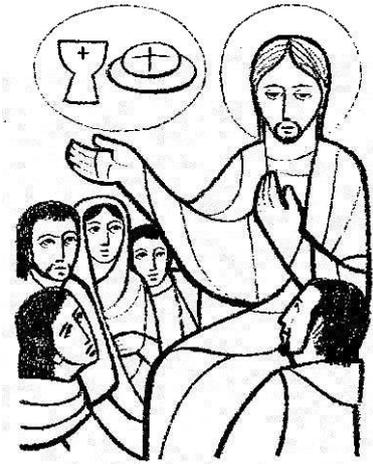


THE MASS



The Gathering

All **stand** to sing the **Hymn**, as the altar party process in:

Alleluya, sing to Jesus

His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we won;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

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

All: Amen.

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

The priest invites us to join in the **Confession**.
After a pause for reflection, we say:

All: Father,
We have sinned against heaven
and against you.
We are not worthy to be
called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself as
those who were once dead
but now have life
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: May almighty God
have mercy upon us,
forgive us our sins and bring us
to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

The **Gloria in Excelsis** is sung

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

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

The Opening Prayer

Let us pray:

God our sustainer,
we thank you that the bread you give
is Christ's body for the life of the world,
the cup we share is his blood,
the promise of our salvation.

Grant that we who worship him
in this holy mystery
may reverence him in spirit and in truth
and serve him in the world
for the sake of that kingdom
where he lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

All *sit* for the Reading at the end of which is said:

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn:

All for Jesus! all for Jesus!

This our song shall ever be;
For we have no hope or Saviour
If we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! At thine altar
Thou dost give us sweet content;
There, dear Saviour, we receive thee
In thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be,
Till at last the flock is gathered
One in love, and one in thee.

Remain seated for the Second Reading.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

All *stand* for the **Alleluia verse.**

Priest: The Lord be with you
All: and also with you.

When the Gospel is announced, we all say:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please *sit*.

The Creed

Please *stand*.

Do you believe and trust in God the
Father, who made all things?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus
Christ, who redeemed the world?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God?
We believe and trust in him.

This the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of each prayer,

Leader: Lord in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

or:
Lord, hear us.
All: Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end of the intercessions:

Leader: Merciful Father,
All: accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The **Peace**, which the priest introduces with
suitable words, may be offered here or later.
Please *stand*.

Priest: The peace of the Lord
be always with you;
All: and also with you.

Priest: Let us offer one another
the sign of peace.

*We all exchange a sign of peace with our
neighbours.*

The Preparation of the Gifts

*Bread and wine are offered, the gifts, altar and
people are censured and the collection taken.
We sing;*

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine angels hail thee
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
Once for all when thou wast slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life imparting heavenly Manna
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Risen, ascended, glorified.

Then the priest invites us to join in the offering:

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

**All: 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 Church.**

*The priest now says the **Prayer over the Gifts:***

Lord,
May the bread and cup we offer
Bring your Church the unity and peace
they signify. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you
All: and also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: Father, all-merciful and ever-living God,
We do well always and everywhere
to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the last supper,
as he sat table with his apostles,
he offered himself to you
as the spotless lamb,
the acceptable gift that gives
you perfect praise.
Christ has given us this memorial
of his passion
to bring us its saving power
until the end of time.

In this great sacrament
you feed your people
and strengthen them in holiness,
so that the family of humankind
may come to walk in the light
of one faith,
In one communion of love.
We come then to this
wonderful sacrament
to be fed at your table
and grow into the likeness
of the risen Christ.

Earth unites with heaven
to sing the new song of creation.
As we adore and praise you forever:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
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.**

*The congregation remain standing as the priest
continues with the **Eucharistic Prayer.***

During the Prayer the priest says:

Priest: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**We sing: Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ
In the Most Holy Sacrament.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
In excelsis!**

The Prayer continues and leads to the doxology,
to which all respond: **Amen.**

The priest invites us to join in the **Our Father:**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil,
and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin
and protect us from all anxiety
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ

**All: For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours, now
and forever.**

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body
of Christ.

**All: Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread .**

The **Agnus Dei** is sung:

**All: Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have
mercy on us. (2)**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

Please **kneel** as the priest raises the sacred Host:

Priest: This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are they
who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

An appropriate **Sentence** may be said. Those
who wish to receive the **Holy Communion** or be
given a **blessing** should come up to the altar. We
welcome those from other churches, who are
communicant members, to receive the
Sacrament with us. If you have not been
admitted to Holy Communion you are very
welcome to receive a blessing and if you would
like to do so, place your hand on your heart.

A **Hymn** is sung:

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high!

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed
For thy flesh is meat indeed;
Ever may our souls be fed
With this true and living bread,
Day by day with strength supplied
Through the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven thy blood supplies
This blest cup of sacrifice;
'Tis thy wounds our healing give;
to thy cross we look and live:
thou our life! O let us be
Rooted, grafted, built on thee.

The Concluding Rite

Stand for the **Post-Communion Prayer**.

Lord Jesus Christ,
You give us your body and blood in the eucharist
As a sign that even now we share your life.
May we come to possess it completely
in the kingdom where you live for ever and ever.
Amen.

The altar is then prepared as we sing:

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arms those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime:
Glossed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne – the Infinite!
Who lives – and loves – and saves.

The procession then forms, which all young people are invited to join. As the Blessed Sacrament passes, it is customary to genuflect on one knee.

Processional Hymn:

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with men, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
Better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the Twelve,
love only love, is his mark.

Richer than gold ...
Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood,'
love, only love, is his sign.

Richer than gold ...

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood,'
love, only love, is his news.

Richer than gold ...

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin.
love, only love, is his name.

Richer than gold ...

Love is his name, love is his law.
hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another, I have loved you.'
love, only love is his law.

Richer than gold ...

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one,
love, only love, is his word.

Richer than gold ...

*When all have returned to the Chancel and Sanctuary, **please Kneel**, a prayer is offered*

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you
that in this wonderful Sacrament
you have given us
the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries
of your Body and Blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruits of your redemption;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All: Amen

Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament is now given.

As the Blessed Sacrament is taken back to the Tabernacle, we sing:

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found.
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Please stand as the altar party move to the statue of our Lady where the Angelus is recited:

Priest: The angel of the Lord
brought tidings to Mary;

All: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Priest: Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
Jesus

**All: Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death.**

Priest: Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

**All: let it be to me
according to your word.**

Priest: Hail Mary, full of grace, ...

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, ...

Priest: And the Word was made flesh;

All: And dwelt among us.

Priest: Hail Mary, full of grace, ...

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, ...

Priest: Pray for us, holy Mother of God;

**All: That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

Priest: We beseech you, Lord,
pour your grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the Incarnation
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
by the message of an angel,
so by his cross + and passion
we may be brought
to the glory of his resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Hymn is then sung, during which the altar party process out.

Hail, Redeemer, King divine!

Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels, saints and nations sing:
'Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary.'*

King whose name creation thrills,
rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
till in peace each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings.

Angels, saints and nations sing ...

King most holy, King of truth,
guide the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ thou King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.

Angels, saints and nations sing ...

Shepherd-King, o'er mountains steep,
homeward bring the wandering sheep,
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.

Angels, saints and nations sing ...

Priest: The Mass is ended,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.