THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon or a hymn

Stand

Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,

The Priest greets everyone present.
The people respond: And with your spirit.
The Mass of the day may be introduced.

Penitential Act

The Priest invites the people to repentance using one of the Penitential Acts.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

The Priest says the absolution:
May almighty God have mercy on us,
forfe our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
The Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the high-est,

and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,

we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son,

Lord God, Lam of God, Son of the Fa-ther,

you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;

you take a-way the sins of the world, re-cieve our prayer;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you a- lone are the Ho-ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,

you a- lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa- ther. A- men.
The Collect
O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
First Reading
A reading from the prophet Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father’s house.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Psalm

R) Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R)

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R)

Second Reading
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter
and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld
can never hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory 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
Elijah, 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.’ Then he gave
the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the
Christ.

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

The Homily

Sit
The Nicene Creed

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, 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.
The Prayer of the Faithful

**Response example:** Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

**After the concluding prayer all say:** Amen.  

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**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

The offerings are brought to the altar.  
A hymn may be sung.

*If the Priest says the two prayers of offering aloud the response both times is:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

The Priest completes additional personal preparatory rites, and the people rise as he says:

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

*The people reply:*  
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.

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**Prayer over the Offerings**

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow gratefully on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.  

Amen.
The Eucharistic Prayer

V. The Lord be with you.  R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.  R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Preface III of the Sundays in Ordinary Time
The salvation of man by a man
(The Priest may use a different Preface.)
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.

For we know it belongs to your boundless glory, that you came to the aid of mortal beings with your divinity and even fashioned for us a remedy out of mortality itself, that the cause of our downfall might become the means of our salvation, through Christ our Lord.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.  Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.  Ho-san-na in the high-est.  Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Eucharistic Prayer II

(The Priest may use a different Eucharistic Prayer.)

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

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.
The people continue, acclaiming:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your

Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

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 and N. our Bishop
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,
and 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 Communion Rite

The Priest invites all to join in the Lord’s Prayer:

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.

The Priest continues alone: 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.

The Priest says:
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 Deacon, or the Priest, adds:
Let us offer each other the sign of peace

The Priest takes the host and breaks it.
Meanwhile the people say or sing:

Lamb of God, \* you take a-way the sins of the world,

have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, \* you take a-way the sins of the world,

have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, \* you take a-way the sins of the world,

grant us peace.

Kneel
The Priest shows the host to the people and 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.

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

The Priest or other minister says to each communicant:
Each communicant answers: Amen.

**Communion Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 103: 13-15
The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

After the distribution of Holy Communion a sacred silence
may be observed or a psalm, hymn or canticle of praise may
be sung.

**Prayer after Communion**

Stand
Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements may be made. Then:

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

**All:** And with your spirit.

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

**Amen.**

Then the Deacon, or the Priest, says:

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Or:

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Or:

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Or:

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**