

This prayer also takes us to heaven as we join the angels, the saints and all the redeemed - that "great multitude which no man can number" - gathered in worship around Jesus our Lord and Saviour - "the Lamb in the midst of the throne."

At the Consecration of the bread, and then at the Consecration of the wine, the bell rings, calling us to adoration. We look up, make the sign of the Cross, and respond in our hearts to Jesus: My Lord and my God (John 20:20).

## Communion Rite

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Priest:** Let us pray. As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say: Our Father,

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

### THE FRACTION & THE PAX

**Priest:** . . . throughout all ages, world without end.

**All:** Amen.

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People:** And with thy spirit.

### AGNUS DEI

All say together:

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

### HOLY COMMUNION

The priest shows the Blessed Sacrament to the people, saying:



Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Holy Communion is now given

The people return to their seats and **KNEEL**.

## Concluding Rite

The priest reads a sentence, usually from Holy Scripture, and says:

The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The priest says the Prayer After Communion.

### BLESSING

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

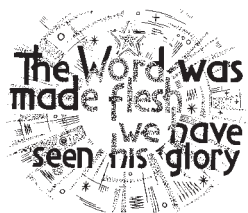
**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Priest:** Depart in peace. (Alleluia, alleluia!)

**People:** Thanks be to God.  
(Alleluia, alleluia!)

The priest blesses the people.

A hymn may be sung. The priest may read the **LAST GOSPEL** (John 1:1-14) before leaving the Altar, in which case the people genuflect at: the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,



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# The Order of Mass

Traditional Anglican Liturgy



## Introductory Rites



Unless there is an entrance hymn, the people **REMAIN KNEELING** as the priest enters.

### THE PREPARATION

The priest says quietly: 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. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

### THE INTROIT

The priest reads the Introit, usually a verse of Scripture. Then he says: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

The people respond: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

### KYRIE ELEISON

**Priest:** Kyrie eleison. [Lord, have mercy.]

**People:** Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

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**People:** Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.

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### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

This hymn is said or sung on Sundays - except in Advent and Lent - and on major festivals.

**Priest:** Glory be to God on high

**All:** and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### THE COLLECT

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

**People:** And with thy spirit.

The priest reads the Collect which expresses the theme of today's Mass.

The people respond: Amen.

The people **SIT**.

# The Liturgy of the Word

## THE FIRST READING

At the end of the reading:

Priest: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The people repeat the psalm response at the beginning, and then after each verse.

## THE SECOND READING

At the end of the reading:

Priest: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people STAND

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

This is usually a couple of verses of Scripture. Except in Lent the second of these is an "Alleluia verse."



## THE GOSPEL

Deacon (or priest): The Lord be with you

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Deacon (or priest): The continuation of the holy Gospel according to N.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read, ending:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

The people SIT

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

On Sundays and on solemnities the people **STAND** and say the Nicene Creed.

Priest: I believe in one God

All: **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before**

all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God; begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (kneel) and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man: (rise) And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets: And I believe one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

## THE OFFERTORY

Unless a hymn is sung, the people **KNEEL** as the priest goes to the altar.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

The priest reads the Offertory Sentence, usually a portion of Scripture. He prepares the altar and offers the bread and wine to God.



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## INVITATION TO PRAYER

The priest gives out the biddings and requests for prayer, Then he says: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: **The Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, and to our benefit and that of all His Holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The priest reads the prayer appointed for today's Mass.

## PREPARATION THE PEOPLE

The priest exhorts the people to confess their sins. Then all say:

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest says the absolution, to which the people respond: **Amen.**

Then all say: **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be**

made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most Precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## THE PREFACE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

The priest says the Preface, a prayer in which we thank God for all the wonderful things he has done, especially for redeeming us through the dying and rising of Christ.

On certain Feasts of our Lord and of our Lady and the Saints, a special Preface is chosen that reflects the theme of the day. The Preface ends with these or similar words:

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the Company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

All say with the priest:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

## THE CANON OF THE MASS

This prayer takes us to Calvary where, out of love for God the Father and for us, Jesus offered himself once for all upon the Cross in sacrifice for the sins of the world.

By the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Jesus gives us his sacrifice of love to offer the Father as our sacrifice; to it we join the offering of ourselves, our souls and bodies, and all for whom we pray.

