


Basic Texts for the Roman Catholic Eucharist

THE ORDER OF MASS

 Green square represents where to sing. The number before is the songs numerical location. The number following is the page number in the green book. You will need to pick 4 songs before the mass begins.

The basic structure of the Mass has four parts: two main parts and two framing rites:

Introductory Rites

LITURGY of the WORD (Biblical Readings, Homily, Creed, Intercessions)

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST (Preparation, Eucharistic Prayer; Communion Rite)

Concluding Rite

INTRODUCTORY RITES

[stand]

1 Entrance Procession: Pick Song

Greeting:

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[All together make the sign of the cross.]

All: Amen.

Option A:

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Option B:

Priest: The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

or

All: **And also with you.**

Option C:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Penitential Rite:

All: **I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God.**

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

2 **Kyrie: # 228**

[The following acclamations are sung or recited, either in English or Greek, unless they have already been used, as in option C above.]

Priest: Lord, have mercy. *All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Christ, have mercy. *All:* **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord, have mercy. *All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

or

Priest: Kyrie, eleison. *All:* **Kyrie, eleison.**

Priest: Christe, eleison. *All:* **Christe, eleison.**

Priest: Kyrie, eleison. *All:* **Kyrie, eleison.**

3 **Gloria:**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Opening Prayer:

Priest: Let us pray.

[The priest sings or says the Opening Prayer, which is different for each Mass. At the end, the people proclaim their consent.]

All: Amen.

[sit]

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Lector: A reading from the Book (or Letter, or Acts) of ...

[Different readings are prescribed for each day.

At the end of the reading, the lector proclaims, and the people respond:]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

4 **Responsorial Psalm:**

The psalm page number can be found by using the name of the mass found in the ordo. Or simply read out of the lectionary. Discuss if a reader or a choir member will say (or sing) the psalm

Second Reading:

The lector's introduction and conclusion and the people's response are the same as in the First Reading, above.]

[stand]

5 **Alleluia or Gospel Acclamation: #247**

Don't use during Lent

[During the Season of Lent, a different "Gospel Acclamation" is used, such as "**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**"]

Gospel:

Before the Gospel Proclamation:

Deacon (or Priest): The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Deacon (or Priest): A reading from the Holy Gospel according to...

[Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John]

All: Glory to you, Lord!

After the Gospel Proclamation:

Deacon (or Priest): The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

[sit]

Homily:

[stand]

Profession of Faith:

APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

General Intercessions / Prayer of the Faithful:

Lector: ...let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer. [or a similar response, repeated after each petition]
[sit]

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

6 Presentation of the Gifts / Preparation of the Altar: Pick song

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

[If there is no singing during the presentation of the gifts, the priest may say the preceding prayers aloud, and the people may respond. But if a presentation song is being sung, the priest recites these prayers inaudibly, and the people's response is omitted. Then, after the priest has washed his hands and the music is finished, he invites the people to join in prayer:]

[stand]

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

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

Prayer over the Gifts:

[The priest sings or says this prayer, which is different for each Mass. At the end, the people respond:]

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer:

[The priest may choose from among four regular Eucharistic Prayers, or two other Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation. On appropriate occasions, the priest may

also choose from among three Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, or four recently approved Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions. Each prayer has a similar structure, including some responses and acclamations by all the people.

Preface Dialogue:

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All:** And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts. **All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

7  Holy, Holy (Sanctus): #278A

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

[kneel]

8  Memorial Acclamation: #279C

Priest: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: A - Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

or B - Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

or C - When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

or D - Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You are the Savior of the World.

Doxology and Great Amen:

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

9  All: Amen! #278D

[stand]

COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer:

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

or Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to say:

***All:* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against
us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Sign of Peace:

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

***All:* Amen.**

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

***All:* And also with you.**

Deacon or Priest: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

[The ministers and all the people exchange an embrace, handshake, or other appropriate gesture of peace with those near them.]

10 Breaking of the Bread: #291

***All:* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

[kneel]

Communion

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

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

Communion Minister: The body of Christ. **Communicant:** Amen.

Communion Minister: The blood of Christ. **Communicant:** Amen.

11 Communion Song: Pick Song

[stand]

Prayer after Communion:

Priest: Let us pray.

[All pray in silence for a while, unless a period of silence has already been observed. Then the priest sings or says the Prayer after Communion, which is different for each Mass. At the end, the people proclaim their consent.]

All: Amen.

[Announcements, etc.]:

[If there are any announcements, acknowledgements, reflections, eulogies, or similar actions, these are best included here, after the Prayer after Communion and before the Concluding Rite.

The people may remain standing, or may be invited to sit, depending on the length of the announcements or activity.]

CONCLUDING RITE

[stand]

Greeting:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Blessing:

Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Dismissal:

Deacon or Priest: Go in the peace of Christ.
or The Mass is ended, go in peace.

or Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

12 Recessional and Closing Song: Pick Song

This webpage was compiled by Felix Just, S.J.

This page was last updated on October 4, 2006

741,050 <http://catholic-resources.org/ChurchDocs/Mass.htm>