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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Song and Procession



We begin Mass with a procession that is like a parade for important people. As the priest, altar servers, and sometimes a deacon walk in, we may sing a joyful song praising God. We stand as they process in.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Song and Procession

STAND

Greeting

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

PEOPLE: Amen.

*Then the priest, extending his hands, greets the people,
saying:*

PRIEST: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Or:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or:

The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act



We admit that we have made wrong choices and done things that are wrong. We ask Mary, the saints, and the people in church to pray for us. We tell God we are sorry for our sins, and we ask Him for forgiveness.

Penitential Act

The priest invites us to remember our sins and to say the following prayer:

ALL: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
And, striking our breast, we say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore 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.

Or:

PRIEST: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
PEOPLE: For we have sinned against you.
PRIEST: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
PEOPLE: And grant us your salvation.

Or:

PRIEST: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Or:** Kyrie, eleison.
PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. **Or:** Kyrie, eleison.
PRIEST: You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Or:** Christe, eleison.
PEOPLE: Christ, have mercy. **Or:** Christe, eleison.
PRIEST: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. **Or:** Kyrie, eleison.
PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. **Or:** Kyrie, eleison.
PRIEST: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
PEOPLE: Amen.

Kyrie

PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. **PRIEST:** Kyrie, eleison.
PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. **PEOPLE:** Kyrie, eleison.
PRIEST: Christ, have mercy. **Or:** **PRIEST:** Christe, eleison.
PEOPLE: Christ, have mercy. **PEOPLE:** Christe, eleison.
PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. **PRIEST:** Kyrie, eleison.
PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. **PEOPLE:** Kyrie, eleison.

Gloria



As the angels praised God on the night Jesus was born, we praise God for all the great and wonderful things He has done.

Gloria

ALL: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.

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.

Collect

The priest says a prayer thanking God for what He has given us and asking for the things we need.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the part of the Mass called the Liturgy of the Word we listen to God's teachings. God speaks to us through the readings and the Gospel.

First Reading

We sit and listen carefully as the First Reading is read. The First Reading is usually from the Old Testament. The Old Testament is the first part of the Bible that tells us about creation and God's love for all His people. It tells us about God and how we should act as images of God.

Collect

PRIEST: Let us pray.

PEOPLE: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

SIT

READER: A reading from the Book of _____.

The First Reading is read.

READER: The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalms are from the Old Testament. Some are songs of praise and thanks to God. Others are prayers that ask God for forgiveness and help.

After the First Reading everyone sings or reads a Psalm together. A Psalm is divided into verses. The cantor sings or the reader reads the verses of the Psalm and everyone sings or reads the response together.

Second Reading

We listen carefully as the Second Reading is read. The Second Reading is from the New Testament. The New Testament is the second part of the Bible that tells us about Jesus, His life and death, and the beginning of the Church. One of the reasons Jesus became man was to show us how we should act as images of God. After Jesus died on the cross, rose, and returned to heaven, the Apostles taught what Jesus had taught them. The Second Reading tells us about these teachings. They help us learn about God and about how we should act as images of God.

Responsorial Psalm

CANTOR

or READER: *Sings or says the verses of the Psalm.*

PEOPLE: *Respond after each verse.*



Second Reading

READER: A reading from _____.

The Second Reading is read.

READER: The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

We stand and we sing or say “Alleluia.” *Alleluia* means “Praise God!” During the season of Lent, the Alleluia is not said, but another acclamation praising God is said or sung. We are happy and we praise God because we are going to hear Jesus speak to us through the Gospel. We see and hear the priest, but Jesus is with us through His Word—the Gospel.

Gospel Reading

We listen to the Gospel story, which is read by the deacon or priest. The word *gospel* means “Good News.” The Gospel is the life and teachings of Jesus. Jesus came to show us how God acts and how we should act as images of God. In the Gospel, we hear the words of Jesus. The four Gospels were written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.



Gospel Acclamation

STAND

CANTOR: Alleluia.

PEOPLE: Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

PRIEST
or DEACON: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

PRIEST
or DEACON: A reading from the holy Gospel according to
_____.

At the same time, he makes the Sign of the Cross on the book and on his forehead, lips, and breast.

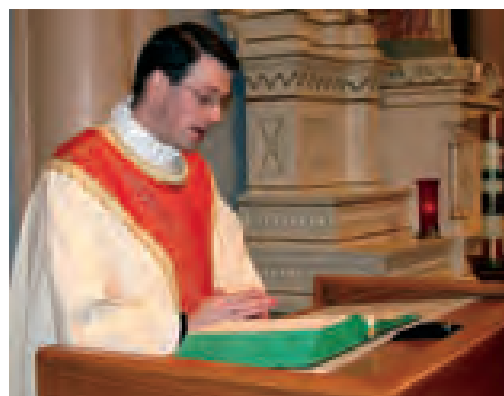
PEOPLE: Glory to you, O Lord.

We use our thumb to trace the shape of a cross on our forehead, lips, and heart. We pray to God asking that we may know, speak, and love the Gospel.

We stand quietly and listen to the Gospel as it is read.

PRIEST
or DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ.



Homily

We sit and listen quietly as the priest or deacon explains the readings and the Gospel to us. The priest or deacon helps us to understand what the readings and the Gospel mean. The priest or deacon tells us how we can act like Jesus.



Profession of Faith

We make a Profession of Faith. We say what we believe as Catholics.

Homily

SIT

Profession of Faith

(See Appendix for Apostles' Creed.)

STAND

PEOPLE: I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including and became man,
all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

We say the Prayer of the Faithful to show that we want to care for and love all people. We pray for the Church, the Pope, and the bishops. We pray for priests and religious of the Church. We pray for government officials. We pray for those who have died, those who are sick, and the needy of our parish.

