psalm 38 or Psalm 27:7-14*

COMMUNION Matthew 20:28

The Son of Man has come
to serve, not to be served,
and to give his life
in ransom for the world.

— *Psalm 119:105-112, 129-136*

THURSDAY

OPENING Psalm 139:23-24

Probe me and my way of life:
do I stray after evil?
Keep me, Lord my God,
on the road to eternal glory.

— *Psalm 139:1-20, 23-24*

COMMUNION Psalm 119:1

Blest are those who walk
as the Law of God directs.

— *Psalm 119:1-8, 97-104*

FRIDAY

OPENING Psalm 31:2, 5

Lord, I trust in you,
I shall never be confounded;
keep me from hidden snares,
for you are my protector.

— *Psalm 31*

COMMUNION 1 John 4:10

God loved us and sent his only Son,
the sacrifice that takes away our sins.

— *Psalm 22:2-11, 15-16, 23-27*
or *1 Peter 2:21-24*

SATURDAY

OPENING Psalm 145:8-9

The Lord is tender and merciful,
loving and slow to anger,
kind to all the world,
gentle to all creation.

— *Psalm 145*

COMMUNION Luke 15:32

My son, be glad;
your dead brother has come to life,
the one who was lost is found.

— *Psalm 32*

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

MONDAY

OPENING Psalm 84:3

My soul longs and pines
for the courts of the Lord,
my heart and flesh exult
in the living God.

— *Psalm 84*

COMMUNION Psalm 117:1-2

All you nations, praise the Lord,
whose love for us will last for ever.

— *Psalm 57*

TUESDAY

OPENING Psalm 17:6, 8

Lord, you always answer my prayer;
turn and hear me now.
Keep me, the apple of your eye;
overshadow me with your wings.

— *Psalm 17 or Psalm 61:2-6*

COMMUNION Psalm 15:1-2

Who shall dwell in your tent
or rest on your holy mountain?
Those who walk without blame,
those who obey you, Lord.

— *Psalm 15*

WEDNESDAY

OPENING Psalm 119:133

Make me walk where you direct,
keep me safe from the power of evil.

— *Psalm 119:129-136*

COMMUNION Psalm 16:11

Show me the way to life;
let me rejoice before you
and see you face to face.

— *Psalm 16*

THURSDAY

OPENING Unidentified

I am your Saviour, my people;
whatever sorrow you may suffer,
I will answer when you call upon me,
and I will be your Lord for ever.

— *Psalm 37:39-40*

COMMUNION Psalm 119:4-5

Lord, you charge us to cherish your law;
keep me faithful to your commands.

— *Psalm 119:1-8*

FRIDAY

OPENING Psalm 86:8, 10

There is no god like you, O Lord:
great and wondrous, the only God.

— *Psalm 86*

COMMUNION See Mark 12:33

To love God with all your heart
and your neighbour as yourself
outweighs any sacrifice.

— *Psalm 40*

SATURDAY

OPENING Psalm 103:2-3

Bless the Lord, my soul,
remember, your sins are forgiven.

— *Psalm 103:1-10*

COMMUNION Luke 18:13

Far off, the tax-collector
struck his breast and said:
Forgive a sinner, Lord.

— *Psalm 32*

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

MONDAY

OPENING Psalm 31:7-8

Lord, I will hope in you
and glorify your mercy,
for you understand my distress.

— *Psalm 31:2-9, 20-23*

COMMUNION Ezekiel 36:27

My Spirit shall be among you,
so that you keep my laws
and honour my commands.

— *Psalm 119:1-8, 97-104*

TUESDAY

OPENING See Isaiah 55:1

Water for the thirsty;
come, says the Lord,
freely drink your fill,
drink it and rejoice.

— *Psalm 42 or Isaiah 12:2-6*

COMMUNION Psalm 23:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd;
I have all I long for:
green pastures to rest in
and peaceful waters.

— *Psalm 23*

WEDNESDAY

OPENING Psalm 69:14

Lord, I pray,
favour me now;
most merciful God,
be faithful and save me.

— *Psalm 69:14-17; 31-37*

COMMUNION John 3:17

God sent his Son
not to judge the world,
but to be the world's salvation.

— *Psalm 20 or Psalm 22:4-6, 10-11, 23-27, 31-32*

THURSDAY

OPENING Psalm 105:3-4

Rejoice, and long for the Lord.
Long for the Lord, your strength,
long for the sight of God.

— *Psalm 105:1-11, 43-45*

COMMUNION Jeremiah 31:33

I will write my law on their hearts,
I shall be their God,
and they shall be my people.

— *Psalm 119:33-40*

FRIDAY

OPENING Psalm 54:3-4

Judge in my favour, Lord,
and use your power to save me;
hear my prayer, O God,
and listen to my plea.

— *Psalm 54:3-6, 8*

COMMUNION Ephesians 1:7

In Christ and by his blood,
through the rich grace of God,
we now have redemption
and pardon for our sins.

— *Psalm 130 or Ephesians 1:3-10*

SATURDAY

OPENING Psalm 18:5-7

Groans of death were around me,
grief of the grave about me;
I cried to the Lord, who heard me
from within the holy temple.

— *Psalm 18:2-7*

COMMUNION 1 Peter 1:19

We have been redeemed
by the precious blood of Christ,
the pure and spotless Lamb.

— *Psalm 130 or 1 Peter 2:21-24*

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

MONDAY

OPENING Psalm 56:2

In the battle, Lord, have mercy on me,
attacked and trampled on all day long.

— *Psalm 56*

COMMUNION John 8:10-11

Has no one condemned you?
No one, Lord.
Neither will I;
now sin no more.

— *Psalm 32*

Or: John 8:12

I am the light of the world;
follow me, says the Lord.
You will not walk in darkness
but have the light of life.

— *Psalm 27 or Psalm 36:6-10*

TUESDAY

OPENING Psalm 27:14

Wait for the Lord, and do not fear,
show your courage and wait for the Lord.

— *Psalm 27*

COMMUNION John 12:32

When I am raised up from the earth,
I shall draw to myself the whole world.

— *Psalm 36:6-10 or Philippians 2:6-11*

WEDNESDAY

OPENING Psalm 18:48-49

You rescue me from raging nations,
setting me high above their reach;
you deliver me from violence, Lord.

— *Psalm 18:2-7, 47-51*

COMMUNION Colossians 1:13-14

God has brought us into the kingdom
of his beloved Son.

In Christ and by his blood
we now have redemption
and pardon for our sins.

— *Psalm 130 or Colossians 1:12-20*

THURSDAY

OPENING Hebrews 9:15

Christ is the mediator
of the new testament;
through his death we inherit
the eternal promise.

— *Psalm 89:1-5, 16-19*

COMMUNION Romans 8:32

O Lord our God,
you did not spare your own Son,
but gave him up for all of us.
With him, all other gifts are ours.

— *Psalm 51 or Isaiah 53:10-12*

FRIDAY

OPENING Psalm 31:10, 16, 18

Pity me, Lord, in my anguish,
deliver me from oppression
and from my persecutors;
I know I do not call in vain.

— *Psalm 31:2-3, 10-18*

COMMUNION 1 Peter 2:24

In his own body, Jesus
bore our sins on the cross,
that we might die to sin
and live for holiness.
By his wounds we were healed.

— *Psalm 31:2, 6, 10-18, 25 or Isaiah 53:4-6*

SATURDAY

OPENING Psalm 22:20, 7

Do not remain aloof,
turn and defend me, O Lord;
I am a laughingstock,
less than human, a worm.

— *Psalm 22:1-9, 17-22, 31-32*

COMMUNION John 11:52

Christ was handed over
to gather into one
the scattered children of God.

— *Isaiah 49:1-7*

HOLY WEEK

MONDAY

OPENING Psalm 35:1-2; 140:8

O Lord, my mighty Saviour,
judge and repel my accusers;
take up your shield and weapons,
arise, Lord, and help me.

— *Psalm 140:1-8, 13-14*

COMMUNION Psalm 102:3

Whenever I am in trouble,
do not turn away;
whenever I call upon you,
listen and come quickly.

— *Psalm 102:2-12, 21-23*

TUESDAY

OPENING Psalm 27:12

Do not surrender me, Lord,
to those who hunt me down;
liars rise against me
and contradict themselves.

— *Psalm 27:7-14*

COMMUNION Romans 8:32

O Lord our God,
you did not spare your own Son,
but gave him up for all of us.

— *Psalm 51 or Isaiah 53:10-12*

WEDNESDAY

OPENING Philippians 2:10, 8, 11

At the name of Jesus
every knee must bend
in heaven and on earth
and in the world below.
Obedient even to dying,
dying on a cross,
Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.

— *Psalm 102:2-12, 21-23*
or Philippians 2:6-11

COMMUNION Matthew 20:28

The Son of Man has come
to serve, not to be served,
and to give his life
in ransom for the world.

— *Psalm 119:105-112, 129-136*
or Psalm 31:2, 6, 10-18, 25

SEASON OF EASTER

OCTAVE OF EASTER

EASTER MONDAY

OPENING Exodus 13:5, 9

The Lord has settled you
in a land of milk and honey;
keep the law of God
always on your lips, alleluia.

— *Psalm 105:1-6, 36-45*

Or: Unidentified

The Lord has risen from the dead,
as he had promised.
Let all the world shout for joy,
for he rules for ever, alleluia.

— *Psalm 99*

COMMUNION Romans 6:9

Risen from the dead,
Christ cannot die again;
no longer can death
have power over him, alleluia.

— *Psalm 118*

EASTER TUESDAY

OPENING See Sirach 15:3-4

The water of wisdom is theirs to drink;
wisdom shall be their strength and stay
and raise them up for ever, alleluia.

— *Psalm 105:1-2, 36-45*
or *Sirach 14:20; 15:3-5a, 6b*

COMMUNION Colossians 3:1-2

Since you have risen together with Christ,
seek and savour what is above,
where Christ sits at the right hand of God, alleluia.

— *Psalm 63:2-9 or Psalm 105:1-11, 43-45*

EASTER WEDNESDAY

OPENING See Matthew 25:34

Come, my Father has blessed you;
come and possess the kingdom
prepared for you since the world began, alleluia.

— *Psalm 96*

COMMUNION Luke 24:35

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

— *Psalm 16 or Psalm 23*
or *Psalm 104:10-15, 27-29, 33-39*

EASTER THURSDAY

OPENING Wisdom 10:20-21

Israel praised your mighty arm;
your wisdom opened mouths that were mute
and gave fluent tongues to children, alleluia.

— *Psalm 98*

COMMUNION 1 Peter 2:9

You are a people set apart;
sing the praises of God who called you
from darkness to wonderful light, alleluia.

— *Psalm 105:1-6, 42-45*
or *Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12*

EASTER FRIDAY

OPENING Psalm 78:53

Pharaoh's army sank in the sea,
but led by the Lord, we crossed to safety, alleluia.

— *Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 or Wisdom 10:17-21*
or *Psalm 136:10-22*

COMMUNION See John 21:12-13

Come and break your fast,
Jesus said to his disciples.
Then taking the bread,
he gave it to them, alleluia.

— *Psalm 78:1-4, 23-27*
or *Wisdom 16:20-21, 26; 17:1a*

EASTER SATURDAY

OPENING Psalm 105:43

The Lord led Israel out in joy,
the chosen people in exultation, alleluia.

— *Psalm 136:1-3, 10-22*
or *Psalm 105:1-2, 36-45*

COMMUNION Galatians 3:27

You have put on Christ,
in him you have been baptised, alleluia.

— *Psalm 96 or Ezekiel 36:24-28*
or *Psalm 105:1-11, 43-45*

SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

MONDAY

OPENING Romans 6:9

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Christ cannot die again;
no longer can death
have power over him, alleluia.

— *Psalm 118*

COMMUNION John 20:19

Standing among the disciples, Jesus said:
Peace be with you, alleluia.

— *Psalm 118*

TUESDAY

OPENING Revelation 19:7, 6

Be glad, rejoice, give glory to God,
for the Lord our God, the Almighty, is king,
alleluia.

— *Psalm 97 or see Revelation 19:1-7*

COMMUNION See Luke 24:46, 26

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and so enter into his glory, alleluia.

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WEDNESDAY

OPENING Psalm 18:50; 22:23

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and tell of your name among your people, alleluia.

— *Psalm 22:4-6, 23-32*

COMMUNION See John 15:16, 19

I have chosen you from the world
to go out and bear fruit,
fruit that will endure, alleluia.

— *Psalm 92 or Psalm 96*

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OPENING Psalm 68:8-9, 20

O God, you marched before your people,
and stayed among them across the desert;
the earth quaked and the heavens opened, alleluia.

— *Psalm 68:2-4, 8-11, 33-36*

COMMUNION Matthew 28:20

I, the Lord, am with you always
until the world shall end, alleluia.

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FRIDAY

OPENING See Revelation 5:9-10

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from every people, tribe, and tongue:
making us a royal house,
a priestly people to serve our God, alleluia.

— *Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12*
or *Psalm 99 or Psalm 89:1-14*

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— *Psalm 116 or Psalm 118*

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COMMUNION John 17:24

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may be with me where I am,
and see the glory which you gave me, alleluia.

— *Psalm 63:2-9 or Psalm 97*

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

MONDAY

OPENING Unidentified

The Good Shepherd died for the flock
and gave his life for the sheep,
but now he has risen again, alleluia.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 78:52-55, 70-72*

COMMUNION John 14:27

Peace I leave you,
my peace I give you,
not as the world gives, alleluia.

— *Psalm 118*

TUESDAY

OPENING Revelation 19:5; 12:10

Praise our God, you faithful servants,
small and great who fear the Lord;
now we are saved, and power belongs to Christ,
alleluia.

— *Psalm 99 or see Revelation 19:1-7*

COMMUNION Romans 6:8

Since we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall live with Christ, alleluia.

— *Psalm 16*

WEDNESDAY

OPENING Psalm 71:8, 23

Fill my mouth with your praise
and let me sing;
now shall my lips rejoice
in a song to you, alleluia.

— *Psalm 71:1-8; 21-23*

COMMUNION Unidentified

Christ is risen and shines upon us,
he has redeemed us by his blood, alleluia.

— *Psalm 34 or Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12*

THURSDAY

OPENING Exodus 15:1-2

Sing to the Lord, great and triumphant;
praise the Lord, my strength and salvation,
alleluia.

— *Exodus 15:1-18 or Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16*

COMMUNION 2 Corinthians 5:15

Christ has died for all,
that we may live no longer for ourselves
but for him who died for us and rose again,
alleluia.

— *Psalm 63:2-9*

FRIDAY

OPENING Revelation 5:12

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
worthy of power and godhead,
wisdom and honour, glory and might for ever,
alleluia.

— *Psalm 96 or Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12*

COMMUNION Unidentified

The crucified has risen from the dead
and has redeemed us, alleluia.

— *Psalm 98 or Psalm 116*

SATURDAY

OPENING Colossians 2:12

Baptised and buried with Christ,
we are risen with him through faith
in the mighty act of God,
who raised him from the dead, alleluia.

— *Psalm 98*

COMMUNION John 17:20-21

Father, for them I pray,
for them to be one in us,
and so for the world to believe
that I was sent by you, alleluia.

— *Psalm 122, Psalm 133, or Jeremiah 31:10-14*

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

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OPENING Romans 6:9

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— *Psalm 118*

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and see the glory which you gave me, alleluia.

— *Psalm 63:2-9 or Psalm 97*

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OPENING Unidentified

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and gave his life for the sheep,
but now he has risen again, alleluia.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 78:52-55, 70-72*

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fruit that will endure, alleluia.

— *Psalm 92 or Psalm 96*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

OPENING Acts 1:11

You Galileans,
why gaze up at the skies?
As Christ ascended,
so he will come again, alleluia.

— *Psalm 68:2-5, 19-21; 33-36 or Psalm 96*

COMMUNION Matthew 28:20

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and see the glory which you gave me, alleluia.

— *Psalm 63:2-9 or Psalm 97*

SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

MONDAY

OPENING Acts 1:8

The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and you shall receive power
and bear witness to me
to the farthest ends of the earth, alleluia.

— *Psalm 96 or Psalm 67*

COMMUNION John 14:18; 16:22

Thus says the Lord:
I will not leave you orphans,
I will come to you again
and make your hearts rejoice, alleluia.

— *Psalm 122 or Psalm 98*

TUESDAY

OPENING Revelation 1:17-18

I am the first and last,
I died and am alive,
I live for evermore, alleluia.

— *Psalm 93 or Colossians 1:12-20*

COMMUNION John 14:26

The Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you and remind you
of all that I have told you, alleluia.

— *Psalm 51:3, 8-20*

WEDNESDAY

OPENING Psalm 47:2

All you nations, clap your hands;
shout to God with a cry of joy, alleluia!

— *Psalm 47*

COMMUNION John 15:26-27

The Paraclete whom I shall send you,
the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father,
will come to bear witness to what I am,
and you also shall bear witness, alleluia.

— *Psalm 78:1-7, 23-25*

THURSDAY

OPENING Hebrews 4:16

Boldly approach the throne of grace
to find mercy in time of need, alleluia.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4*

COMMUNION John 16:7

Better for you that I should go;
indeed, I tell you, unless I do,
the Paraclete will not come to you, alleluia.

— *Psalm 46*

FRIDAY

OPENING Revelation 1:5-6

Christ has shown his love
and washed away our sins
in his own blood;
he has made us a royal house
and a priestly people
to serve God his Father, alleluia.

— *Psalm 99 or Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 12*

COMMUNION John 16:13

Thus says the Lord:
The Spirit of truth will come
and lead you to all truth, alleluia.

— *Psalm 25*

SATURDAY

OPENING See Acts 1:14

With one mind the disciples
persevered in prayer
with Mary, the Mother of Jesus,
the women, and his brothers, alleluia.

— *Psalm 63:2-9 and Psalm 34*

COMMUNION John 16:14

Thus says the Lord:
The Holy Spirit will glorify me
by receiving from what is mine
and passing it on to you, alleluia.

— *Psalm 78:1-7, 23, 25*

ORDINARY TIME

FEASTS OF THE LORD

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

(Thursday or Sunday after the Holy Trinity)

OPENING Psalm 81:17

God fed them with the finest wheat
and filled them with honey from the rock.

— *Psalm 81 or Psalm 147*

COMMUNION John 6:57

If you eat my flesh and drink my blood,
you abide in me and I in you.

— *Psalm 23 or Wisdom 16:20-21, 26; 17:1a*
or Psalm 119:1-2, 11, 41, 50, 72, 103, 105, 162

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

(Friday following Second Sunday after Pentecost)

OPENING Psalm 33:11, 19

The heart of the Lord remembers
from age to age;
we shall be snatched from death
and fed in time of famine.

— *Psalm 33:1, 13-15, 18-21*

COMMUNION John 7:37-38

If you are thirsty, says the Lord,
come to me and drink.
Put your faith in me,
and streams of living water
shall flow out from your heart.

— *Psalm 63:2-9 or Psalm 27:1, 7-14*
or Psalm 34

Or: John 19:34

With a lance a soldier pierced his side,
and there came forth blood and water.

— *Psalm 89:2, 3, 6, 15, 18, 25, 29, 34-35*
or YEAR A: Isaiah 12:2-6
or YEARS B AND C: Psalm 103

WEEKDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Unidentified

On a high throne I saw sitting
a man adored by hosts of angels,
who cried out with one voice:
Praise to the king who reigns for ever.

— *Psalm 100 or Psalm 103:19-22*

COMMUNION Psalm 36:10

The fountain of life is in you, O Lord,
and in your light we shall see light.

— *Psalm 36:6-10*

Or: John 10:10

I came that they May have life,
life in all its fullness.

— *Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11*

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 66:4

Let all the earth adore and praise you
and sing to your name, O God Most High.

— *Psalm 66*

COMMUNION See Psalm 23:5

You spread a feast before me,
with a brimming cup to gladden my heart.

— *Psalm 23*

Or: 1 John 4:16

We know and we believe
in the love of God for us.

— *Psalm 146 or Psalm 103*

THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 96:1, 6

Sing to the Lord a new song;
all the earth, sing to the Lord,
the Lord whose palace is power and splendour,
the Lord whose Temple is glory and praise.

— *Psalm 96*

COMMUNION Psalm 34:6

Turn to the Lord, shine with light,
and you will never blush for shame.

— *Psalm 34*

Or: John 8:12

I am the light of the world;
follow me, says the Lord.
You will not walk in darkness
but have the light of life.

— *YEAR A: Psalm 36:6-10 or Psalm 112*
YEARS B AND C: Psalm 27

FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 106:47

Save us, O Lord our God,
and gather us from the nations
to sound your name abroad
and glory in your praise.

— *Sirach 36:1-7, 13, 16-22 or Psalm 122*

COMMUNION Psalm 31:16-17

Shine out, O Lord, and let me see you;
save me, the servant you love.
I call upon you, preserve me from shame.

— *Psalm 31:2-9, 15-16a*

Or: Matthew 5:3-4

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are the gentle,
for they shall inherit the earth.

— *Psalm 37:1-11 or Psalm 146*

FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 95:6-7

Come, bow down and worship,
kneel to the Lord, our maker,
for the Lord alone is our God.

— *Psalm 95*

COMMUNION Psalm 107:8-9

Praise the love of God,
the wonders of the Lord,
who satisfies the hungry
and feeds the starving soul.

— *Psalm 107:1-9 or Palm 146*

Or: Matthew 5:5-6

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be consoled.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice,
for they shall have their fill.

— *Psalm 126 or Isaiah 49:7-13*

SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 31:3-4

My rock of refuge, Lord, my stronghold,
O lead and guide me, be true to your name.

— *Psalm 31:1-9 or Psalm 18:2-7, 17-20
or Psalm 28*

COMMUNION Psalm 78:29-30

They ate and they were filled;
the Lord gave what they longed for,
God satisfied their hunger.

— *Psalm 78:1-4, 23-28*

Or: John 3:16

God so loved the world
as to give his only Son,
that all who believe in him
might have eternal life.

— *Psalm 103*

SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 13:6

I trust in your mercy, Lord,
and rejoice that you have saved me.
Let me sing a song
of your goodness, Lord Most High.

— *Psalm 13 or Psalm 40:2-12*

COMMUNION Psalm 9:2-3

With all my heart I praise you,
telling of all your wonders,
singing a joyful song to you,
the Lord Most High.

— *Psalm 9:2-3, 8-13*

Or: John 11:27

Lord, I have learned to believe
that you are the Christ,
Son of the living God,
who have come into the world.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 119:33-40*

EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 18:19-20

The Lord, my strength and Saviour,
has led me out to freedom,
for the Lord delights in me.

— *Psalm 18:2-7, 17-20*

COMMUNION Psalm 13:6

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sing to the name of the Lord Most High.

— *Psalm 13 or Psalm 33*

Or: Matthew 28:20

I, the Lord, am with you always
until the world shall end.

— *Psalm 34*

NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 25:16, 18

Lord, I am poor and alone;
turn to me and have mercy.
Look on my toil and shame
and pardon all my sins.

— *Psalm 25*

COMMUNION Psalm 17:6

Lord, you always answer my prayer;
turn and hear me now.

— *Psalm 17*

Or: Mark 11:23-24

Amen, says the Lord:
Whatever you pray for,
believe it is yours,
and so it will be.

— *Psalm 61 or Psalm 86*

TENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 27:1-2

My light and strength are the Lord;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord defends my life;
what shall I dread?
Those who plot against me
only defeat themselves.

— *Psalm 27*

COMMUNION Psalm 18:3

My fortress and my refuge,
my saviour and my shield,
the Lord my God.

— *Psalm 18:2-7, 17-20 or Psalm 63:2-9*

Or: 1 John 4:16

God is love;
if we abide in love,
we abide in God
and God in us.

— *Psalm 103*

ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 27:7, 9

Listen, Lord, when I cry to you;
do not abandon, do not desert me,
but stay beside me, O God my Saviour.

— *Psalm 27 or Psalm 28*

COMMUNION Psalm 27:4

One thing I ask the Lord,
one thing I desire:
to dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

— *Psalm 84 or Psalm 27*

Or: John 17:11

Holy Father, keep in your name
those you have given me, says the Lord,
so they shall be one as we are one.

— *Psalm 122 or Psalm 133 or Jeremiah 31:10-14*

TWELFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 28:8-9

Lord, the strength of your people,
refuge of your Anointed,
save and bless your children
and be our Shepherd for ever.

— *Psalm 28*

COMMUNION Psalm 145:15

The eyes of all look to you, O Lord;
you give them their food in due time.

— *Psalm 145*

Or: John 10:11, 15

I am the Good Shepherd,
and for my sheep I give my life.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 78:52-55, 70-72*

THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 47:2

All you nations, clap your hands;
shout to God with a cry of joy!

— *Psalm 47*

COMMUNION Psalm 103:1

Bless the Lord, my soul;
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

— *Psalm 103*

Or: John 17:20-21

Father, for them I pray,
for them to be one in us,
and so for the world to believe
that I was sent by you.

— *Psalm 122 or Psalm 133 or Jeremiah 31:10-14*

FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 48:10-11

Within your Temple we ponder your mercy;
throughout the world your name resounds.
Throughout the world let your praise be heard:
your right hand is full of justice.

— *Psalm 48*

COMMUNION Psalm 34:9

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;
blessed are all whose trust is in God.

— *Psalm 34*

Or: Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all who toil under burdens;
I will refresh you, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 40:1-12 or Psalm 25 or Psalm 131*

FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 17:15

The just will see you face to face;
to gaze on your glory will be my delight.

— *Psalm 24*

COMMUNION Psalm 84:4-5

Sparrow and brooding dove
nest by your altars, Lord.
Blessed are those who dwell here
and praise your power for ever.

— *Psalm 84*

Or: John 6:57

If you eat my flesh and drink my blood,
you abide in me and I in you.

— *Psalm 23 or Wisdom 16:20-21, 26; 17:1a
or Psalm 19:8-14*

SIXTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 54:6, 8

Lord, you uphold and protect me;
gladly I offer you sacrifice
and praise your name for its goodness.

— *Psalm 54 or Psalm 18:2-7, 17-20*

COMMUNION Psalm 111:4-5

You are gracious, Lord, and loving;
you recall your ancient wonders
with a feast for all who revere you.

— *Psalm 111*

Or: Revelation 3:20

I stand at the door and knock.
Listen and open for me to come in,
and we shall feast together.

— *Psalm 34 or Sirach 14:20; 15:3-5a, 6b or Psalm 23*

SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 68:6-7, 36

God in his holy place
gives us power and strength
and a dwelling where the lonely
can live as one in spirit.

— *Psalm 68:5-7, 33-36 or Psalm 29*

COMMUNION Psalm 103:2

Bless the Lord, my soul;
do not forget God's many gifts.

— *Psalm 103*

Or: Matthew 5:7-8

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall have mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they shall see God.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 73:1, 24-28*

EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 70:2, 6

O God, come to my aid;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Deliver me and sustain me;
Lord, do not delay.

— *Psalm 70*

COMMUNION Wisdom 16:20

You have given us bread from heaven,
whose taste is sheer delight.

— *Wisdom 16:20-21, 26; 17:1a
or Psalm 78:1-4, 23-29*

Or: John 6:35

I am the bread of life, says the Lord.
Come to me and never hunger,
believe in me and never thirst.

— *Psalm 36:6-10 or Psalm 42 or Psalm 63:2-9*

NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 74:20, 19, 22, 23

Remember, Lord, your covenant;
do not for ever desert your poor.
Arise, O Lord, and defend your cause;
do not forget us when we cry to you.

— *Psalm 74:12-23 or Psalm 80*

COMMUNION Psalm 147:12, 14

Jerusalem, praise the Lord,
who feeds you with the finest wheat.

— *Psalm 147:12-20*

Or: John 6:52

The bread that I shall give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.

— *Psalm 111*

TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 84:10-11

Look down, O God, and shield us,
remember your Anointed.
One day within your courts
is worth a thousand elsewhere.

— *Psalm 84*

COMMUNION Psalm 130:7

With the Lord there is mercy
and redemption running over.

— *Psalm 130*

Or: John 6:51-52

I am the living bread from heaven.
If you eat this bread, says the Lord,
you will live for ever.

— *Sirach 14:20; 15:3-5a, 6b or Psalm 23
or Psalm 36:6-10*

TWENTY-FIRST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 86:1-3

Turn toward me and listen, Lord;
save your servant who trusts in you.
Have mercy on me, O Lord my God;
all day long I cry to you.

— *Psalm 86:1-10*

COMMUNION Psalm 104:13-15

Earth is full of your gift from heaven:
bread to strengthen, wine to cheer us.

— *Psalm 104:1-2a, 13-15, 27-34*

Or: John 6:54

If you eat my flesh and drink my blood,
you have eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

— *Psalm 104:1-2a, 13-15, 27-34*

TWENTY-SECOND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 86:3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord my God;
all day long I cry to you.
You are kind and forgiving, Lord,
and rich in mercy to all who ask.

— *Psalm 86:1-10 or Psalm 51*

COMMUNION Psalm 31:19

What great delight you give us, O Lord,
what hidden treasures to those who fear you!

— *Psalm 31:20-25 or Psalm 145*

Or: Matthew 5:9-10

Blessed are those who strive for peace,
for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice,
for they possess the kingdom of heaven.

— *Psalm 146 or Isaiah 66:10-14a
or Psalm 34:2-5, 8-9, 12-15*

TWENTY-THIRD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 119:137, 124

Lord, you are just and your judgements true.
I am your servant; judge me with mercy.

— *Psalm 119:145-152*

COMMUNION Psalm 42:2-3

My soul longs for you, my God,
as a deer longs for flowing streams;
my soul thirsts for the living God.

— *Psalm 42 or Psalm 63:2-9*

Or: John 8:12

I am the light of the world;
follow me, says the Lord.
You will not walk in darkness
but have the light of life.

— *Psalm 27 or Psalm 36:6-10*

TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING See Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to your faithful
and vindicate your prophets.
Hear the prayer of your servant,
of Israel, your people.

— *Sirach 36:1-7, 13, 16-22 or Psalm 122*

COMMUNION Psalm 36:8

O God, how precious your mercy!
Beneath your wings we are safe.

— *Psalm 36:6-10 or Psalm 91*

Or: See 1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup we bless
is a sharing in the blood of Christ;
the bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

— *Psalm 116 or Psalm 104:1-2a, 13-15, 27-34*

TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Unidentified

I am your Saviour, my people;
whatever sorrow you may suffer,
I will answer when you call upon me,
and I will be your Lord for ever.

— *Psalm 37:27-40 or Sirach 36:1-7, 13, 16-22*
or *Psalm 56*

COMMUNION *Psalm 119:4-5*

Lord, you charge us to cherish your law;
keep me faithful to your commands.

— *Psalm 119:1-8, 103-106 or Psalm 19:8-15*

Or: *John 10:14*

I am the Good Shepherd;
I know my sheep and mine know me.

— *Psalm 23*

TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING *Daniel 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42*

All you have done was justified,
for we had sinned and disobeyed you.
But, Lord, give glory to your name;
show us your infinite mercy.

— *Psalm 130 or Psalm 90*

COMMUNION *Psalm 119:49-50*

Remember, Lord,
the word you gave your servant:
my hope and consolation
in all my sorrow.

— *Psalm 119:1-2, 49-52, 73-80 or Psalm 42*

Or: *1 John 3:16*

We know God's love in this:
that Christ laid down his life for us.
So we too should give our lives
for one another.

— *Psalm 119:1-8, 103-106 or 1 Peter 2:21-24*
or *Philippians 2:6-11*

TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING *Esther 13:9, 10-11*

All creation obeys your power,
and nothing can resist your will;
heaven and earth and the starry vault,
you created and govern them all.

— *Psalm 8 or Judith 16:2-3a, 13-15*
or *Psalm 119:1-16*

COMMUNION *Lamentations 3:25*

How gracious is the Lord,
for whom we long and hope!

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 86*

Or: *See 1 Corinthians 10:17*

Though we are many,
we are one bread, one body;
there is one loaf, one cup
for all to share.

— *Jeremiah 31:10-14 or Psalm 122*

TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING *Psalm 130:3-4*

If you lay bare our guilt,
who could endure it?
But you are full of mercy,
Lord God of Israel.

— *Psalm 130 or Psalm 90*

COMMUNION *Psalm 34:11*

The rich may pine and starve,
not those who seek the Lord.

— *Psalm 34 or Psalm 25*

Or: *1 John 3:2*

When the Lord appears,
we shall be like him;
we shall see him as he is.

— *Psalm 27:1, 7-14 or Psalm 84 or Psalm 63:2-9*

TWENTY-NINTH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 17:6, 8

Lord, you always answer my prayer;
turn and hear me now.

Keep me, the apple of your eye;
overshadow me with your wings.

— *Psalm 17 or Psalm 61:2-6*

COMMUNION Psalm 33:18-19

The eyes of the Lord
watch over the faithful;
we shall be snatched from death
and fed in time of famine.

— *Psalm 33:1-5, 13-15, 18-22*

Or: Mark 10:45

The Son of Man has come
to give his life in ransom for many.

— *Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12 or Psalm 40:7-12*

THIRTIETH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 105:3-4

Rejoice, and long for the Lord.
Long for the Lord, your strength,
long for the sight of God.

— *Psalm 105:1-11, 43-45 or Psalm 63:2-9*

COMMUNION Psalm 20:6

We rejoice in you, our Saviour,
and boast in the name of the Lord our God.

— *Psalm 20 or Psalm 98 or Psalm 22:23-32*

Or: Ephesians 5:2

Christ loves us;
for us he gave himself,
a fragrant sacrifice to God.

— *Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12 or Philippians 2:6-11
or Psalm 40:7-12*

THIRTY-FIRST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 38:22-23

Do not abandon me, O Lord my God.
Come swiftly, do not leave me, Lord my Saviour.

— *Psalm 38 or Psalm 27:7-14*

COMMUNION Psalm 16:11

Show me the way to life;
let me rejoice before you
and see you face to face.

— *Psalm 16 or Psalm 119*

Or: John 6:58

The living Father sent me;
I live because of the Father.
Whoever feeds on me
will live because of me.

— *Sirach 14:20; 15:3-5, 6b or Psalm 34*

THIRTY-SECOND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 88:3

Let my prayer come into your presence;
turn to me and listen.

— *Psalm 88 or Psalm 27:7-14*

COMMUNION Psalm 23:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd;
I have all I long for:
green pastures to rest in
and peaceful waters.

— *Psalm 23*

Or: Luke 24:35

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 104:10-15, 27-29, 33-34*

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Jeremiah 29:11, 12, 14

Peace is my purpose, not affliction.
Only cry to me, says the Lord;
I will hear you
and lead you home from exile.

— *Psalm 85 or Psalm 126*

COMMUNION Psalm 73:28

It is good for me to cling to God,
to put my hope in the Lord.

— *Psalm 73:1-2, 21-28 or Psalm 63:2-9*

Or: Mark 11:23-24

Amen, says the Lord:
Whatever you pray for,
believe it is yours,
and so it will be.

— *Psalm 61 or Psalm 86*

THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

OPENING Psalm 85:9

Peace to his holy people
and to those who turn to him:
so the Lord has promised.

— *Psalm 85*

COMMUNION Psalm 117:1-2

All you nations, praise the Lord,
whose love for us will last for ever.

— *Psalm 57:8-12*

Or: Matthew 28:20

I, the Lord, am with you always
until the world shall end.

— *Psalm 34 or Psalm 46*

THE PROPER OF SAINTS

17 JANUARY
ANTHONY, ABBOT

OPENING Psalm 92:13-14

Like a palm or a Lebanon cedar,
the just shall flourish,
planted in the Temple,
in the courtyards of our God.

— *Psalm 92*

COMMUNION Matthew 19:21

If you would be perfect,
sell all that you have,
give your wealth to the poor,
then come and follow me.

— *Psalm 25*

25 JANUARY
THE CONVERSION OF PAUL, APOSTLE

OPENING 2 Timothy 1:12; 4:8

The judge in whom I trust
is no stranger to me;
I am sure he can guard my pledge
until the day of his coming.

— *Psalm 139*

COMMUNION Galatians 2:20

I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.

— *Psalm 34*

2 FEBRUARY
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

LIGHTING OF CANDLES Isaiah 40:10; see Isaiah 34:5

Look, our Lord shall come with power,
a light to the eyes of all his servants.

— *Psalm 95:1-7 or Revelation 15:3-4*

PROCESSION

Antiphon:

A light to shine upon the nations
and glorify your holy people Israel.

Luke 2:29-32: Canticle of Simeon

1. Lord, let your servant
now die in peace,
for you kept your promise.

Antiphon

2. With my own eyes
I see the salvation
you prepared for all peoples:

Antiphon

3. a light of revelation to the Gentiles
and glory to your people Israel.

Antiphon

OPENING Psalm 48:10-11

Within your Temple we ponder your mercy;
throughout the world your name resounds.
Throughout the world let your praise be heard:
your right hand is full of justice.

— *Psalm 48*

COMMUNION Luke 2:30-31

With my own eyes I see
the salvation you prepared for all peoples.

— *Luke 2:29-32 or Psalm 145 or Psalm 122*

22 FEBRUARY
THE CHAIR OF PETER, apostle

OPENING Luke 22:32

Thus said the Lord:
I have prayed, Simon Peter,
that your faith may not fail;
when you return to me,
strengthen your fellow disciples.

— *Psalm 30*

COMMUNION Matthew 16:16, 18

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
And you are Peter,
the Rock on which I shall build my Church.

— *Psalm 80:2-12, 15-20*

19 MARCH
JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE VIRGIN MARY

OPENING Luke 12:42

Behold a wise and faithful servant,
in charge of the Lord's own household.

— *Psalm 92 or Psalm 149*

COMMUNION Matthew 25:21

Well done, my good and faithful servant!
Come and share the joy of your Lord.

— *Psalm 112 or Psalm 146 or Psalm 119:1, 2, 14, 24,
30, 48, 99-100, 129-130*

25 MARCH
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

OPENING Hebrews 10:5, 7

Christ said on entering the world:
I have come, O God, to do your will.

— *Psalm 119:1-16 or Psalm 98*

COMMUNION Isaiah 7:14

A virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
whose name shall be Emmanuel.

— *Psalm 19:2-7 or Isaiah 9:1-6 or Psalm 46*

25 APRIL
MARK, evangelist

OPENING Mark 16:15

Go out to all the world,
preach the gospel to every creature, alleluia.

— *Psalm 96 or Psalm 19:2-5*

COMMUNION Matthew 28:20

I, the Lord, am with you always
until the world shall end, alleluia.

— *Psalm 46*

29 APRIL
CATHERINE OF SIENA,
VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

OPENING Unidentified

Blest is the wise and faithful virgin,
who met Christ Jesus along the way,
greeting her Lord with lighted lamp, alleluia.

— *Psalm 119:105-112*

COMMUNION 1 John 1:7

Walk in the light as God is in light,
and you will have fellowship among you,
and the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ,
will cleanse you from all your sins, alleluia.

— *Psalm 119:129-136*

1 MAY
JOSEPH THE WORKER

OPENING Psalm 128:1-2

Follow and fear the Lord,
and all shall be well with you:
blessings from the Lord
and a living from your labour, alleluia.

— *Psalm 128*

COMMUNION Colossians 3:17

Whatever you say or do
should be in the name of the Lord,
and express your thanks to God, alleluia.

— *Psalm 34*

3 MAY
PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

OPENING Unidentified

Blest are the saints whom the Lord has chosen
for eternal glory out of sheer love, alleluia.

— *Psalm 33:1-5, 10-15, 18-22*

COMMUNION John 14:8-9

Lord, show us the Father:
that is all we ask.
If you see me, Philip,
you see my Father also, alleluia.

— *Psalm 63:2-9 or Psalm 25:7-14*

14 MAY
MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

OPENING John 15:16

You did not choose me;
I have chosen you,
to go and bear fruit,
fruit that will endure (alleluia).

— *Psalm 89:2-7, 20-22, 25-30*

COMMUNION John 15:12

This is my commandment,
that you should love each other
as I have loved you (alleluia).

— *Psalm 119:1-8; 103-106*

31 MAY
THE VISIT OF THE VIRGIN MARY
TO ELIZABETH

OPENING Psalm 66:16

All who fear the Lord,
come, and I will tell you
what God has done for me (alleluia).

— *Psalm 66*

COMMUNION Luke 1:48-49

All generations shall call me blest;
the Almighty has done great things for me:
holy is his name (alleluia).

— *Luke 1:46-55*

(Saturday following Second Sunday after Pentecost)

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

OPENING Psalm 13:6

My heart rejoices in God my Saviour,
I will sing to the Lord who is gracious to me.

— *Luke 1:46-55*

COMMUNION Luke 2:19

Mary treasured these sayings
and pondered them in her heart.

— *Psalm 119:33-48*

1 JUNE
JUSTIN, MARTYR

OPENING Psalm 119:85, 46

How can pagan fables
compare with your law?
Boldly I bore witness
in the presence of kings (alleluia).

— *Psalm 119:41-48*

COMMUNION 1 Corinthians 2:2

My only claim to knowledge
is of Christ crucified (alleluia).

— *Psalm 91 or Psalm 36:6-10*

11 JUNE
BARNABAS, APOSTLE

OPENING See Acts 11:24

Blessed are you, Barnabas,
Son of Consolation,
full of the Holy Spirit,
ranked among the apostles,
and now a saint of God (alleluia).

— *Psalm 33:1-5, 10-15, 18-22*

COMMUNION John 15:15

Now I call you friends,
for I have told you all
that my Father has told me.
No more do I call you servants:
servants do not know
what their master is doing (alleluia).

— *Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11*

21 JUNE
ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS

OPENING See Psalm 24:4, 3

Whoever is clean of heart
shall climb the holy mountain
and stand before the Lord.

— *Psalm 24*

COMMUNION Psalm 78:24-25

God gave them bread from heaven,
mere mortals ate the bread of angels.

— *Psalm 78:1-4, 23-28*

24 JUNE
THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

VIGIL MASS

OPENING Luke 1:15, 14

Filled with the Holy Spirit,
even from his mother's womb,
he shall be great before the Lord;
his birth shall gladden many.

— *Psalm 92:2-6, 13-16 or Psalm 113*

COMMUNION Luke 1:68

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

— *Luke 1:68-79 or Psalm 98*

MASS DURING THE DAY

OPENING John 1:6-7, Luke 1:17

John was sent from God
as a witness to the light,
preparing for the Lord a perfect people.

— *Psalm 89:2-3, 6-19 or Psalm 119:105-112*

COMMUNION Luke 1:78

Our compassionate God has come
like a dawning from on high.

— *Luke 1:68-79 or Psalm 34*

29 JUNE
PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

VIGIL MASS

OPENING Unidentified

Through Peter the apostle
and Paul, who taught the nations,
we are disciples of Christ the Lord.

— *Psalm 119:1-8, 169-176*

COMMUNION John 21:15, 17

Simon, son of John,
do you love me more than these?
Lord, you know all things;
you know that I love you.

— *Psalm 19:1-7 or Psalm 139:1-6, 16-18, 23-24
or Psalm 18*

MASS DURING THE DAY

OPENING Unidentified

They toiled on earth to plant the Church;
with their own blood they watered it.
They drank the cup that Christ had drunk,
and now they are friends of God.

— *Psalm 116*

COMMUNION Matthew 16:16, 18

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
And you are Peter,
the Rock on which I shall build my Church.

— *Psalm 80:2-12, 15-20*

3 JULY
THOMAS, APOSTLE

OPENING Psalm 118:28

You are my Lord, I praise you;
you are my God, I extol you;
I praise you as my Saviour.

— *Psalm 118:1-3, 13-17; 19-21; 28-29*

COMMUNION See John 20:27

The nails were here; reach out and feel.
Thomas, believe and no longer doubt.

— *Psalm 30 or Psalm 34:1-11, 18-21*

22 JULY
MARY MAGDALENE, DISCIPLE OF THE LORD

OPENING John 20:17

The Lord said to Mary:
Go and tell my disciples
that now I am ascending
to my Father and yours,
to my God and yours.

— *Psalm 19:1-5 or Psalm 96*

COMMUNION 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

The love of Christ impels us
to live not for ourselves
but for him who died and rose for us.

— *Psalm 34*

25 JULY
JAMES, APOSTLE

OPENING See Matthew 4:18, 21

Beside the Lake of Galilee
the Lord saw the brothers James and John
and called them from their nets.

— *Psalm 33:1-5; 10-15, 18-22*

COMMUNION See Matthew 20:22-23

They drank the cup which the Lord had drunk
and now they are friends of God.

— *Psalm 116*

26 JULY
JOACHIM AND ANNE,
PARENTS OF THE VIRGIN MARY

OPENING Unidentified

Among their generation
praise Joachim and Anne,
for the child whom the Lord gave them
was a blessing to all the world.

— *Psalm 113*

COMMUNION See Psalm 24:5

A blessing was theirs from the Lord
and mercy from God their Saviour.

— *Psalm 24*

29 JULY
MARTHA, DISCIPLE OF THE LORD

OPENING Luke 10:38

Jesus entered a village
where a woman called Martha
welcomed him into her home.

— *Psalm 119:169-175*

COMMUNION John 11:27

Lord, I believe, said Martha,
that you are the Christ,
the Son of the living God,
who have come into the world.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 119:33-40*

31 JULY
IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA,
PRESBYTER, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

OPENING Philippians 2:10-11

At the name of Jesus
every knee must bend
in heaven and on earth
and in the world below;
and every tongue exclaim
to the glory of God the Father:
Jesus Christ is Lord!

— *Psalm 8 or Philippians 2:6-11*

COMMUNION Luke 12:49

I have come to cast fire on the earth;
to kindle it is my sole desire.

— *Psalm 97*

6 AUGUST
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

OPENING See Matthew 17:5

In a shining cloud
the Holy Spirit appeared,
and the Father's voice was heard:
This is my Son,
the beloved, my delight;
listen to him.

— *Psalm 2:6-12 or Psalm 99*
or Ephesians 1:3-10

COMMUNION 1 John 3:2

When the Lord appears,
we shall be like him;
we shall see him as he is.

— *Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-14*
or Psalm 63:2-9 or Psalm 97

10 AUGUST
LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

OPENING Unidentified

For the sake of the Church
Lawrence surrendered himself.
He was worthy to be a martyr
and ascend in joy to the Lord.

— *Psalm 113*

COMMUNION John 12:26

My servant must follow me,
my servant will be where I am.

— *Psalm 17:1-9 or Psalm 119:1-8*

14 AUGUST
MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, PRESBYTER,
RELIGIOUS, MARTYR

OPENING Matthew 25:34, 40

Come, my Father has blessed you.
Amen, says the Lord, I tell you,
whatever you did to the least of mine,
you did to me.

— *Psalm 145 or Psalm 112*

COMMUNION John 15:13

There is no greater love, says the Lord,
than laying down your life for your friends.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 119:1-16*

15 AUGUST
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY
INTO HEAVEN

VIGIL MASS

OPENING Unidentified

Glorious things of you are spoken:
Mary, you are raised today
above the choirs of angels.
Now you triumph with your Son.

— *Psalm 98*

COMMUNION See Luke 11:27

Blest is the womb of the Virgin Mary,
who bore the Son of the eternal Father.

— *Luke 1:46-55 or Psalm 45:2, 10-16*

MASS DURING THE DAY

OPENING Revelation 12:1

A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun,
the moon beneath her feet,
twelve stars for her crown.

— *Psalm 98 or Revelation 15:3-4*

Or: Unidentified

Rejoice in the Lord
on this feast of the Virgin Mary,
for today the angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

— *Psalm 103:1-5, 19-22 or Judith 16:2-3a, 13-15*

COMMUNION Luke 1:48-49

All generations shall call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me.

— *Luke 1:46-55*

22 AUGUST

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE VIRGIN MARY

OPENING Psalm 45:10

The queen stands beside your throne,
richly arrayed in cloth of gold.

— *Psalm 45:2, 11-16*

COMMUNION Luke 1:45

Blessed are you for believing:
what the Lord said will be done.

— *Luke 1:46-55*

24 AUGUST

BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

OPENING Psalm 96:2-3

Day after day proclaim
that God has saved us;
proclaim to all the nations
the glory of the Lord.

— *Psalm 96*

COMMUNION Luke 22:29-30

My Father gave me a kingdom,
and I give one to you;
at my table in my kingdom
you shall eat and drink.

— *Psalm 36:6-10*

28 AUGUST

AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

OPENING Sirach 15:5

When he spoke in the midst of the Church,
the Lord filled him with the spirit
of wisdom and understanding
and clothed him in a robe of glory.

— *Psalm 92*

COMMUNION Matthew 23:10, 8

Your one teacher is Christ,
and you are all fellow disciples.

— *Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11*

29 AUGUST

THE MARTYRDOM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

OPENING Psalm 119:46-47

Boldly I bore witness
in the presence of kings;
I pondered your commandments,
in them was my delight.

— *Psalm 119:41-48*

COMMUNION John 3:27, 30

John said of Christ:
He must become greater,
I must become less.

— *Psalm 21:2-8 or Psalm 131*

8 SEPTEMBER

THE BIRTH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

OPENING Unidentified

Joyfully keep the birthday
of the blessed Virgin Mary,
from whom arose the sun of justice,
Christ our Lord and God.

— *Isaiah 9:1-2, 4-6*

COMMUNION Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:21

A Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
who will save his people from their sins.

— *Luke 1:46-55*

14 SEPTEMBER
THE HOLY CROSS

OPENING See Galatians 6:14

We should glory in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our resurrection,
our salvation and our life.

— *Psalm 67*

COMMUNION John 12:32

When I am raised up from the earth,
I shall draw to myself the whole world.

— *Psalm 36:6-10 or Philippians 2:6-11*

15 SEPTEMBER
OUR LADY OF SORROWS

OPENING Luke 2:34-35

Simeon said to Mary:
This child shall be the fall
and the rise of many in Israel,
a sign to be contradicted,
and a sword will pierce your heart.

— *Psalm 18:2-7, 19-20*

COMMUNION 1 Peter 4:13

Rejoice in sharing the passion of Christ,
to rejoice even more when his glory is revealed.

— *Psalm 96*

20 SEPTEMBER
ANDREW KIM TAEGON, PRESBYTER, MARTYR,
PAUL CHONG HASANG, CATECHIST, MARTYR,
AND THEIR COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

OPENING Unidentified

Rejoice in the Lord today,
the feast of blessed martyrs,
for today the angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

— *Psalm 103:1-4, 19-22*

COMMUNION Matthew 10:32

All who acknowledge me before the world,
I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven.

— *Psalm 119:1-2, 43-46, 105-112*

21 SEPTEMBER
MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

OPENING Matthew 28:19-20

Go and preach to all nations;
baptise them, teach them to keep
all my commands, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 96*

COMMUNION Matthew 9:13

I came to call sinners,
not the just, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 65:2-5, 10-14*

27 SEPTEMBER
VINCENT DE PAUL, PRESBYTER,
RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

OPENING Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for the Lord has anointed me
and sent me to preach to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted.

— *Psalm 61:1-4 or Psalm 72*

COMMUNION Psalm 107:8-9

Praise the love of God,
the wonders of the Lord,
who satisfies the hungry
and feeds the starving soul.

— *Psalm 107:1-9 or Psalm 146*

29 SEPTEMBER
MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL,
ARCHANGELS

OPENING Psalm 103:20

Bless the Lord, you angels,
strong and quick to obey
every word that the Lord has uttered.

— *Psalm 103:1, 19-22*

COMMUNION Psalm 138:1

Lord, I will praise you with all my heart
and sing to you in the sight of the angels.

— *Psalm 138:1-5 or Daniel 3:56-63, 82-87
or Psalm 148*

30 SEPTEMBER
JEROME, PRESBYTER, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

OPENING Joshua 1:8

Ponder the scroll of the Law,
murmur it day and night.
Do whatever is written there,
to understand and direct your way.

— *Psalm 1*

COMMUNION Jeremiah 15:16

I discovered your words and devoured them,
they were my joy and delight,
for I was called by your name.

— *Psalm 119:69-72, 97-104*

1 OCTOBER
THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS,
VIRGIN, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

OPENING See Deuteronomy 32:10-12

The Lord alone shielded and taught her;
she was the apple of his eye.
God bore her upwards on his shoulders,
as a soaring eagle carries its young.

— *Psalm 17:1-8 or Deuteronomy 32:1-3, 7-12*

COMMUNION Matthew 18:3

Thus says the Lord:
Unless you are converted
and become like little children,
you cannot enter the kingdom.

— *Psalm 34:2-3, 8-15*

2 OCTOBER
THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

OPENING Daniel 3:58

All you angels of the Lord,
bless the Lord in hymns of praise;
extol the name of the Lord for ever.

— *Psalm 103:1, 19-22*

COMMUNION Psalm 138:1

Lord, I will praise you with all my heart
and sing to you in the sight of the angels.

— *Psalm 138:1-5*

4 OCTOBER
FRANCIS OF ASSISI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

OPENING Unidentified

Blessed are you, Francis,
for you left your home and fortune
to become needy and poor,
and the Lord cared for you.

— *Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11*

COMMUNION Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

— *Psalm 113*

7 OCTOBER
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

OPENING Luke 1:28, 42

Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you;
blest are you among women,
blest is the fruit of your womb.

— *Psalm 84:2-3, 11-13*

COMMUNION Luke 1:31

You shall conceive and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.

— *Psalm 45:2, 11-16 or Luke 1:46-55*

15 OCTOBER
TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN, RELIGIOUS,
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

OPENING Psalm 42:2-3

My soul longs for you, my God,
as a deer longs for flowing streams;
my soul thirsts for the living God.

— *Psalm 42 or Psalm 63:2-9*

COMMUNION Psalm 89:2

Lord, I will sing your love for ever,
your faithfulness from age to age.

— *Psalm 89:1-19*

17 OCTOBER
IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR

OPENING Galatians 2:19-20

Fixed to the cross with Christ,
I live—No, Christ lives in me.
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.

— *Psalm 63:2-9*

COMMUNION Letter of Ignatius to the Romans, 4

Blessed Ignatius said:
I am the grain of Christ,
to be ground by the teeth of beasts
and shown to be pure bread.

— *Psalm 34:2-3, 6-9, 16-23*

18 OCTOBER
LUKE, EVANGELIST

OPENING Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful is the coming
of a herald on the mountains
with the good news of peace and salvation.

— *Psalm 85:9-14*

COMMUNION See Luke 10:1, 9

The Lord sent out disciples
to proclaim throughout the cities:
The kingdom of God is near.

— *Psalm 96*

19 OCTOBER
PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRESBYTER,
RELIGIOUSFOUNDER

OPENING 1 Corinthians 2:2

My only claim to knowledge
is of Christ crucified.

— *Psalm 91*

COMMUNION 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

We preach Christ crucified,
Christ, the wisdom and power of God.

— *Psalm 57*

28 OCTOBER
SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

OPENING Unidentified

Blest are the saints whom the Lord has chosen
for eternal glory out of sheer love.

— *Psalm 33:1-5, 10-15, 18-22*

COMMUNION John 14:23

Love me and keep my word,
and my Father will love you,
and we shall come to you
and make our home with you.

— *Psalm 25:1-14 or Psalm 119:1-16*

1 NOVEMBER
ALL SAINTS

OPENING Unidentified

Rejoice in the Lord
on this feast of all the saints,
for today the angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

— *Psalm 33*

COMMUNION Matthew 5:8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they shall see God.
Blessed are those who strive for peace,
for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice,
for they possess the kingdom of heaven.

— *Psalm 126 or Isaiah 66:10-14a*

2 NOVEMBER
THE COMMEMORATION
OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(All Souls)

OPENING 1 Thessalonians 4:14; 1 Corinthians 15:22

Just as Jesus died and rose,
so those who sleep in him
will be restored by God.
As in Adam all have died,
so all will live in Christ.

— *Psalm 65 or Psalm 118:1-9, 13-17, 20-21*

Or: See 4 Ezra 2:34-35

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Alternative (used only when the text is sung):

Eternal rest to them, O Lord,
and your perpetual light.

— *Psalm 65*

Or: See Romans 8:11

God, who raised Jesus from the dead,
will give our mortal bodies life,
because the Spirit dwells in us.

— *Psalm 116 or Psalm 16*

COMMUNION See John 11:25-26

I am the resurrection and the life.
Believe in me and you shall live,
even though you die.
Live and believe in me,
and you will never die.

— *Psalm 121 or Luke 1:68-79*

Or: 4 Ezra 2:35, 34

Let eternal light, O Lord,
for ever shine upon them.
Set them with your saints,
most gracious Lord.
Eternal rest, O Lord,
and your perpetual light.

Alternative (used only when the text is sung):

V. Eternal light, O Lord,
for ever shine upon them.

R. Set them with your saints,
most gracious Lord.

V. Eternal rest, O Lord,
and your perpetual light. R.

— *Psalm 27:1-4, 7-14 or Psalm 36:6-10*

Or: Philippians 3:20-21

We await the coming
of Christ, our Lord and Saviour,
to make our humble bodies
glorious like his own.

— *Psalm 96 or Hosea 6:1-3*

9 NOVEMBER
THE DEDICATION OF
THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

OPENING Revelation 21:2

I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down from God in heaven,
as lovely as a bride
adorned to meet her husband.

— *Psalm 68:5-6, 33-36 or Isaiah 62:1-7*

COMMUNION 1 Peter 2:5

Like stones that live and breathe,
you must be built on Christ
into a holy priesthood,
a dwelling for the Spirit.

— *Psalm 132 or Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12*

11 NOVEMBER
MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

OPENING 1 Samuel 2:35

I will raise up a faithful priest,
an instrument of my loving purpose.

— *Psalm 132 or Psalm 99*

COMMUNION Matthew 25:40

Amen, I tell you,
whatever you did to the least of mine,
you did to me, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 145 or Psalm 112*

18 NOVEMBER
THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS
OF THE APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL
IN ROME

OPENING Psalm 45:17-18

You will make them princes
to rule the world.
Through them your name
is remembered for ever;
and nations shall honour you
age after age.

— *Psalm 45:2, 5, 17-18*

COMMUNION John 6:69-70

You have the words of eternal life;
Lord, we believe, Lord, we know
that you are the Christ, the Son of God.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 119:33-40*

24 NOVEMBER
ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRESBYTER, MARTYR,
AND HIS COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

OPENING Galatians 6:14a; 1 Corinthians 1:18

God forbid that we should boast
except in the cross of Christ our Lord.
For to us who are being saved
the message of the cross is the power of God.

— *Psalm 67*

COMMUNION Matthew 5:10

Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice,
for they possess the kingdom of heaven.

— *Psalm 34:2-5, 8-9, 18-23 or Psalm 119:105-112*

30 NOVEMBER
ANDREW, APOSTLE

OPENING See Matthew 4:18-19

Seeing the brothers Simon and Andrew
beside the Lake of Galilee,
the Lord called out to them:
Follow me, and fish for people.

— *Psalm 96*

COMMUNION John 1:41-42

Andrew told his brother Simon:
We have found the Messiah, the Christ,
and so he brought him to Jesus.

— *Psalm 89:2-5, 21-22, 25-27*

8 DECEMBER
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE VIRGIN MARY

OPENING Isaiah 61:10

I shall rejoice and be glad in the Lord,
my soul shall exult in God my Saviour.
The Lord has robed me with mercy and justice,
like a bride adorned with her wedding jewels.

— *Psalm 30:1-6, 12-13 or Isaiah 61:10-62:5*

COMMUNION Unidentified

Glorious things of you are spoken:
Mary, out of you arose
Christ the Lord, the sun of justice,
Christ our God and your own child.

— *Luke 1:46-55*

14 DECEMBER
JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRESBYTER, RELIGIOUS,
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

OPENING Galatians 6:14

God forbid that I should boast
except in the cross of Christ our Lord
through which the world is crucified to me,
and I to the world.

— *Psalm 67*

COMMUNION Matthew 16:24

To be my disciple, deny yourself,
take up your cross, and follow me.

— *Psalm 34, 2-3, 6-7, 15-21*

THE COMMON OF SAINTS

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SEASON OF ADVENT

OPENING Isaiah 45:8

You heavens, send dew from above,
let clouds rain down the Just One;
open up, you earth below,
let the Saviour spring forth.

— *Psalm 19:2-7 or Psalm 72*

Or: Luke 1:30-32

The angel said to Mary:
You have found favour with God:
you are to conceive and bear a son,
who shall be called the Son of the Most High.

— *Psalm 19:2-7*

COMMUNION Isaiah 7:14

A virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
whose name shall be Emmanuel.

— *Luke 1:46-55 or Psalm 46*

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

OPENING Unidentified

Mary bore the eternal King;
there was none like her and never shall be:
a joyful mother and honoured virgin.

— *Psalm 96 or Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6*

Or: Unidentified

The God for whom the world is too small a room,
made flesh, was cloistered in your virgin womb.

— *Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 12-13
or Psalm 22:1-6, 10-11, 23-24*

COMMUNION John 1:14

The Word was made flesh
and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.

— *Psalm 147:12-20 or Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6*

SEASON OF EASTER

OPENING See Acts 1:14

With one accord, the disciples
persevered in prayer
with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, alleluia.

— *Psalm 87:1-7 or Psalm 63:2-9*

COMMUNION Unidentified

Virgin Mother, rejoice!
For Christ has risen from the tomb, alleluia.

— *Isaiah 61:10 a-d, f; 62:2-3*

ORDINARY TIME

OPENING

1 Sedulius

Hail, holy Mother of our King,
the eternal King of heaven and earth!

— *Psalm 93 or Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6*

2 Unidentified

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary,
who bore the Creator of the world:
you became the Mother of your maker,
and you remain for ever a virgin.

— *Psalm 45:2, 13-16*

3 See Judith 13:23, 25

You have been blessed, O Virgin Mary,
above all other women on earth
by the Lord, who so exalts your name
that we will never cease to praise you.

— *Psalm 45:2, 13-16 or 1 Samuel 2:1ab, 4-8*

COMMUNION

1 See Luke 11:27

Blest is the womb of the Virgin Mary,
who bore the Son of the eternal Father.

— *Luke 1:46-55 or Psalm 45:2, 10-16*

2 Luke 1:49

The Almighty has done great things for me:
holy is his name.

— *Luke 1:46-55 or Psalm 113*

3 See Luke 1:48

All generations shall call me blessed,
the lowly servant whom God has chosen.

— *Luke 1:46-55 or Psalm 113*

MARTYRS

SEVERAL MARTYRS

OUTSIDE THE SEASON OF EASTER

OPENING

1 Unidentified

The saints who followed Christ rejoice:
for love of him they shed their blood
and with him now they exult in heaven.

— *Psalm 119:1-2, 105-112*

2 Psalm 34:20-21

From all their tribulations
the Lord rescues the just:
the Lord protects their bones,
not one of them shall be broken.

— *Psalm 34:2-3, 18-23*

3 Psalm 37:39

Salvation for the just comes from the Lord,
our strength in time of trouble.

— *Psalm 37:2-6, 37-40 or Psalm 91*

4 Psalm 34:18

The Lord will hear the cry of the just
and deliver them from all afflictions.

— *Psalm 34:2-3, 18-23*

5 Unidentified

The blood of holy martyrs
was poured out for Christ;
their reward lasts for ever.

— *Psalm 119:105-112 or Psalm 126*

COMMUNION

1 Luke 22:28-30

You have stood by me in my trials,
and now I confer a kingdom on you:
at my table in my kingdom
you shall eat and drink, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 23 or 36:6-10*

2 John 15:13

There is no greater love, says the Lord,
than laying down your life for your friends.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 119:1-16*

3 Mark 8:35

If you lose your life for me and the gospel,
then you will save it, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 34:1-4, 18-23*
or *Psalm 31:3-4, 6-8, 15-16a*

4 2 Corinthians 4:11

We are handed over to death for Jesus,
that in our mortal flesh
his life may be revealed.

— *Psalm 126 or Psalm 31:3-4, 6-8, 15-16a*

5 See Romans 8:38-39

Neither death nor life nor any creature
can separate us from the love of Christ.

— *Psalm 121*

SEVERAL MARTYRS

DURING THE SEASON OF EASTER

OPENING See Matthew 25:34

Come, my Father has blessed you;
come and possess the kingdom
prepared for you since the world began, alleluia.

— *Psalm 96*

Or: See Revelation 12:11

Blest are the saints who conquered
through the blood of the Lamb;
they readily gave their lives
and reign with Christ for ever, alleluia.

— *Psalm 98 or Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a*

COMMUNION Revelation 2:7

Those who win the victory
I will feed from the tree of life
in the paradise of my God, alleluia.

— *Psalm 63:2-9 or Psalm 36:6-11*

Or: 2 Timothy 2:11-12

If we have died with Christ,
then we shall live with him;
if we remain faithful,
we shall reign with him, alleluia.

— *Psalm 25:1-14*

ONE MARTYR
OUTSIDE THE SEASON OF EASTER

OPENING Unidentified

Holy martyr, undaunted by threats,
you fought to the death for the law of God;
your house was built on solid rock.

— *Psalm 119:105-112*

Or: Unidentified

Truly blest is the martyr
whose blood was shed for Christ:
unmoved by judges' threats
and worthy of the kingdom.

— *Psalm 119:105-112*

COMMUNION Matthew 16:24

To be my disciple, deny yourself,
take up your cross, and follow me.

— *Psalm 34:2-3, 18-23*

Or: John 15:5

I am the vine and you are the branches;
if you live in me and I in you,
then you will bear much fruit.

— *Psalm 80:2, 9-16, 20*

ONE MARTYR DURING THE SEASON OF EASTER

OPENING See 4 Ezra 2:35

Perpetual light will shine upon your saints;
and they shall live for ever, Lord, alleluia.

— *Psalm 27 or Psalm 97*

COMMUNION John 12:24-25

Amen, I say to you:
Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies
it remains a single grain;
but if it dies
it yields abundant fruit, alleluia.

Or:

Amen, I say to you:
A grain of wheat must fall
and die to yield its fruit, alleluia.

— *Psalm 25:1-14 or Psalm 126*

PASTORS

POPES AND OTHER BISHOPS

OPENING

1 Unidentified

The Lord chose him as high priest
and richly endowed him with treasures of grace.

— *Psalm 132 or Psalm 99*

2 See Sirach 45:30

The Lord sealed a pact with him,
to make him a prince and priest for ever.

— *Psalm 132*

3 Ezekiel 34:11, 23-24

I will come in search of my sheep
and raise up a shepherd to feed them,
and I, the Lord, will be their God.

— *Psalm 78:52-55; 70-72*

4 1 Samuel 2:35

I will raise up a faithful priest,
an instrument of my loving purpose.

— *Psalm 132 or Psalm 99*

COMMUNION

1 See John 10:11

The Good Shepherd
laid down his life for his sheep.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 78:52-55; 70-72*

2 John 21:17

Lord, you know all things;
you know I love you.

— *Psalm 139:1-18*

3 John 15:16

You did not choose me;
I have chosen you,
to go and bear fruit,
fruit that will endure.

— *Psalm 80:9-20 or Psalm 89:20-22, 25-30*

4 John 10:10

I came that they may have life,
life in all its fullness.

— *Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11*

OTHER PASTORS

OPENING

1 Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for the Lord has anointed me
and sent me to preach to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted.

— *Isaiah 61:1-4 or Psalm 72*

2 Jeremiah 3:15

I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
to feed you with knowledge and solid teaching.

— *Psalm 78:52-55; 70-72*

3 Daniel 3:84, 87

Priests of God, bless the Lord;
with awe and reverence, praise our God!

— *Daniel 3:56-57, 82-87 or Psalm 103:1, 19-22*

4 Psalm 132:9

Clothe your priests in justice, Lord,
and let your faithful dance for joy.

— *Psalm 132*

COMMUNION

1 Matthew 28:20

I, the Lord, am with you always
until the world shall end.

— *Psalm 34*

2 Matthew 20:28

The Son of Man has come
to serve, not to be served,
and to give his life
in ransom for the world.

— *Psalm 119:105-112, 129-136*

3 Matthew 24:46-47

Blessed is the servant
whom the Lord, when he comes, finds watching.
Amen, I tell you,
he will put that servant in charge of all he owns.

— *Psalm 33:1-5, 12-14, 18-22*
or *Psalm 72:1-2, 4, 10-13 or Psalm 121*

4 Luke 12:42

Behold a wise and faithful servant
in charge of the Lord's own household,
to give them their food in due time.

— *Psalm 112:1-9 or Psalm 119:1-2, 14, 24, 30, 48,*
99-100, 129-130, or Psalm 132, 1, 9-13, 15-16

FOUNDERS OF CHURCHES

OPENING Isaiah 59:21; 56:7

The words I put into your mouth
will remain for ever upon your lips,
and the gifts you offer, says the Lord,
will be accepted upon my altar.

— *Psalm 96*

Or: Unidentified

Blest are the saints whom the Lord has chosen
for eternal glory out of sheer love,
saints whose teaching is a light for the Church.

— *Psalm 33:1-5, 10-15, 18-22*

COMMUNION Mark 10:45

The Son of Man has come
to give his life in ransom for many.

— *Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12 or Psalm 40:7-12*

Or: John 15:15

Now I call you friends,
for I have told you all
that my Father has told me.

No more do I call you servants:
servants do not know
what their master is doing.

— *Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11*

MISSIONARIES

OPENING

1 Unidentified

Bless these holy friends of God,
glorious heralds of divine truth.

— *Psalm 96 or Psalm 19:2-5*

2 Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful is the coming
of a herald on the mountains
with the good news of peace and salvation.

— *Psalm 85:9-14*

3 Psalm 96:3-4

Proclaim the glory of God to the nations,
the marvellous deeds of the Lord to the peoples:
great is the Lord, most worthy of praise.

— *Psalm 96*

COMMUNION

1 Ezekiel 34:15

I will feed my sheep, says the Lord,
and give my flock repose.

— *Psalm 23*

2 Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20

Go out to all the world and preach the gospel:
I am with you always, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 96 or Psalm 19:2-5*

3 John 15:4-5

I am the vine and you are the branches;
if you live in me and I in you,
then you will bear much fruit.

— *Psalm 1*

4 See Luke 10:1, 9

The Lord sent out disciples
to proclaim throughout the cities:
The kingdom of God is near.

— *Psalm 19:2-5 or Psalm 96*

DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING

1 Sirach 15:5

When he spoke in the midst of the Church,
the Lord filled him with the spirit
of wisdom and understanding
and clothed him in a robe of glory.

— *Psalm 92*

2 Psalm 37:30-31

The mouths of the just utter wisdom,
their tongues, whatever is right:
the law of God is in their hearts.

— *Psalm 37:3-6, 30-31*

3 Daniel 12:3

The wise will shine like the vault of heaven
and sparkle for ever like the stars
for training many in the way of justice.

— *Psalm 19 or Psalm 147:1, 4-5, 12-14, 19-20*

4 See Sirach 44:15, 14

Let peoples declare the wisdom of the saints
and let the Church proclaim their praises:
their names shall never be forgotten.

— *Psalm 33:1-5, 10-15, 18-22*

COMMUNION Luke 12:42

Behold a wise and faithful servant
in charge of the Lord's own household,
to give them their food in due time.

— *Psalm 112:1-9; Psalm 119:1-2, 14, 24, 30-48,
99-100, 129-130 or Psalm 132:1, 9-13, 15-16*

Or: 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

We preach Christ crucified,
Christ, the wisdom and power of God.

— *Psalm 57*

OTHER SAINTS

VIRGINS

OPENING

1 Unidentified

Blest is the wise and faithful virgin,
who met Christ Jesus along the way,
greeting her Lord with lighted lamp.

— *Psalm 119:105-112*

2 Unidentified

Rejoice and exult for joy:
the Lord of all has chosen
this holy virgin for glory.

— *Isaiah 61:10a-d, f, 11;62:5*

3 Unidentified

Come, bride of Christ, receive the crown
which the Lord has always meant for you.

— *Psalm 45:2, 5, 8, 11-16*

4 *Psalm 148:12-14*

Virgins, praise the name of the Lord,
the only name that is sublime,
exalted over heaven and earth.

— *Psalm 148*

COMMUNION

1 *Matthew 25:6*

Christ, the bridegroom, is coming:
let us go out to meet him.

— *Psalm 45:2, 11-16*

2 *Matthew 25:4, 6*

The five prudent virgins
took oil to fill their lamps,
and the cry was heard at midnight:
Go out to meet the Bridegroom, Christ the Lord.

— *Psalm 45:2, 11-16*

3 See *Luke 10:42*

The prudent virgin has chosen the better part;
it will never be taken away.

— *Psalm 34*

4 *Matthew 25:10*

The bridegroom has come,
and the virgins who were ready
have gone with him into the wedding feast.

— *Psalm 45:2, 5, 8, 11-16*

5 *John 14:21, 23*

If you love me, my Father will love you,
and we shall come and dwell within you.

— *Psalm 25:1-14 or Psalm 119:1-16*

THOSE WHO CARRIED OUT WORKS OF MERCY

OPENING *Matthew 25:34, 36, 40*

Come, my Father has blessed you,
for I was ill and you cared for me.
Amen, says the Lord, I tell you,
whatever you did to the least of mine,
you did to me.

— *Psalm 145 or Psalm 112*

COMMUNION *John 15:13*

There is no greater love, says the Lord,
than laying down your life for your friends.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 119:1-8*

Or: *John 13:35*

Thus says the Lord:

By the love that you have for one another
the world will know you are my disciples.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 119:1-8*

EDUCATORS

OPENING *Mark 10:14*

Let the children come to me,
do not forbid them, says the Lord;
to such belongs the kingdom of God.

— *Psalm 34:2-3, 12-23*

Or: *Matthew 5:19*

In the kingdom of heaven your claim to greatness
is keeping and teaching my commandments.

— *Psalm 119:1-10, 13-14, 149-152*

COMMUNION Matthew 18:3

Unless you are converted
and become like little children,
you cannot enter the kingdom.

— *Psalm 34:2-3, 8-15*

Or: John 8:12

I am the light of the world;
follow me, says the Lord.
You will not walk in darkness
but have the light of life.

— *Psalm 36:6-10, Psalm 112, or Psalm 27*

RELIGIOUS

OPENING

1 Psalm 16:5-6

O Lord, my heritage and my cup,
you alone determine my lot:
like land divided in my favour,
a garden brimming with delights.

Or:

O Lord, my vineyard and my field,
my portion and my paradise.

— *Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11*

2 See Psalm 24:5-6

These are saints whom the Lord has blessed,
whom God their Saviour has rewarded;
now they have the vision they longed for.

— *Psalm 24*

COMMUNION See Matthew 19:27-29

Amen, I say to you,
for leaving all to follow me
you will receive a hundredfold
and gain eternal life.

— *Psalm 21:2-8, 14*

Or: Psalm 34:9

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;
blessed are all whose trust is in God.

— *Psalm 34*

OTHER HOLY MEN AND WOMEN

OPENING

1 Psalm 145:10-11

Let all your works praise you, O Lord,
and your saints bless you:
they shall proclaim the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your might.

— *Psalm 145*

2 Psalm 64:11

The just will rejoice and hope in the Lord,
and God will praise the honest of heart.

— *Psalm 92 or Psalm 119:1-2, 13-16, 169-172*

3 Psalm 21:2-3

Lord, the just rejoice in your strength;
your saving power is their great delight;
you have granted what they longed for most.

— *Psalm 21:1-8, 14 or Psalm 92*

4 Malachi 2:6

True teaching in their mouths,
no falsehood on their lips,
they walked with me in peace and justice
and turned many away from sin.

— *Psalm 119:1-2, 13-14, 67-68, 163-166*

5 Psalm 92:13-14

Like a palm or a Lebanon cedar,
the just shall flourish,
planted in the Temple,
in the courtyards of our God.

— *Psalm 92*

6 Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord:
they are like trees beside a stream,
stretching their roots toward the moisture,
with nothing to fear in the dry season.

— *Psalm 1*

7 See Proverbs 31:30, 28

Honour the woman who fears the Lord:
blessed by her children, praised by her husband.

— *Psalm 128*

8 See Proverbs 14:1-2

Here is a woman who was wise,
who built up her house,
who feared the Lord
and made her way to God.

— *Proverbs 9:1-6, 10-12*

COMMUNION

1 Psalm 68:4

Let the just rejoice at the feast of the Lord,
let them dance and sing before their God.

— *Psalm 68:4-11 or Psalm 36:6-10*

2 Luke 12:37

Blessed are the servants whom the Lord
finds watching;
he will seat them at his own table,
put on an apron and wait upon them.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 36:6-10*

3 John 12:26

My servant must follow me,
my servant will be where I am.

— *Psalm 17:1-9 or Psalm 119:1-8*

4 Matthew 16:24

To be my disciple, deny yourself,
take up your cross, and follow me.

— *Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 15-21*

5 Matthew 5:8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they shall see God.
Blessed are those who strive for peace,
for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice,
for they possess the kingdom of heaven.

— *Psalm 126 or Isaiah 66:10-14a*

6 Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all who toil under burdens;
I will refresh you, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 40:1-12 or Psalm 25 or Psalm 131*

7 John 15:9

I have loved you as the Father has loved me;
remain in my love, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 63:2-9*

8 Matthew 13:45-46

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
who travels in search of fine pearls
and who, on finding one that is perfect,
sells everything else in order to buy it.

Or: John 13:35

For the one perfect pearl
a merchant would sell all else.

— *Psalm 25:1-2a, 4-5, 8-14*

9 Matthew 12:50

Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven
is my brother and sister and mother, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 34*

OPTIONAL ANTIPHONS FOR SOLEMNITIES AND FEASTS

OPENING OR COMMUNION

1 Unidentified

Rejoice in the Lord today,
the feast of blessed N.,
for today the angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

— *Psalm 103:1-4, 19-22*

2 Unidentified

Rejoice in the Lord today,
when N. passed from this world,
with a faith stronger than death,
to reign with Christ in heaven.

— *Psalm 34:2-3, 6-9, 18-21*

3 Unidentified

Rejoice in the Lord today:
a confessor of Christ on earth
is honoured by Christ in heaven
in the presence of the Father.

— *Psalm 92 or Psalm 96*

4 Unidentified

Rejoice on the feast of N.,
who fought for the law of God,
endured a martyr's death,
and is crowned by Christ in heaven.

— *Psalm 119:1-2, 105-112*

5 See Psalm 115:13

Praise the Lord, you saints
and the faithful, great and small:
rejoice and glorify God,
the Almighty Lord, our King.

— *Psalm 148*

6 See Revelation 19:7

Today the blessed N.
received the prize of glory:
to sit with all the saints
at the wedding feast of the Lamb.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 36:6-10*

RITUAL MASSES

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

rites belonging to
the period of purification
and enlightenment

ELECTION OR ENROLLMENT OF NAMES

OPENING Psalm 105:3-4

Rejoice, and long for the Lord.
Long for the Lord, your strength,
long for the sight of God.

— *Psalm 105:1-11, 43-45 or Psalm 63:2-9*

COMMUNION Ephesians 1:7

In Christ and by his blood,
through the rich grace of God,
we now have redemption
and pardon for our sins.

— *Psalm 130 or Ephesians 1:3-10*

THE SCRUTINIES

OPENING Ezekiel 36:23-26

To show that I am holy,
I will bring you home from exile;
I will wash away your sins
and give you a new spirit.

— *Ezekiel 36:24-28 or Psalm 34*

Communion

1 When the gospel of the Samaritan woman is read:
John 4:13-14

Drink the water I shall give,
a spring of living water
welling up to eternal life.

— *Isaiah 12:1-6 or Isaiah 55:1-5 or Psalm 23*

2 When the gospel of the man born blind is read:
See John 9:11

The Lord anointed my eyes;
I went and washed, I saw and I believed.

— *Psalm 27*

3 When the gospel of Lazarus is read:
John 11:26

Live and believe in me,
and you will never die.

— *Psalm 116*

CELEBRATION OF
THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

BAPTISM

OPENING

1 Ephesians 4:24

Put on the new nature
created in the image of God,
a nature justified
and made holy in the truth.

— *Psalm 8*

2 Titus 3:5, 7

Through the washing that brings new birth
and renewal in the Spirit,
the Lord our God has saved us
and justified us by grace.
Now we are heirs of God,
in the hope of eternal life.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14, 17
or Ezekiel 36:24-28*

COMMUNION

1 1 John 3:1

See how the Father has loved us!
We are called children of God,
and that is what we are.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 34 or Ephesians 1:3-10*

2 1 John 3:2

Already we are children of God;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

— *Psalm 34 or Ephesians 1:3-10*

CONFIRMATION

OPENING

1 Ezekiel 36:25-26

I will pour clean water upon you.
A new heart I will give you,
a new spirit within you,
says the Lord our God.

— *Ezekiel 36:24-28 or Psalm 23*

2 See Romans 5:5; 8:11

The love of God streams into our hearts
through the Spirit of God who dwells within us.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 63:2-9*

COMMUNION

1 See Hebrews 6:4

Rejoice in the Lord!
For you have been enlightened,
you have tasted the gift from heaven
and you share in the Holy Spirit.

— *Psalm 34:1-11*

2 Psalm 34:6, 9

Come to the Lord and be enlightened:
taste and see how sweet is the Lord.

— *Psalm 34*

MARRIAGE

OPENING

1 Psalm 20:3, 5

The Lord send you help from his holy Temple
and watch over you from Mount Zion;
may the Lord grant what your hearts have longed for
and crown your future with success.

— *Psalm 37:3-7a, 16, 18, 23-26 or Psalm 65:2-3, 5-13*

2 Psalm 90:14, 17

Fill us with your love at dawn
and gladden all our days.
Let your splendour be on us, Lord,
and bless the work of our hands.

— *Psalm 37:3-7a, 16, 18, 23-26 or Psalm 34:1-11*

3 Psalm 145:2, 9

Lord, I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever,
for you are kind to all you have made,
full of mercy to all your creatures.

— *Psalm 145*

COMMUNION

1 See Ephesians 5:25, 27

Christ loved the Church
and for her gave himself,
to make her his bride,
holy and spotless.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 128*

2 John 13:34

Thus says the Lord:
I give a new commandment:
love one another
as I have loved you.

— *Psalm 119:1-16 or Psalm 103*

3 Psalm 34:1, 9

At all times I will bless the Lord
and songs of praise shall be on my lips.
Taste and see how gracious the Lord is;
blessed are all whose trust is in God.

— *Psalm 34*

HOLY ORDERS

ORDINATION OF BISHOPS

OPENING Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for the Lord has anointed me
and sent me to preach to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted.

— *Psalm 61:1-4 or Psalm 72*

COMMUNION John 17:17-18

Holy Father,
make them holy in the truth:
your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world.

— *Psalm 96*

ORDINATION OF PRESBYTERS

OPENING Jeremiah 3:15

I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
to feed you with knowledge and solid teaching.

— *Psalm 78:52-55; 70-72*

COMMUNION Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20

Go out to all the world and preach the gospel:
I am with you always, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 96 or Psalm 19:2-5*

ORDINATION OF DEACONS

OPENING John 12:26

My servant must follow me,
my servant will be where I am.

— *Psalm 17:1-9 or Psalm 119:1-8*

COMMUNION Matthew 20:28

The Son of Man has come
to serve, not to be served,
and to give his life
in ransom for the world.

— *Psalm 112:1-9 or Psalm 34*

ORDINATION OF DEACONS AND PRESBYTERS IN THE SAME CELEBRATION

OPENING John 12:26

My servant must follow me,
my servant will be where I am.

— *Psalm 17:1-9 or Psalm 119:1-8*

COMMUNION John 17:17-18

Holy Father,
make them holy in the truth:
your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world.

— *Psalm 96*

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

FIRST PROFESSION

OPENING Psalm 40:8-9

Here I am, Lord:
I come to do your will;
your law is in my heart,
O God, it is my delight.

— *Psalm 40:2-12*

COMMUNION Mark 3:35

Whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother.

— *Psalm 34*

PERPETUAL PROFESSION

OPENING

1 Psalm 122:1-2

I rejoiced when I was told:
We shall go to the house of the Lord.
And now, Jerusalem,
we are standing within your courts!

— *Psalm 122*

2 Psalm 66:13-14

I will offer sacrifice within your temple
and fulfil the vows that my lips have pronounced.

— *Psalm 66 or Psalm 116:1-2, 12-14, 17-19*

COMMUNION

1 Galatians 2:19-20

Fixed to the cross with Christ,
I live—No, Christ lives in me.

— *Psalm 63:2-9*

2 Psalm 34:9

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;
blessed are all whose trust is in God.

— *Psalm 34*

CONSECRATION TO A LIFE OF VIRGINITY

OPENING Psalm 105:4-5

Seek the Lord and be strong,
seek the face of the Lord.
Remember the signs and wonders
the Lord our God has done.

— *Psalm 63:2-9 or Psalm 27:1, 7-14*

COMMUNION Psalm 42:2

My soul longs for you, my God,
as a deer longs for flowing streams.

— *Psalms 42 and 43*

BLESSING OF AN ABBOT OR ABBESS

OPENING

1 John 15:16

You did not choose me;
I have chosen you,
to go and bear fruit,
fruit that will endure.

— *Psalm 92 or Psalm 78:52-55, 70-72*

2 Colossians 3:14-15

The crowning grace is love,
the bond that makes us perfect.
So may the peace of Christ
reign within our hearts:
the purpose of our calling
within a single body.

— *Jeremiah 31:10-14 or Psalm 103 or Psalm 85*

COMMUNION

1 Matthew 20:28

The Son of Man has come
to serve, not to be served,
and to give his life
in ransom for the world.

— *Psalm 80:9-20 or Psalm 119:1-8, 105-112, 129-136*

2 *Ubi caritas*

Where true charity and love are present,
God is present there,
and the love of Jesus Christ
has brought us together here.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 133*

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH OR AN ALTAR

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

OPENING

1 Psalm 68:6-7, 36

God in his holy place
gives us power and strength
and a dwelling where the lonely
can live as one in spirit.

— *Psalm 68:5-7, 33-36 or Psalm 29*

2 Psalm 122:1

Rejoicing we shall go
to the house of the Lord, alleluia.

— *Psalm 122*

COMMUNION

1 Matthew 21:13; Luke 11:10

My house is called a house of prayer:
ask and receive here, search and find,
knock and the door will open.

— *Psalm 63:2-9 or Psalm 132:3-9, 13-16*

2 See Psalm 128:3

May the children of the Church
become like olive branches
around the table of the Lord, alleluia.

— *Psalm 128 or Psalm 36:6-10*

DEDICATION OF AN ALTAR

OPENING

1 Psalm 84:10-11

Look down, O God, and shield us,
remember your Anointed.
One day within your courts
is worth a thousand elsewhere.

— *Psalm 84*

2 Psalm 43:4

I will go to the altar of God,
the God who restores my youth, alleluia.

— *Psalms 42 and 43 or Psalm 122*

COMMUNION

1 Psalm 84:4-5

Sparrow and brooding dove
nest by your altars, Lord.
Blessed are those who dwell here
and praise your power for ever.

— *Psalm 84*

2 See Psalm 128:3

May the children of the Church
become like olive branches
around the table of the Lord, alleluia.

— *Psalm 128 or Psalm 36:6-10*

ANNIVERSARY OF
THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

OPENING Psalm 68:36

How marvellous, Lord, you are
in your holy place.
Blessed are you, O God of Israel,
source of strength and power to your people!

— *Psalm 68:5-6, 33-36 or Daniel 3:52-57*

COMMUNION 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

You are the temple of God,
whose Spirit dwells within you.
The temple of God is holy,
and that temple is you.

— *Psalm 132 or Psalm 84*

MASSES AND PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS NEEDS AND OCCASIONS

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

FOR THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

UNIVERSAL CHURCH, A

OPENING See Ephesians 1:9a, 10

God has displayed to us
the mystery of his will:
to unite in Christ
all things in the heavens,
all things on earth.

— *Ephesians 1:3-10*

COMMUNION Revelation 22:17a, 20

The Spirit and the bride say: Come.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

— *Psalm 106:1-5, 48 or Psalm 96*

UNIVERSAL CHURCH, B

OPENING Revelation 7:9

I saw a great multitude,
which no one could count,
from every people and nation,
every tribe and tongue,
alleluia.

— *Psalm 122 or Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 12
or Psalm 99*

COMMUNION

1 John 19:34

With a lance a soldier pierced his side,
and there came forth blood and water.

— *Psalm 89:2, 3, 6, 15, 18, 25, 29, 34-35
or Isaiah 12:2-6 or Psalm 103*

2 Revelation 7:12

Praise and thanksgiving,
glory and wisdom,
honour and power and might
be to our God for ever. Amen.

— *Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 12 or Psalm 99*

UNIVERSAL CHURCH, C

OPENING

1 Matthew 18:19-20

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I among them, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 46 or Psalm 122*

2 Romans 12:5

We, though many, are one body in Christ,
each of us, members joined to one another.

— *Psalm 122 or Psalm 133 or Jeremiah 31:10-14*

COMMUNION See 1 Corinthians 10:17

Though we are many,
we are one bread, one body;
there is one loaf, one cup
for all to share.

— *Jeremiah 31:10-14 or Psalm 122 or Psalm 133*

UNIVERSAL CHURCH, D

OPENING See John 17:20-21

Father, I pray, says the Lord,
for those who will believe in me:
may they all be one in us
and so may the world believe
that I was sent by you.

— *Psalm 122 or Psalm 133 or Jeremiah 31:10-14*

COMMUNION John 15:5

Thus says the Lord:
If you live in me and I in you,
then you will bear much fruit,
for apart from me you can do nothing.

— *Psalm 80:2, 9-16, 20 or Psalm 1:1-3*

LOCAL CHURCH OR CONGREGATION

OPENING Revelation 1:5-6

Christ has shown his love
and washed away our sins
in his own blood;
he has made us a royal house
and a priestly people
to serve God his Father:
to him be glory and power
for ever and ever. Amen.

— *Psalm 99 or Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 12*

COMMUNION Revelation 3:20

I stand at the door and knock.
Listen and open for me to come in,
and we shall feast together.

— *Psalm 34 or Sirach 14:20; 15:3-5a, 6b or Psalm 23*

UNITY OF CHRISTIANS

OPENING

1 John 10:14-15

I am the Good Shepherd.
I know my sheep and mine know me,
as the Father knows me and I the Father;
and for my sheep I give my life.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 78:52-55, 70-72*

2 Psalm 106:47

Save us, O Lord our God,
and gather us from the nations
to sound your name abroad
and glory in your praise.

— *Sirach 36:1-7, 13, 16-22 or Psalm 122*

3 Ephesians 4:4-6

One body, one Spirit,
one hope to which you are called;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
above all, through all, in us all.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 122*

COMMUNION

1 See 1 Corinthians 10:17

Though we are many,
we are one bread, one body;
there is one loaf, one cup
for all to share.

— *Jeremiah 31:10-14 or Psalm 122 or Psalm 133*

2 Colossians 3:14-15

The crowning grace is love,
the bond that makes us perfect.
So may the peace of Christ
reign within our hearts:
the purpose of our calling
within a single body.

— *Jeremiah 31:10-14 or Psalm 103 or Psalm 85*

3 John 17:21, 23

Let them all be one
as you are in me
and I in you, Father.
Let them be one in us
and be completely one,
I in them and you in me.

— *Jeremiah 31:10-14 or Psalm 133*

SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

OPENING

1 Psalm 67:2-3

Lord, in your mercy bless us
with the splendour of your face:
show us your ways on earth
your saving power to the nations.

— *Psalm 67*

2 Psalm 96:3-4

Proclaim the glory of God to the nations,
the marvellous deeds of the Lord to the peoples:
great is the Lord, most worthy of praise.

— *Psalm 96*

COMMUNION

1 Matthew 28:20

Teach all nations to keep
my commands, says the Lord;
I am with you always
until the world shall end, alleluia.

— *Psalm 96 or Psalm 119:1-4, 41-48*

2 Psalm 117:1-2

All you nations, praise the Lord;
all you peoples, praise the Lord:
the Lord whose mercy never ends,
whose promises endure for ever.

— *Psalm 57:8-12*

3 See Mark 16:15

Go out to all the world,
preach the gospel to every creature.

— *Psalm 19:2-5*

FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

POPE

OPENING Matthew 16:18-19

You are Peter,
the Rock on which I shall build my Church.
The gates of hell shall not prevail against it,
and to you I will give the keys of the kingdom.

— *Psalm 80:2-12, 15-20*

COMMUNION John 21:15, 17

Simon, son of John,
do you love me more than these?
Lord, you know all things;
you know that I love you.

— *Psalm 19:1-7, Psalm 139:1-6, 16-18, 23-24
or Psalm 18*

BISHOP

OPENING Ezekiel 34:11, 23-24

I will come in search of my sheep
and raise up a shepherd to feed them,
and I, the Lord, will be their God.

— *Psalm 78:52-55; 70-72*

COMMUNION Matthew 20:28

The Son of Man has come
to serve, not to be served,
and to give his life
in ransom for the world.

— *Psalm 119:105-112; 129-136*

PRIESTS

OPENING Luke 4:18, 19

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for the Lord has anointed me
and sent me to preach to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to let the oppressed go free.

— *Isaiah 61:1-4 or Psalm 72*

COMMUNION John 17:17-18

Holy Father,
make them holy in the truth:
your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world.

— *Psalm 96*

DEACONS AND MINISTERS
OF THE CHURCH

OPENING 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

There are different kinds of gifts
but the same Spirit,
different forms of service
but the same Lord,
different works
but the same God,
accomplishing all in everyone.

— *Psalm 104:1-2a, 24, 27-34*

COMMUNION Luke 12:37

Blessed are the servants whom the Lord
finds watching;
he will seat them at his own table,
put on an apron and wait upon them.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 36:6-10*

RELIGIOUS

OPENING Psalm 37:3-4

Trust in the Lord and do good,
and you shall dwell in the land
and pasture in safety.
Delight in the Lord, who will give you
whatever your heart desires.

— *Psalm 37:3-6, 27-28b, 29-31, 39-40*

COMMUNION

1 1 Kings 19:7

The angel of the Lord said to Elijah:
Arise and eat,
for a long journey awaits you.

— *Psalm 34:1-11 or Psalm 23*

2 Revelation 22:17a, 20

The Spirit and the bride say: Come.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

— *Psalm 106:1-5, 48 or Psalm 96*

ALL CHRISTIANS IN THEIR VOCATION

OPENING Matthew 13:33

The kingdom of heaven is like yeast
that a woman took and mixed
with three measures of flour,
until it was all leavened.

— *Psalm 96*

COMMUNION

1 Psalm 100:2

Shout joy to the Lord, all earth,
serve the Lord with gladness,
enter God's presence with joy.

— *Psalm 100*

2 John 15:8

By this my Father is glorified,
that you may bear much fruit
and be my disciples, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 1:1-13 or Psalm 80:2, 9-16, 20*

VOCATIONS TO HOLY ORDERS

OPENING Matthew 9:38

Jesus said to the disciples:
Ask the Lord to send
labourers into his harvest.

— *Psalm 65:2-3, 5-14 or Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10, 12*

COMMUNION 1 John 3:16

We know God's love in this:
that Christ laid down his life for us.
So we too should give our lives
for one another.

— *Psalm 119:1-8, 103-106 or 1 Peter 2:21-24
or Philipians 2:6-11*

VOCATIONS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE

OPENING Matthew 19:21

If you would be perfect,
sell all that you have,
give your wealth to the poor,
then come and follow me.

— *Psalm 25*

COMMUNION See Matthew 19:27-29

Amen, I say to you,
for leaving all to follow me
you will receive a hundredfold
and gain eternal life.

— *Psalm 21:2-8, 14*

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

OPENING

1 See Psalm 74:20, 19, 22, 23

Remember, Lord, your covenant;
do not for ever desert your poor.
Arise, O Lord, and defend your cause;
do not forget us when we cry to you.

— *Psalm 74:12-23 or Psalm 80*

2 Acts 12:5

While Peter was held in prison,
the Church offered to God
constant prayer on his behalf.

— *Psalm 34:1-11, 18-23*

COMMUNION

1 Matthew 5:11-12

Blessed are you when you are cursed
and persecuted on my account:
rejoice and dance for joy, says the Lord,
your reward is great in heaven.

— *Psalm 119:1-2, 105-112 or Psalm 34:1-11; 18-23*

2 Matthew 10:32

All who acknowledge me before others,
I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven,
says the Lord.

— *Psalm 119:1-2, 43-46, 105-112*

FOR PARTICULAR NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

ELECTIONS OF A POPE OR BISHOP

OPENING 1 Samuel 2:35

I will raise up a faithful priest,
an instrument of my loving purpose;
I will build him an enduring house,
and he shall go before me for ever.

— *Psalm 132 or Psalm 99*

COMMUNION John 15:16

I have chosen you, says the Lord,
to go out and bear fruit,
fruit that will endure.

— *Psalm 92 or Psalm 78:52-55, 70-72*

COUNCIL OR SYNOD

OPENING Colossians 3:14-15

The crowning grace is love,
the bond that makes us perfect.
So may the peace of Christ
reign within our hearts:
the purpose of our calling
within a single body.

— *Psalm 122 or Psalm 85 or Jeremiah 31:10-14*

COMMUNION *Ubi caritas*

Where true charity and love are present,
God is present there,
and the love of Jesus Christ
has brought us together here.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 133*

PASTORAL OR SPIRITUAL GATHERINGS

OPENING

1 Matthew 18:19-20

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I among them, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 46 or Psalm 122*

2 Colossians 3:14-15

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the bond that makes us perfect.
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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NEEDS

FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PROGRESS OF PEOPLES

OPENING 1 John 3:17

How can the love of God abide
in anyone with worldly means
who sees a brother or sister in need,
yet refuses to show compassion?

— *Psalm 112*

COMMUNION

1 See Psalm 104:13-15

Earth is full of your gift from heaven:
bread to strengthen, wine to cheer us.

— *Psalm 104:1-2a, 13-15, 27-34*

2 Luke 11:9

Ask and receive, search and find,
knock and the door will be opened,
says the Lord.

— *Psalm 31:2-9, 20 or Psalm 67*

PEACE AND JUSTICE

OPENING See Sirach 36:18-19

Give peace to those who wait for you:
hear the prayers of your servants, Lord,
and guide us in the way of justice.

— *Psalm 122*

COMMUNION

1 Matthew 5:9

Blessed are those who strive for peace,
for they shall be called the children of God.

— *Psalm 34:1-2, 8-15*

2 John 14:27

Peace I leave you,
my peace I give you,
says the Lord.

— *Psalm 85 or Isaiah 66:10-14a*

IN TIMES OF WAR OR CONFLICT

OPENING

1 Jeremiah 29:11, 12, 14

Peace is my purpose, not affliction.
Only cry to me, says the Lord;
I will hear you
and lead you home from exile.

— *Psalm 85 or Psalm 126*

2 Psalm 18:5-7

Groans of death were around me,
grief of the grave about me;
I cried to the Lord, who heard me
from within the holy temple.

— *Psalm 18:2-7 or Psalm 46 or
Lamentations 51:1-7, 15-17*

COMMUNION John 14:27

Do not be troubled or afraid:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
not as the world gives do I give peace.

— *Psalm 46 or Psalm 27 or Isaiah 2:2-5*

OUR OPPRESSORS AND ENEMIES

OPENING Luke 6:27, 28

Love your enemies, says the Lord:
do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
and pray for those who malign you.

— *Psalm 119:1-2, 105-112 or Psalm 103*

COMMUNION Matthew 5:9-10

Blessed are those who strive for peace,
for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice,
for they possess the kingdom of heaven.

— *Psalm 146 or Isaiah 66:10-14a
or Psalm 34:2-5, 8-9, 17-23*

RECONCILIATION

OPENING Unidentified

I am your Saviour, my people;
whatever sorrow you may suffer,
I will answer when you call upon me,
and I will be your Lord for ever.

— *Psalm 37:27-40 or Sirach 36:1-7, 13, 16-22
or Psalm 56*

COMMUNION

1 Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all who toil under burdens;
I will refresh you, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 40:1-12 or Psalm 25*

2 John 16:24

Ask, you will receive,
that your joy may be complete.

— *Psalm 34*

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL NEEDS

FOR THE FRUITS OF THE EARTH

FRUITFUL SEASONS

OPENING Psalm 90:17

Let your favour be on us, Lord,
and bless the work of our hands.

— *Psalm 107:35-43*

COMMUNION Psalm 85:13

Gifts will come from the Lord,
a flowering from the land.

— *Psalm 85*

AFTER THE HARVEST

OPENING Psalm 67:7-8

God, our God, has blessed us
with the harvest of the land.

— *Psalm 67 or Psalm 65*

COMMUNION Psalm 104:13-15

Earth is full of your gift from heaven:
bread to strengthen, wine to cheer us.

— *Psalm 104:1-2, 10-18, 27-28*

FOR STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

HUMAN WORK

OPENING

1 Genesis 1:1, 27, 31

In the beginning God created
the heavens and the earth.
Then in his own image
God created humankind.

On the sixth day of creation
God looked on all he had made
and, behold, it was very good.

— *Psalm 8*

2 Psalm 90:17

Let your favour be on us, Lord,
and bless the work of our hands.

— *Psalm 119:1-2, 105-106, 169-176*

COMMUNION Colossians 3:17

Whatever you say or do
should be in the name of the Lord
and should express your thanks
through him to God the Father.

— *Psalm 127*

FOR THE AFFLICTED

THE HUNGRY

OPENING Psalm 74:20, 19

Remember, Lord, your covenant,
and never forget your poor.

— *Psalm 74:1-2, 12, 15-23 or Psalm 107:2-9*

COMMUNION Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all who toil under burdens;
I will refresh you, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 34*

REFUGEES AND EXILES

OPENING

1 Psalm 91:11

The angels of God have charge of you,
they shall guard you wherever you go.

— *Psalm 91 or Psalm 34*

2 Jeremiah 29:11, 12, 14

Peace is my purpose, not affliction.
Only cry to me, says the Lord;
I will hear you
and lead you home from exile.

— *Psalm 85 or Psalm 126*

COMMUNION Psalm 91:2

My stronghold and my refuge,
my God, in you I hope.

— *Psalm 91 or Psalm 34 or Psalm 121*

PRISONERS AND DETAINEES

OPENING Psalm 88:2-3

Lord and God of my salvation,
by day, by night I cry out.
Let my prayer come into your presence,
turn to me and listen.

— *Lamentations 51:1, 3, 15-21 or Psalm 71:1-3, 5-8
or Psalm 91*

COMMUNION Psalm 69:31, 34

I will give thanks to God
and praise his name with song,
for the Lord hears the poor
and never scorns his captive people.

— *Psalm 69:30bc-37*

THE SICK

OPENING

1 Psalm 6:3-4

Have mercy, Lord, and heal me,
I am sick and in distress,
my bones are racked with pain.

— *Psalm 6:2-10*

2 See Isaiah 53:4

Truly, the Lord has borne our afflictions
and carried all our sorrows.

— *Psalm 34:2-4, 18-21 or 1 Peter 2:21-24*

COMMUNION Colossians 1:24

In my own body I fill up
what is lacking in the passion of Christ,
for the sake of his body, the Church.

— *Psalm 42:2-6; 43:3-4 or Psalm 71:1-9, 14-16*

THE DYING

OPENING

1 Romans 14:7-8

We do not live for ourselves,
we do not die for ourselves.
Whether we live or die,
we live or die for the Lord;
whether we live or die,
we all belong to the Lord.

— *Psalm 34*

2 See Isaiah 53:4

Truly, the Lord has borne our afflictions
and carried all our sorrows.

— *Psalm 34:2-4, 18-21 or 1 Peter 2:21-24*

COMMUNION

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In my own body I fill up
what is lacking in the passion of Christ,
for the sake of his body, the Church.

— *Psalm 42:2-6; 43:3-4 or Psalm 71:1-9, 14-16*

2 John 6:54

If you eat my flesh and drink my blood,
you have eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

— *Psalm 104:1-2a, 13-15, 27-34*

FAMILY AND PERSONAL NEEDS

CHARITY

OPENING Ezekiel 36:26, 27, 28

Thus says the Lord:
I will remove your heart of stone
and give you back a heart of flesh.
I will give you my own spirit,

and you will be my people
and I will be your God.

— *Ezekiel 36:24-28 or Psalm 34 or Psalm 23*

COMMUNION 1 Corinthians 13:13

Faith, hope, and love,
let these endure among you;
and the greatest of these is love.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 133*

HARMONY

OPENING Acts 4:32, 33

The community of believers
was united in mind and heart.
With great power the apostles bore witness
to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and great grace was upon them all.

— *Psalm 133 or Psalm 96*

COMMUNION See John 17:20-21

Father, I pray, says the Lord,
for those who will believe in me:
may they all be one in us
and so may the world believe
that I was sent by you.

— *Jeremiah 31:10-14 or Psalm 133*

THE FAMILY

OPENING Ephesians 6:2-3

To honour your father and mother
is the first commandment with a promise:
that you will enjoy long life
and live well upon the earth.

— *Psalm 119:1-10, 105-106, 111-112*

COMMUNION Isaiah 49:15

Can a woman forget her baby?
Even if she forgets,
I will never forget you,
says the Lord.

— *Psalm 139:1-18 or Psalm 103*

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

OPENING See Psalm 122:6, 8

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
May those who love you prosper.
For love of family and friends,
I say: Peace be with you.
— *Psalm 122*

COMMUNION Matthew 12:50

Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven
is my brother and sister and mother, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 34 or Psalm 119:1-16*

THE PRIEST HIMSELF

ON APPOINTMENT

OPENING See Colossians 1:25, 28

I became a servant of the Church
according to God's commission
given to me for you.
We are proclaiming Christ,
that we may present everyone
perfect in Christ Jesus.
— *Psalm 96*

COMMUNION John 15:9

I have loved you as the Father has loved me;
remain in my love, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 63:2-9*

GENERAL

OPENING Psalm 16:2, 5

I said to the Lord:
You, my Lord, my only good,
my heritage and my cup,
you alone determine my lot.
— *Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11*

COMMUNION See Luke 22:28-30

Jesus said to those
who stood by him in his trials:
At my table in my kingdom
you shall eat and drink.
— *Psalm 34*

ON AN ANNIVERSARY

OPENING John 15:16

You did not choose me;
I have chosen you,
to go and bear fruit,
fruit that will endure.

— *Psalm 89:2-7, 20-22, 25-30*

COMMUNION See 1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup we bless
is a sharing in the blood of Christ;
the bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

— *Psalm 116 or Psalm 104:1-2a, 13-15, 27-34*

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

OPENING See Wisdom 11:23-24, 26

O Lord our God, have mercy on us.
All creation to you is precious;
you disregard our sins and so convert us.

— *Psalm 51 or Psalm 56*

COMMUNION Luke 15:10

There is joy among the angels of God
over one sinner who repents.

— *Psalm 32 or Psalm 130*

A HAPPY DEATH

OPENING Psalm 23:4

Though I walk in the valley of darkness,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me, Lord, my God,
your crook and staff are my comfort.

— *Psalm 23*

COMMUNION

1 Romans 14:7-8

We do not live for ourselves,
we do not die for ourselves.
Whether we live or die,
we live or die for the Lord;
whether we live or die,
we all belong to the Lord.

— *Psalm 34*

2 Luke 21:36

At all times, watch and pray,
that you may have the strength
to stand before the Son of Man.

— *Psalm 130 or Psalm 123:1-3a or Psalm 63:2-9*

MISCELLANEOUS PRAYERS

AT THE BEGINNING OF A YEAR

OPENING

1 Psalm 65:12

Your mercy crowns the year
and your richness fills the fields.

— *Psalm 65*

2 Matthew 28:20

I, the Lord, am with you always
until the world shall end.

— *Psalm 34 or Psalm 46*

COMMUNION Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same today
as yesterday and for evermore.

— *Psalm 93*

IN ANY NEED

OPENING

1 Unidentified

I am your Saviour, my people;
whatever sorrow you may suffer,
I will answer when you call upon me,
and I will be your Lord for ever.

— *Psalm 37:27-40 or Sirach 36:1-7, 13, 16-22*

2 Psalm 44:24-27

Awake, Lord, why are you sleeping?
Awake, do not reject us for ever.
Why do you turn away and ignore us?
Lord, we are flung face down in the dust.
Awake, Lord, come to our rescue;
redeem us in your mercy.

— *Psalm 44*

COMMUNION

1 Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all who toil under burdens;
I will refresh you, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 34 or Psalm 25 or Psalm 40:1-12*

2 John 16:23-24

Whatever you ask in my name,
the Father will give you.
Ask, you will receive,
that your joy May be complete.

— *Psalm 34*

IN THANKSGIVING

OPENING Ephesians 5:19-20

Sing to the Lord with music in your hearts,
always thanking God the Father
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

— *Psalm 100 or Psalm 145*

COMMUNION

1 Psalm 138:1

I will give you thanks with all my heart,
for you have answered me, O Lord.

— *Psalm 138*

2 Psalm 116:12-13

What return can I make
for all that the Lord gives me?
I will take the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.

— *Psalm 116*

VOTIVE MASSES

THE HOLY TRINITY

OPENING Unidentified

Blessed be God the Father
and the only Son of God
and the Holy Spirit
for showing us faithful love.

— *Psalm 113 or Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12*

COMMUNION Galatians 4:6

Since you are children of God,
he has sent into your hearts
the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out:
Abba, Father.

— *Ephesians 1:3-10 or Psalm 103:1-5, 11-18*

THE HOLY CROSS

OPENING See Galatians 6:14

We should glory in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our resurrection,
our salvation and our life.

— *Psalm 67*

COMMUNION John 12:32

When I am raised up from the earth,
I shall draw to myself the whole world.

— *Psalm 36:6-10 or Philippians 2:6-11*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OPENING

1 Psalm 78:23-25

The Lord opened the doors of heaven
and rained down manna for us to eat,
bread of angels to feed the hungry.

— *Psalm 78:1-4, 23-27*

2 Psalm 110:4

The Lord has sworn an oath
which he will not retract:
You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.

— *Psalm 110:1-4*

COMMUNION

1 John 6:51-52

I am the living bread from heaven:
whoever eats this bread has eternal life.
The bread that I shall give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.

— *Psalm 34 or Wisdom 16:20-21, 26; 17:1a
or Sirach 14:20; 15:3-5a, 6b*

2 1 Corinthians 11:24-25

This is my body, given for you;
this cup, says the Lord,
is the new covenant in my blood.
Whenever you drink it,
do this in memory of me.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 116*

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

OPENING Philippians 2:10-11

At the name of Jesus
every knee must bend
in heaven and on earth
and in the world below;
and every tongue exclaim
to the glory of God the Father:
Jesus Christ is Lord!

— *Psalm 8 or Philippians 2:6-11*

COMMUNION Acts 4:12

No other name under heaven
has been given for our salvation.

— *Psalm 66 or Psalm 8*

THE MERCY OF GOD

OPENING

1 See Jeremiah 31:3; 1 John 2:2

God who has always loved us,
sent his only Son
as atonement for our sins,
and not only for ours
but for those of all the world.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 145*

2 Psalm 89:2

Lord, I will sing your love for ever,
your faithfulness from age to age.

— *Psalm 89:1-19*

COMMUNION

1 Psalm 103:17

God's mercy is beyond all time
for believers of each generation.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 145*

2 John 19:34

With a lance a soldier pierced his side,
and there came forth blood and water.

— *Psalm 89:2, 3, 6, 15, 18, 25, 29, 34-35
or Isaiah 12:2-6 or Psalm 103*

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

OPENING See Revelation 5:9-10

Lord, you redeemed us by your blood
from every people, tribe, and tongue:
making us a royal house,
a priestly people to serve our God, alleluia.

— *Psalm 99 or Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12*

COMMUNION See 1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup we bless
is a sharing in the blood of Christ;
the bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

— *Psalm 116 or Psalm 104:1-2a, 13-15, 27-34*

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

OPENING Psalm 33:11, 19

The heart of the Lord remembers
from age to age;
we shall be snatched from death
and fed in time of famine.

— *Psalm 33:1, 13-15, 18-21*

COMMUNION

1 John 7:37-38

If you are thirsty, says the Lord,
come to me and drink.

Put your faith in me,
and streams of living water
shall flow out from your heart.

— *Psalm 63:2-9 or Psalm 27:1, 7-14
or Psalm 34*

2 John 19:34

With a lance a soldier pierced his side,
and there came forth blood and water.

— *Psalm 89:2, 3, 6, 15, 18, 25, 29, 34-35
or Isaiah 12:2-6 or Psalm 103*

THE HOLY SPIRIT

OPENING

1 See Romans 5:5; 8:11

The love of God streams into our hearts
through the Spirit of God who dwells within us.

— *Psalm 103 or Psalm 63:2-9*

2 John 16:13

Thus says the Lord:
The Spirit of truth will come
and lead you to all truth, alleluia.

— *Psalm 25*

3 Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for the Lord has anointed me
and sent me to preach to the poor.

— *Isaiah 61:1-4 or Psalm 72*

COMMUNION

1 Psalm 68:29

Confirm, O God, your work within us
from your holy temple in Jerusalem.

— *Psalm 68:5-6, 8-11, 29-30, 33-36*

2 John 15:26; 16:14

The Spirit who proceeds from the Father
will glorify me, says the Lord.

— *Psalm 78:1-7, 23-25*

3 Psalm 104:30

Send forth your Spirit for the work of creation
and renew the face of the earth.

— *Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 27-34*

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

OPENING See Acts 1:14

With one mind the disciples
persevered in prayer
with Mary, the Mother of Jesus,
the women, and his brothers.

— *Psalm 63:2-9 and Psalm 34 or Psalm 87:1-7*

COMMUNION

1 See John 2:1, 11

The Mother of Jesus was present
at a wedding at Cana in Galilee.
By performing the first of his signs there,
Jesus revealed his glory
and his disciples believed in him.

— *Luke 1:46-55 or Isaiah 61:10-62:7 or Psalm 99*

2 See John 19:26-27

As he hung upon the cross,
Jesus said to the disciple whom he loved:
This is your Mother.

— *Luke 1:46-55*

THE ANGELS

OPENING Psalm 103:20

Bless the Lord, you angels,
strong and quick to obey
every word that the Lord has uttered.

— *Psalm 103:1, 19-22*

COMMUNION Psalm 138:1

Lord, I will praise you with all my heart
and sing to you in the sight of the angels.

— *Psalm 138 or Daniel 3:56-63, 82-87*

JOSEPH

OPENING Luke 12:42

Behold a wise and faithful servant,
in charge of the Lord's own household.

— *Psalm 92 or Psalm 149*

COMMUNION Matthew 25:21

Well done, my good and faithful servant!
Come and share the joy of your Lord.

— *Psalm 112 or Psalm 146 or Psalm 119:1, 2, 14, 24,
30, 48, 99-100, 129-130*

ALL THE APOSTLES

OPENING John 15:16

You did not choose me;
I have chosen you,
to go and bear fruit,
fruit that will endure.

— *Psalm 89:2-7, 20-22, 25-30*

COMMUNION Matthew 19:28

Thus says the Lord:
You that have followed me
will sit on twelve thrones
to judge the tribes of Israel.

— *Psalm 126 or Psalm 19:2-7*

ONE APOSTLE

OPENING Psalm 96:2-3

Day after day proclaim
that God has saved us;
proclaim to all the nations
the glory of the Lord.

— *Psalm 96*

COMMUNION Luke 22:29-30

My Father gave me a kingdom,
and I give one to you;
at my table in my kingdom
you shall eat and drink.

— *Psalm 36:6-10*

PETER, APOSTLE

OPENING Luke 22:32

Thus said the Lord:
I have prayed, Simon Peter,
that your faith may not fail;
when you return to me,
strengthen your fellow disciples.

— *Psalm 30*

COMMUNION Matthew 16:16, 18

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
And you are Peter,
the Rock on which I shall build my Church.

— *Psalm 80:2-12, 15-20*

PAUL, APOSTLE

OPENING 2 Timothy 1:12; 4:8

The judge in whom I trust
is no stranger to me;
I am sure he can guard my pledge
until the day of his coming.

— *Psalm 139*

COMMUNION Galatians 2:20

I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.

— *Psalm 34*

ALL SAINTS

OPENING Unidentified

The saints rejoice for ever in heaven:
they followed Christ, and with him they exult.

— *Psalm 33*

COMMUNION Matthew 5:8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they shall see God.
Blessed are those who strive for peace,
for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice,
for they possess the kingdom of heaven.

— *Psalm 126 or Isaiah 66:10-14a*

MASSES FOR THE DEAD

In Masses for the Dead during the season of Easter, the *alleluia* at the end of the antiphons May be omitted if desired.

FUNERAL MASS FOR AN ADULT

OPENING

1 See 4 Ezra 2:34-35

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Alternative (used only when the text is sung):

Eternal rest to them, O Lord,
and your perpetual light.

— *Psalm 65*

2 Unidentified

Open to him/her, O Lord,
the gate of paradise,
the way back to our homeland
where there is no death
but only joy eternal.

— *Psalm 126 or Psalm 118:1-2, 13-21*

During the season of Easter

3 1 Thessalonians 4:14; 1 Corinthians 15:22

Just as Jesus died and rose,
so those who sleep in him
will be restored by God.
As in Adam all have died,
so all will live in Christ, alleluia.

— *Psalm 65 or Psalm 118:1-9, 13-17, 20-21*

COMMUNION

1 4 Ezra 2:35, 34

Let eternal light, O Lord,
for ever shine upon them.
Set them with your saints,
most gracious Lord.
Eternal rest, O Lord,
and your perpetual light.

Alternative (used only when the text is sung):

V. Eternal light, O Lord,
for ever shine upon them.
R. Set them with your saints,
most gracious Lord.

V. Eternal rest, O Lord,
and your perpetual light. R.

— *Psalm 27:1-4, 7-14 or Psalm 36:6-10*

2 Philippians 3:20-21

We await the coming
of Christ, our Lord and Saviour,
to make our humble bodies
glorious like his own.

— *Psalm 96 or Hosea 6:1-3*

During the season of Easter

3 See John 11:25-26

I am the resurrection and the life.
Believe in me and you shall live,
even though you die.
Live and believe in me,
and you will never die, alleluia.

— *Psalm 121 or Luke 1:68-79*

FUNERAL MASS FOR A CHILD

OPENING

A baptised child

1 See Matthew 25:34

Come, my Father has blessed you;
come and possess the kingdom
prepared for you since the world began (alleluia).

— *Psalm 96*

A child who died before baptism

2 Revelation 21:4

God will wipe the tears from their eyes
and abolish death and mourning and pain,
for the old order has passed away.

— *Psalm 126 or Psalm 116:1-9*

COMMUNION

A baptised child

1 See Romans 6:4, 8

Baptised, we are buried in death with Christ:
we believe we shall also live with Christ,
(alleluia).

— *Psalm 16*

A child who died before baptism

2 Isaiah 25:8

The Lord will topple the power of death
and dry the tears on all our faces.

— *Psalm 116*

ANNIVERSARY MASS

OPENING

1 Revelation 21:4

God will wipe the tears from their eyes
and abolish death and mourning and pain,
for the old order has passed away.

— *Psalm 126 or Psalm 116:1-9*

2 Unidentified

Lord Jesus, grant eternal rest
to those for whom you shed your precious blood.

— *Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12 or Psalm 65*

During the season of Easter

3 See Romans 8:11

God, who raised Jesus from the dead,
will give our mortal bodies life,
because the Spirit dwells in us, alleluia.

— *Psalm 116 or Psalm 16*

COMMUNION

1 John 11:25; 3:36; 5:24

I am the resurrection and the life:
whoever believes in me has eternal life,
and will not be condemned
but pass from death to life.

— *Psalm 121 or Luke 1:68-79 or Psalm 23*

2 Unidentified

You are life after death, rest after toil,
grant them yourself, O Lord, for ever.

— *Psalm 34 or Psalm 16*

During the season of Easter

3 John 6:51-52

I am the living bread from heaven:
whoever eats this bread has eternal life.
The bread that I shall give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world, alleluia.

— *Psalm 34 or Wisdom 16:20-21, 26; 17:1a
or Sirach 14:20; 15:3-5a, 6b*

OTHER MASSES AND PRAYERS
FOR THE DEAD

ONE PERSON

OPENING

1 Unidentified

Open to him/her, O Lord,
the gate of paradise,
the way back to our homeland
where there is no death
but only joy eternal.

— *Psalm 126 or Psalm 118:1-2, 13-21*

2 Job 19:25-26

I know that my Redeemer lives:
on the last day I shall rise again,
and in my flesh I shall see God.

— *Psalm 18:2-7 or Psalm 116:1-9*

COMMUNION

1 John 6:37

All that the Father gives me
will come to me, says the Lord,
and whoever comes to me
I will not reject.

— *Psalm 65 or Psalm 34*

2 See John 6:50

Thus says the Lord:
This is the bread come down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will never die.

— *Psalm 23 or Psalm 36:6-10
or Sirach 14:20; 15:3a, 6b*

SEVERAL PERSONS

OPENING

1 Unidentified

Give them eternal rest, O Lord,
and fill them with your splendour.

— *Psalm 65 or Psalm 6:3-10*

2 John 3:16

God so loved the world
as to give his only Son,
that all who believe in him
might have eternal life.

— *Psalm 103*

3 Revelation 14:13

Blessed are those who die in the Lord;
now they can rest from all their labours,
for their good deeds go with them.

— *Psalm 121 or Psalm 16*

COMMUNION

1 1 John 4:9

God sent into the world
his only-begotten Son,
that through him we might live.

— *Psalm 98*

2 Philippians 3:20-21

We await the coming
of Christ, our Lord and Saviour,
to make our humble bodies
glorious like his own.

— *Psalm 96 or Hosea 6:1-3*

3 Unidentified

To all of those whom we remember
as we receive the body and blood of Christ
grant, O Lord, eternal rest.

— *Psalm 34*

THE ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

RITE OF BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

OUTSIDE THE SEASON OF EASTER

A Psalm 51:9

Wash me with fresh water, Lord,
make me clean as purest snow.

— *Psalm 51*

B Ezekiel 36:25-26

I will pour clean water upon you
and wash away all your defilement.
A new heart I will give you,
says the Lord our God.

— *Ezekiel 36:24-28 or Psalm 23*

C HYMN

See 1 Peter 1:3-5

Refrain:

Praised be the God and Father
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. Praised be the God and Father
of Jesus Christ our Lord,
a God who is full of compassion.

Refrain

2. By raising Christ from the dead
God has bestowed upon us
new birth and a hope to live by.

Refrain

3. Our heritage cannot perish,
though reserved in heaven for the day
when salvation is revealed.

Refrain

DURING THE SEASON OF EASTER

A Hymn

See Ezekiel 47:1-2, 9

The following antiphon May be sung with verses
from Psalm 118 or with the verses that follow.

Antiphon:

I saw a stream flowing
from the right side of the temple, alleluia,
and all those whom it reached
were healed and sang for joy: alleluia.

1. From the wounded side of Christ
flowed streams of cleansing water;
the world was washed of all its sin,
all life made new again.

Antiphon

2. With joy you will draw water
from the saving well of God;
for great among us is the Lord,
the Holy One of Israel.

Antiphon

B See Daniel 3:77, 79

Fountains and springs, fishes and whales,
give praise and glory to God for ever,
alleluia.

— *Daniel 3:74-87*

C See 1 Peter 2:9

You are a chosen people,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
sing the praises of God who called you
from darkness to wonderful light,
alleluia.

— *Psalm 105:1-6, 41-45*
or Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 12

D Source unidentified

From the wounded side of Christ
flowed streams of cleansing water:
the world was washed of all its sin,
all life made new again,
alleluia.

— *Psalm 105:1-6, 41-45*
or Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 12



APPENDIX

SAMPLE TEXTS OF THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

1. GENERAL USE I

Invitation

Let us pray with all our hearts
to God, the almighty Father,
who desires that all should be saved
and come to the knowledge of the truth.

First Intention

For the holy Church of God,
that the Lord may guide and protect it,
we pray to our God:
R. God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Second Intention

For all the peoples of the world,
that the Lord may unite them in harmony and peace,
we pray to our God:
R. God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Third Intention

For all our brothers and sisters in need,
that the Lord may raise them up and assist them,
we pray to our God:
R. God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Fourth Intention

For ourselves and for our community,
that the Lord may accept us as a pleasing sacrifice,
we pray to our God:
R. God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayer

God, our refuge and our strength,
source of every goodness,
heed the prayers of your Church,
and grant that we may obtain in rich measure
all that we ask for in faith.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

2. GENERAL
USE II

Invitation

My brothers and sisters,
through this prayer that we make in common
let us call upon Christ the Lord,
not only for ourselves and our own needs
but also for the needs of others.

First Intention

For all Christian people,
we pray to Christ the Lord,
the giver of all good things:
R. Christ, hear us.

Or:

For those who as yet do not believe,
we pray to Christ the Lord,
the giver of spiritual gifts:
R. Christ, hear us.

Second Intention

For those who hold public office,
we pray to Christ the Lord,
the ruler of every heart:
R. Christ, hear us.

Or:

For fine weather and the fruits of the earth,
we pray to Christ the Lord,
the ruler of the universe:
R. Christ, hear us.

Third Intention

For those who cannot be present here,
we pray to Christ the Lord,
who knows our innermost hearts:
R. Christ, hear us.

Or:

For those who have gone before us in faith,
we pray to Christ the Lord,
who is judge of all:
R. Christ, hear us.

Fourth Intention

For all of us,
who pray with faith and ask for mercy,
we pray to Christ the Lord,
our merciful Saviour:
R. Christ, hear us.

Or:

For all of us,
who trust in the Lord's goodness in time of need,
we pray to Christ the Lord,
our merciful Saviour:
R. Christ, hear us.

Concluding Prayer

Lord God,
hear the prayers we offer
and mercifully grant the favours we ask,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

3. SEASON OF
ADVENT

Invitation

My brothers and sisters,
we are preparing for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He came into the world
to preach the good news to the poor
and to heal the brokenhearted.
Let us pray that, even in our own time,
he may show the path of salvation
to those who are poor and needy.

First Intention

That the Lord Jesus may remain with his Church
and guide it always,
we pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, have mercy.

Or:

That the Lord Jesus may enrich with spiritual gifts
our pope, our bishop, and all the bishops,
we pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, have mercy.

Second Intention

That the Lord Jesus may bless the world
with peace and prosperity,
we pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, have mercy.

Or:

That the Lord Jesus may direct those in authority
to follow his will and to serve the good of all,
we pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, have mercy.

Third Intention

That the Lord Jesus may heal the sick,
rid the world of hunger,
and protect us from all adversity,
we pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, have mercy.

Or:

That the Lord Jesus may set free the oppressed
and those deprived of freedom,
we pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, have mercy.

Fourth Intention

That the Lord Jesus may keep us steadfast in truth,
to proclaim to the world his great love,
we pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, have mercy.

Or:

That the Lord Jesus may find us
watchful and ready at his coming,
we pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, have mercy.

Concluding Prayer

All-powerful and ever-living God,
you desire that all should be saved and that none be lost.
Hear the prayers of your people:
guide the course of the world
in the ways of your peace
and enable your Church to serve you
in serenity and joy.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

4. SEASON OF
CHRISTMAS

Invitation

My brothers and sisters,
today [tonight *or* in this season]
the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour
has appeared among us.
Let us offer up our prayers,
trusting not in any righteous deeds we have done,
but solely in the mercy of God.

First Intention

For the Church of God,
that we may await with pure faith and welcome with joy
the Saviour whom the spotless Virgin
conceived and bore by the power of the Spirit,
we pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, have mercy.

Second Intention

For the peace and progress of the whole world,
that God's earthly gifts may lead to an eternal reward,
we pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, have mercy.

Third Intention

For those who suffer from hunger, sickness, or loneliness,
that the mystery of the incarnation [epiphany]
may afford them relief of body and spirit,
we pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, have mercy.

Fourth Intention

For the families of our congregation,
that we may welcome Christ
and learn to see him in the poor and needy,
we pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, have mercy.

Concluding Prayer

Lord our God,
grant that the Virgin Mary,
who carried in her womb Jesus Christ,
truly God and truly human,
may bring before you the prayers of your faithful people.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

5. SEASON OF
LENT I

Invitation

My brothers and sisters,
we must pray at all times,
but during these days of Lent
we should keep watch even more faithfully with Christ
in offering our prayers to God.

First Intention

For the entire Christian people,
that during this season
we may be nourished more richly
by every word that comes from the mouth of God,
we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Second Intention

For peace and tranquillity in the world,
that these days may truly be
an acceptable time of grace and salvation,
we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Third Intention

For sinners and those who have fallen away,
that in this season of reconciliation
they may turn back to God,
we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Fourth Intention

For ourselves,
that our hearts may at last be moved
to detest our sins,
we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayer

Grant to your people, O Lord,
true conversion of heart,
that what we seek with fitting prayer
we may receive through your loving mercy.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

6. SEASON OF
LENT II

Invitation

My brothers and sisters,
as the Easter solemnities draw near,
let us pray earnestly to the Lord
that we who are baptised, and the whole world,
may enter more fully
the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

First Intention

That the catechumens who will be baptised this Easter
may grow in faith and understanding,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Second Intention

That nations in need may receive assistance
and that peace and stability may reign throughout the world,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Third Intention

That all who are afflicted and in distress
may receive the comfort of divine grace,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Fourth Intention

That our Lenten self-denial may inspire us
to reach out in love to those who need our help,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayer

Have mercy, O Lord, on your Church
and listen to our heartfelt prayers,
so that those you call to share in Christ's paschal mystery
may never lack the comfort of your grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

7. MONDAY,
TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY
OF HOLY WEEK

Invitation

My brothers and sisters,
during this season when Christ, with loud cries and tears,
offered up prayers and entreaties to his Father
and was heard because of his godly fear,
let us humbly ask God to hear us also.

First Intention

That in these days of Christ's passion
the Church, the Bride of Christ,
may more thoroughly be cleansed by his blood,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Second Intention

That through the blood of the cross
peace may prevail for the salvation of all the world,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Third Intention

That those who share in Christ's passion
through their own illness or suffering
may be blessed with courage and patience,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Fourth Intention

That through the Lord's passion and cross
all may be brought to the glory of his resurrection,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayer

Draw near to your people, O God,
and through the merits of your Son's passion and death
grant us the favours we cannot deserve.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

8. SEASON OF
EASTER

Invitation

My brothers and sisters,
amid the joy of Easter
let us more earnestly ask God,
who heard the prayers and entreaties of Christ, his beloved Son,
to hear our humble prayers.

First Intention

That our pastors may faithfully lead and lovingly serve
the flock entrusted to their care by Christ the Good Shepherd,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Second Intention

That the whole world may rejoice in that peace
which Christ himself has given,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Third Intention

That our suffering brothers and sisters
may have their sorrow turned to joy,
a joy which no one can take from them,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Fourth Intention

That our community may with great confidence
bear witness to Christ's resurrection,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayer

O God,
you know that your people's lives
are subject to need and hardship.
Grant the desires of those who pray to you,
and hear the prayers of those who believe in you.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

9. ORDINARY
TIME I

Invitation

My brothers and sisters,
we are gathered together as one
to remember God's many blessings.
Let us call upon God to inspire in us
prayers worthy to be heard.

First Intention

For our Pope N., for our Bishop N.,
for all the ministers of the Church,
and for the people they have been called to lead,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Second Intention

For those who serve us in public office
and for all entrusted with the common good,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Third Intention

For all travellers and for those far from home,
for prisoners,
and for those deprived of freedom,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Fourth Intention

For all of us gathered in this holy place
in faith, in worship, and in the love of God,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayer

Look with favour on the prayers of your Church, O Lord,
so that what we cannot expect from our own merits
we may obtain from your unfailing mercy.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

10. ORDINARY
TIME II

Invitation

My brothers and sisters,
we are gathered to celebrate the mystery
of our salvation in Jesus Christ.
Let us ask almighty God
to unseal for all the world
this fountain of life and blessing.

First Intention

For all who have dedicated themselves to God,
that God will keep them faithful to their promise,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Second Intention

For peace among nations,
that all people may be free
to devote themselves to the service of God,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Third Intention

For the aged who are lonely or infirm,
that we may comfort them by our love,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Fourth Intention

For all of us gathered here,
that we may rightly use the good things
that God provides in this life,
and keep our hearts set on the life to come,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayer

In your mercy, O Lord,
hear the prayers of your people,
and grant that what you prompt us to seek in faith
we may quickly receive from your bountiful goodness.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

11. MASSES FOR *Invitation*

THE DEAD

God, the almighty Father,
raised Christ Jesus from the dead;
with confidence we pray for all people, living and dead.

First Intention

For the Christian people,
that God may confirm them in oneness and faith,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Second Intention

For the entire world,
that it may be delivered from the scourge of war,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Third Intention

For those who are unemployed, hungry, or homeless,
that God may show them a father's care,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Fourth Intention

For N., who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life,
that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Or:

For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ,
the bread of life,
that he/she may be raised up on the last day,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Or for a priest:

For our brother N., who served the Church as a priest,
that he may be given a place in the liturgy of heaven,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Or:

For our deceased relatives, friends, and benefactors,
that they may have the reward of their goodness,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Or:

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again,
that they may see God face to face,
we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Or:

For our brothers and sisters who are saddened and troubled,
that they may receive God's comfort and aid,
we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Or:

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith,
that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom,
we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayer

God, our shelter and our strength,
you listen in love to the cry of your people:
hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters.
Cleanse them from their sins
and grant them the fullness of redemption.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Additional Musical Settings

This section (pages 1283–1406) is omitted.

Musical settings of the following texts will be included:

The Order of Mass

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

Sprinkling Rite Song (1 Peter 1:3–5)

Sprinkling Rite Song (During the Easter Season)

Kyrie, Alternative Version

Gloria, Alternative Version

Presidential Prayers: Tones

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading and Gospel Formulas

Sample General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Interpolations for Eucharistic Prayer I

Interpolations for Eucharistic Prayer II

Interpolations for Eucharistic Prayer III

Interpolations for Eucharistic Prayer IV

Communion Rite: Breaking of Bread

CONCLUDING RITE

Greeting

Solemn Blessings

Prayers over the People

Musical Setting for Ash Wednesday

COMMISSIONING A SPECIAL MINISTER TO DISTRIBUTE HOLY COMMUNION ON A SINGLE OCCASION

A person who, in a case of real necessity, is authorised to distribute holy communion on a single occasion* should normally be commissioned according to the following rite.

During the breaking of the bread, the person who is to distribute holy communion comes to the altar and stands before the priest. After the *Agnus Dei* has been completed, the priest blesses the person with the following words:

N., today you are to distribute
the body and blood of Christ
to your brothers and sisters.
May the Lord bless + you.

When the priest has received communion in the usual way, he gives communion to the newly commissioned minister. Then the priest gives the plate or other vessel with the consecrated bread (or, if communion is to be administered under both kinds, the cup) to the minister. They then go to give communion to the people.

* See Congregation for the Discipline of the Sacraments, Instruction *Immense Caritatis*, on facilitating reception of communion in certain circumstances, 29 January 1973, I, II and VI: AAS 65 (1973), p. 266.

PREPARATION FOR MASS

PRAYER OF
SAINT AMBROSE

Lord Jesus Christ,
I approach your banquet table
in fear and trembling,
for I am a sinner
and dare not rely on my own worth
but only on your goodness and mercy.
I am defiled by many sins in body and soul
and by my unguarded thoughts and words.

Gracious God of majesty and awe,
I seek your protection,
I look for your healing.
Poor troubled sinner that I am,
I appeal to you, the fountain of all mercy.
I cannot bear your judgement,
but I trust in your salvation.
Lord, I show my wounds to you
and uncover my shame before you.
I know my sins are many and great,
and they fill me with fear,
but I hope in your mercies,
for they cannot be numbered.

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal king,
God-man crucified for us,
look upon me with mercy and hear my prayer,
for I trust in you.
Have mercy on me,
full of sorrow and sin,
for the depth of your compassion never ends.
Praise to you, saving victim,
offered on the wood of the cross for me and for all.
Praise to the noble and precious blood,
flowing from the wounds of my crucified Lord Jesus Christ
and washing away the sins of the whole world.

Remember, Lord, your creature,
whom you have redeemed with your blood.
I repent of my sins,
and I long to put right what I have done.

Merciful Father, take away all my offences and sins;
purify me in body and soul
and make me worthy to taste the holy of holies.
May your body and blood,
which I intend to receive, although I am unworthy,
be for me the remission of my sins,
the washing away of my guilt,
the end of my evil thoughts,

and the rebirth of my better instincts.
May your body and blood spur me on to works pleasing to you
and be profitable to my health in body and soul
and a firm defence against the wiles of my enemies.
Amen.

PRAYER OF
SAINT THOMAS
AQUINAS

Almighty and ever-living God,
I approach the sacrament of your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
I come sick to the doctor of life,
unclean to the fountain of mercy,
blind to the radiance of eternal light,
poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord, in your great generosity,
heal my sickness, wash away my defilement,
enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty,
and clothe my nakedness.

May I receive the bread of angels,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
with humble reverence,
with the purity and faith,
the repentance and love,
and the determined purpose
that will help to bring me to salvation.
May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's body and blood,
together with its grace and power.

Kind God,
may I receive the body of your only-begotten Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
born from the womb of the Virgin Mary,
and so as to be received into his mystical body
and numbered among his members.

Loving Father,
as on my earthly pilgrimage
I now receive your beloved Son
under the veil of a sacrament,
may I one day see him face to face in glory,
who lives and reigns with you for ever.
Amen.

A PRIEST'S
PRAYER
TO MARY

Mother of mercy and love,
blessed Virgin Mary,
I am a poor and unworthy sinner,
and I turn to you in confidence and love.
You stood by your Son
as he hung dying on the cross.
Stand also by me, a poor sinner,
and by all the priests
who are offering Mass today
here and throughout the world.
Help us to offer a perfect and acceptable sacrifice
in the sight of the holy and undivided Trinity,
our most high God.
Amen.

A PRIEST'S
PRAYER

My purpose is to celebrate Mass
and to make present the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to the rite of the holy Roman Church
to the praise of our all-powerful God
and all his assembly in the glory of heaven,
for my good and the good of the pilgrim Church on earth,
and for all who have asked me to pray for them
in general and in particular,
and for the good of the holy Roman Church.

May the almighty and merciful Lord
grant us joy and peace,
amendment of life,
room for true repentance,
the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit,
and perseverance in good works.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING AFTER MASS

PRAYER OF
SAINT THOMAS
AQUINAS

Lord, Father all-powerful and ever-living God,
I thank you,
for even though I am a sinner, and your unprofitable servant,
you have fed me
with the precious body and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
not because of my worth but out of your kindness and your mercy.

I pray that this holy communion
may not bring me condemnation and punishment
but forgiveness and salvation.

May it be a helmet of faith
and a shield of good will.

May it purify me from evil ways
and put an end to my evil passions.

May it increase in me charity and patience,
humility and obedience,
and the power to do good.

May it be my strong defence
against all my enemies, visible and invisible,
and the perfect calming of all my evil impulses,
bodily and spiritual.

May it unite me more closely to you,
the one true God,
and lead me safely through death
to everlasting happiness with you.

And I pray that you will lead me, a sinner,
to the banquet where you,
with your Son and the Holy Spirit,
are true and perfect light,
total fulfilment, everlasting joy,
gladness without end,
and perfect happiness to your saints.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER TO
OUR REDEEMER

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, heal me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

Good Jesus, hear me.

In your wounds shelter me.
From turning away keep me.
From the evil one protect me.
At the hour of my death call me.
Into your presence lead me,
to praise you with all your saints
for ever and ever.
Amen.

PRAYER OF
SELF-DEDICATION
TO JESUS CHRIST

Lord Jesus Christ,
take all my freedom,
my memory, my understanding, and my will.
All that I have and cherish
you have given me.
I surrender it all to be guided by your will.
To love you and to have your grace
is wealth enough for me.
Give me these, Lord Jesus,
and I ask for nothing more.

PRAYER
BEFORE
A CRUCIFIX

Good and gentle Jesus,
I kneel before you.
I see and I ponder your five wounds.
My eyes behold what David prophesied about you:
"They have pierced my hands and feet;
they have counted all my bones."

Engrave on me this image of yourself.
Fulfil the yearnings of my heart:
give me faith, hope, and love,
repentance for my sins,
and true conversion of life.
Amen.

THE
UNIVERSAL
PRAYER
*(Attributed to
Pope Clement XI)*

Lord, I believe in you: increase my faith.
I trust in you: strengthen my trust.
I love you: let me love you more and more.
I am sorry for my sins: deepen my sorrow.

I adore you as my first beginning,
I long for you as my last end,
I praise you as my constant helper
and call on you as my loving protector.

Guide me by your wisdom,
correct me with your justice,
comfort me with your mercy,
protect me with your power.

I offer you, Lord,
my thoughts: to be fixed on you;
my words: to have you for their theme;
my actions: to reflect my love for you;
my sufferings: to be endured for your greater glory.

I want to do what you ask of me:
in the way you ask,
for as long as you ask,
because you ask it.

Lord, enlighten my understanding,
strengthen my will,
purify my heart,
and make me holy.

Help me to repent of my past sins
and to resist temptation in the future.
Help me to rise above my human weaknesses
and to grow stronger as a Christian.

Let me love you, my Lord and my God,
and see myself as I really am:
a pilgrim in this world,
a Christian called to respect and love
all whose lives I touch,
those in authority over me
or those under my authority,
my friends and my enemies.

Help me to conquer anger with gentleness,
greed with generosity,
apathy with fervour.
Help me to forget myself
and reach out toward others.
Make me prudent in planning,
courageous in danger.

Make me patient in suffering,
unassuming in prosperity.

Keep me, Lord, attentive at prayer,
temperate in food and drink,
diligent in my work,
firm in my good intentions.

Let my conscience be clear,
my conduct without fault,
my speech blameless,
my life well-ordered.

Put me on guard against my human weaknesses.
Let me cherish your love for me,
keep your law,
and come at last to your salvation.

Teach me to realise that this world is passing,
that my true future is the happiness of heaven,
that life on earth is short,
and the life to come eternal.

Help me to prepare for death
with a proper fear of judgement,
but a greater trust in your goodness.
Save me from final damnation
and lead me to the joys of heaven.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER TO THE
VIRGIN MARY

Mary, holy Virgin Mother,
I have received your Son, Jesus Christ.
With love you became his mother,
gave birth to him, nursed him,
and cared for him with maternal love.
With love I return him to you,
to hold once more,
to love with all your heart,
and to offer to the Holy Trinity
as our supreme act of worship
for your honour and for the good
of all your children.

Mother, ask God to forgive my sins
and to help me serve him more faithfully.
Keep me true to Christ until death,
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Amen.

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