

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give  
you, look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and  
unity in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you  
always.

**And with your Spirit.**

*The priest may add these or similar words.*

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The priest places a small piece of the host in the chalice saying quietly:*

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

*Meanwhile the people sing or say:*

**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 —**

*The priest says quietly:*

May the receiving of your Body and  
Blood, Lord Jesus Christ,  
not bring me to judgment and  
condemnation,  
but through your loving mercy  
be for me protection in mind and body,  
and a healing remedy.

*Raising the host the priest says:*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of  
the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper  
of the Lamb.

*And together with the people he says once:*

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

May the Body of Christ  
keep me safe for eternal life.

*The Priest reverently consumes the Body of Christ.*

*Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:*

May the Blood of Christ  
keep me safe for eternal life.

*The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it to each of the communicants, saying:*

The Body of Christ.

**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Cf. Mt 16: 16, 18*

**Peter said to Jesus: You are the  
Christ, the Son of the living God.**

**And Jesus replied: You are Peter,  
and upon this rock I will build my  
Church.**

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.*

**I am the Bread of Life,  
the true bread sent from the Father.**

**Your ancestors ate manna in the  
desert,  
but this is the bread come down  
from heaven.**

**Eat my flesh, and drink my blood,  
and I will raise you up on the last  
day.**

**Anyone who eats this bread  
will live for ever.**

**If you believe and eat this bread  
you will have eternal life.**

## PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,  
Master of the apostles,  
draw me to the Eucharist  
that I may have the strong personal  
love of Peter.

Through the inspired writings of  
Paul, whom you sent as an apostle  
of all people may our Catholic faith  
be deepened.

Lord, you prayed that the faith of  
Peter might not fail; you chose Paul  
as your apostle to the Gentiles;  
strengthen and sustain the faith  
of your holy Catholic and Apostolic  
Church.



**— STAND —**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, O Lord, who have been  
renewed by this Sacrament,  
so to live in the Church, that,  
persevering in the breaking of the  
Bread and in the teaching of the  
Apostles, we may be one heart and  
one soul, made steadfast in your love.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITES

**— STAND —**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

*Bow head for the blessing – short silence*

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

Go forth, the Mass is ended,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*(Tantum Ergo)*

**Lord, dismiss us with your  
blessing.**

**Fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
In our love for you increase.  
Come Lord Jesus, and refresh us,  
From our sins grant us relief.**

**Thanks we give and adoration  
For the Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
May your everlasting presence  
With us evermore be found.**

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added  
unto you;  
allelu, alleluia.

*Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of  
God;  
allelu, alleluia.

*Refrain:*

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and it shall be opened  
unto you;  
allelu, alleluia.

*Refrain:*

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

People: **Amen.**

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

**And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (Brothers and sisters),  
let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to  
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the  
sinner:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**



*The absolution by the priest follows:*

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

## GLORIA

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

O God, who on the Solemnity of the  
Apostles Peter and Paul give us the  
noble and holy joy of this day,  
grant, we pray, that your Church  
may in all things follow the teaching  
of those through whom she received  
the beginnings of right religion.  
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.  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



## FIRST READING

**12:1-11**

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

King Herod started persecuting  
certain members of the Church. He  
beheaded James the brother of  
John, and when he saw that this  
pleased the Jews he decided to  
arrest Peter as well. This was during  
the days of Unleavened Bread, and  
he put Peter in prison, assigning  
four squads of four soldiers each to  
guard him in turns. Herod meant to  
try Peter in public after the end of  
Passover week. All the time Peter  
was under guard the Church prayed  
to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to  
try him, Peter was sleeping between  
two soldiers, fastened with double  
chains, while guards kept watch at  
the main entrance to the prison.  
Then suddenly the angel of the Lord  
stood there, and the cell was filled  
with light. He tapped Peter on the  
side and woke him. "Get up!" he  
said "Hurry!" -and the chains fell  
from his hands. The angel then said,  
"Put on your belt and sandals." After  
he had done this, the angel next  
said, "Wrap your cloak round you  
and follow me." Peter followed him,  
but had no idea that what the angel  
did was all happening in reality; he  
thought he was seeing a vision.  
They passed through two guard  
posts one after the other, and  
reached the iron gate leading to the  
city. This opened of its own accord;

they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. "Now I know it is all true," he said. "The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 33:2-9. R.v.8*

**R.** From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

**or** The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around  
those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

#### SECOND READING *4.6-8.17-18*

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

#### STAND

#### ACCLAMATION

*Mt 16:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.  
Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

*16:13-19*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
**Glorify to you, O Lord.**



When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say he is John the Baptist, some Eliijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But you," he said "who do you say I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Christ," he said "the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### STAND

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

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,  
*(All bow during the next three lines)*  
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

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### SIT

*Raising the host, the priest says:*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.  
Blessed be God for ever.

*The priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*Raising the chalice, the priest says:*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Bowing the priest says quietly:*

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, O Lord.

*Then the priest washes his hands, saying quietly:*

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin.



*Facing the people the priest says:*

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**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**

May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord, accompany the sacrificial gift that we present to your name for consecration, and may their intercession make us devoted to you in celebration of the sacrifice.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II**

*PREFACE: The twofold mission of Peter and Paul in the Church*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For by your providence the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul bring us joy: Peter, foremost in confessing the faith, Paul, its outstanding preacher,

Peter, who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel, Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles that you call. And so, each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ; and revered together throughout the world, they share one Martyr's crown. And therefore, with all the Angels and Saints, we praise you, as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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.**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

*The Priest joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:*

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body ✠ and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

**The mystery of faith:**

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**



*Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:*

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with **N.** our Pope, **N.** our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s), and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Blessed Joseph her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

*The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both, he says:*

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## COMMUNION RITE



At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**