

The Celebration of the Mass

- Explained -

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Four Parts of the Mass

Introductory Rites

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Closing Rites or Concluding Rites



Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

After the people have assembled, the entrance antiphon is sung (an entrance hymn is usually sung) or recited as the priest and the ministers enter the church. We do this to welcome Jesus and praise God.



INTRODUCTORY RITES

SIGN OF THE CROSS

We Call Upon the Holy Trinity

GREETING

We Are Welcomed in God's Name

PENITENTIAL RITE

We Express Sorrow For Our Sins

The priest now invites us to reflect on our sins and to tell God how truly sorry we are for them. We then

PRAY :THE CONFITOR

I confess to Almighty God,
and to you my brothers and sisters,

KYRIE

We Ask Jesus For Mercy

GLORIA

We Praise God

Now we are so happy God has promised us forgiveness that we celebrate with joy. We do this by saying or singing loudly the song the angels sang so long ago when they celebrated the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

Glory to God in the highest.

OPENING PRAYER: Collect

Liturgy of the Word

the part of the Mass we listen and respond to God's Word

FIRST READING (SIT)

God Speaks To Us Through The Prophets

We sit and listen to the Word of God as it was spoken in the Old Testament

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

We Respond To God's Word

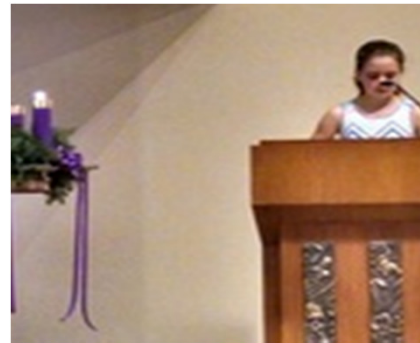
The people repeat the response said by the reader or sung by the cantor

SECOND READING

God Speaks To Us through the Apostles

ALLELUIA VERSE (STAND)

We Praise Jesus Who Comes To Speak To Us



Liturgy of the Word

ALLELUIA VERSE (STAND) - (we are getting ready to hear Jesus in the Gospel!)

We Praise Jesus Who Comes To Speak To Us

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

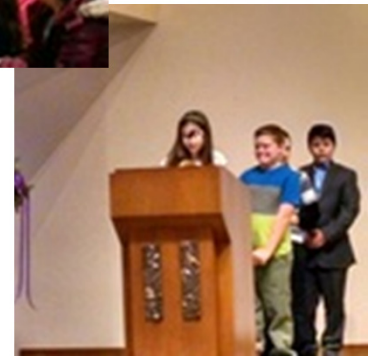
The Gospel - Good News

We now listen to the priest or deacon proclaim the Gospel.

At the end of the Gospel:

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters In Christ



Liturgy of the Word (continues)

HOMILY (SIT)

God Speaks To Us Through The Priest

PROFESSION OF FAITH (STAND)

We Profess Our Faith

We pray the Nicene Creed



Liturgy of the Eucharist

The part of the Mass in which the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ are made present again; our gifts of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ; which we receive in Holy Communion.



Liturgy of the Eucharist



Presentation of Gifts

The gifts are bread and wine and whatever else we offer for the needs of the Church and for the poor are brought forward.

We are also encouraged to offer a gift of ourselves to Jesus



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

INVITATION TO PRAYER (STAND)

We Ask God To Accept Our Sacrifice

Priest: Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: 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 holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We Pray For God's Grace

We sing the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer

The Church's greatest prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God.

Priest says the words of Consecration.

God turns the bread and the wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus.



We receive Jesus in Holy Communion

Communion is NOURISHMENT for our Soul!

Helps us in so many ways.

Gives us Grace.

Helps us to do the right thing, and make good choices.

Unites us with Christ.



We receive Jesus in Holy Communion

Jesus gives himself freely to us in Holy Communion. He asks us to do the same.

When we receive Jesus we use this special time to thank him!

To Adore Him!

To Love Him!



Concluding Rites

Final Blessing

Sign of the Cross

Recessional

