

THE LITURGY OF THE CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH

A form for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist

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

THE CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who admittest Thy people unto such wonderful communion, that partaking by a Divine mystery of the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son, they should dwell in Him, and He is them; We unworthy sinners, approaching to Thy presence and beholding Thy Divine glory, do abhor ourselves, and repent in dust and ashes. We have sinned, we have sinned, we have grievously sinned against Thee, in thought, word and deed, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We have broken our past vows, we have dishonoured Thy holy name, and profaned Thy holy sanctuary.

Yet now most merciful Father, have mercy upon us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us all our sins; deliver us, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, from all uncleanness in spirit and in flesh; and give unto us heartily to forgive others, as we beseech Thee to forgive us, and to serve Thee henceforth in newness of life, to the glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. R: Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who hath given His Son Jesus Christ to be the Sacrifice and Propitiation for the sins of the whole world; Grant unto you for His sake full remission and forgiveness; + absolve you from all your sins; and vouchsafe to you His Holy Spirit. R: Amen.

Peace be with you.

R: Amen.

Show us Thy mercy, O Lord;

R: And grant us Thy salvation.

Lord hear our prayer;

R: And let our cry come unto Thee.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

R: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who by the blood of Thy dear Son hast consecrated unto us a new and living way unto the holiest of all; Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the assurance of Thy mercy, and sanctify us by Thy heavenly grace; that we, approaching unto Thee with pure heart and undefiled conscience, may offer unto Thee a sacrifice in righteousness, and duly celebrate these holy mysteries to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. R: Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

R: Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

R: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

R: Lord, have mercy upon us.

On Easter-Day here shall follow the proper Versicles

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the Only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us; Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer: Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art Holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

After which, when appointed.

Hallelujah

On the day of Pentecost the proper anthem.

The Lord be with you;

R: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Then shall follow the proper Collect.

Then shall follow the proper Epistle.

Then shall be sung the proper anthem or on days for which no other Anthem is appointed:

This is the day which the Lord hath made:

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord. Which hath showed us light:

Bind the sacrifice with cords, even to the horns of the altar.

Then shall be read The Gospel.

R: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel shall be preached a HOMILY.

The benediction to be pronounced upon the preacher of the Homily.

The blessing of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Ghost be with thee and rest upon thee. The Lord be in Thy Heart, and with thy lips, that thou mayest worthily declare His holy gospel. R:Amen.

The shall be rehearsed the CREED, commonly called the Nicene Creed, the people following: but on Christmas Day, Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints instead of the Nicene Creed, shall be rehearsed the Creed commonly called the Creed of Saint Athanasius.

I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY.

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

To do good and to distribute forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

THE PRAYER OF OFFERTORY.

O Lord our Governor, who art King of all the earth; Accept, of Thine infinite goodness, the tithes and offerings of Thy people; which in obedience to thy commandment, in honour of Thy Name, and with a free will and joyful heart, we yield and dedicate to Thee: and grant unto us Thy blessing, that the same, being devoted to Thy service, may be used for Thy glory and for the welfare of Thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. R: Amen.

While the holy vessels with the bread and wine are being placed upon the altar, and the incense lighted,

the following ANTHEM shall be sung:

O send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me:
Let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles.
Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy;
Yea, upon the harp will I praise Thee, O God, my God.
I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving:
And I will call upon the Name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows unto the Lord:
Now in the presence of all His people.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

Brethren, pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

R: The Lord be with thy spirit. The Lord accept our sacrifice and give unto us His blessing. Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we offer and present unto Thee this bread and this cup, in token that we are Thine: for all that we have is Thine, and of Thine own gifts only can we give to Thee. We are unworthy to offer unto Thee any sacrifice; yet, we beseech Thee, accept this our duty and service, who desire to honour Thee and worship and adore Thy Majesty, acknowledging Thee to be our God, and ourselves Thy servants, as we are most bound. And here we present unto Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, and dedicate ourselves unto Thy service; engaging henceforth to obey Thy holy will and commandments, and utterly to eschew the things which thou abhorrest. O God, Thou knowest our weakness, and our frailty is not hid from Thee; have mercy upon us, and fulfil our vows in us. Send down Thy Holy Spirit upon us, and let the

flesh and all its affections and lusts be destroyed in us, as by a consuming fire; that we may henceforth yield ourselves to thee a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service. And now, O Lord, vouchsafe to us Thy Heavenly grace, through this most blessed sacrament and means of grace. Have respect unto the faith and prayers of Thy Church, and impute not to Thy people their sins, nor the sins of Thy servant ministering before Thee; but confirm Thou, and ratify, and make effectual, the words and acts which, in Thy name, in obedience to thy commandment, and according to thy will, Thine ordained minister shall speak and do. Hear us, heavenly father, for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy son, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, be all honour and glory, world without end.

R: Amen.

The Lord be with you;

R: And with thy spirit.

The congregation shall rise.

Lift up your hearts:

R: We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God:

R: It is meet and right so to do.

THE PREFACE

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God; who, together with thine Only begotten Son and the Holy Ghost, art ONE GOD AND ONE LORD.

For Thou didst create heaven and earth, and all things that are therein. Thou hast given unto us life and being. By Thy providence are the fruits of the earth preserved and by Thy blessing we, and all things living, are sustained. Thou hast preserved us all our days, and again Thou bringest us into Thy presence, satisfied with thy mercies,

and replenished with Thy goodness.

For all Thy bounties known to us, for all unknown, we give Thee thanks. But chiefly that, when through disobedience we had fallen from Thee, Thou didst not suffer us to depart from Thee for ever; Thou hast ransomed us from eternal death, and given us the joyful hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ; who, being very and eternal God, dwelling with Thee before all time in glory and blessedness unspeakable, came down from heaven in perfect love, from perfect Love, and became very Man for our salvation.

We bless Thee for His holy Incarnation; for His life on earth; for His precious sufferings and death upon the cross; for His resurrection from the dead; and for His glorious ascension to Thy right hand.

We bless Thee for the giving of the Holy Ghost; for all the sacraments and ordinances of Thy church; and for the most blessed communion of all saints in these holy mysteries. We bless Thee for the hope of everlasting life, and of the the glory which shall be brought unto us at the coming, and in the kingdom of Thy dear Son.

Thee, mighty God, heavenly King, we magnify and praise. We worship and adore Thy glorious Name; the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; joining in the hymn of angels, and archangels, and all the hosts of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim before Thy throne and sing unto Thee,

R: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE CONSECRATION

Look upon us, O God, and bless and sanctify this bread. In the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST, we bless ☐ this bread; and we beseech Thee, heavenly father, to send down Thy Holy Spirit, and make it unto us the Body of Thy Son Jesus Christ: WHO THE SAME NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED, TOOK BREAD; AND AFTER HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BRAKE IT AND SAID, TAKE EAT, THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU. THIS DO YE IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

R: Amen.

Look upon us, O God, and bless and sanctify this cup. In the Name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST, we bless ☐ this cup; and we beseech Thee, Heavenly Father, to send down Thy Holy Spirit, and make it unto us the Blood of Thy son Jesus Christ: WHO IN LIKE MANNER ALSO TOOK THE CUP AFTER HE HAD SUPPED, SAYING, THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD: THIS DO YE, AS OFTEN AS YE DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

R: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF OBLATION AFTER CONSECRATION.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we Thy servants, calling to mind the most blessed Sacrifice of Thy Son, showing forth His death, rejoicing in His resurrection and glorious presence at Thy right hand, and waiting for the blessed hope of His appearing and coming again, so present unto Thee this reasonable and unbloody sacrifice which Thou hast instituted in Thy Church, the holy bread of everlasting life, and the cup of eternal salvation. Whereupon do Thou look, and accept them upon Thine altar, before Thy glorious high throne in heaven. Have respect unto that Sacrifice once offered upon the cross, once for all, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and grant unto us, and unto all Thy people, the full benefits of the passion of Thy dear Son, remission of all our sins, and eternal life.

Which things, O Lord, we seek for all in the communion of thy holy Church; for whom, and for all for whom Thou wouldest be besought, we offer this our sacrifice, and present to Thee our prayers.

(here shall follow any special clause appointed)

R: Amen.

The ANTHEM at the time of offering the incense.

INCENSE and a pure offering, O Lord of hosts:

Thy holy Church presents unto Thy Name.

And when the cloud covers the Mercy-Seat:

look forth upon Thy people and speak peace.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LIVING

REMEMBER, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the Church militant here upon earth.

R: Amen.

We pray Thee for the apostles, and for their coadjutors, and for the prophets, evangelists and pastors with the apostles.

(Here prayer should be made for the ministers of the Universal Church having charge in the (city or) tribe.)

R: Amen.

WE pray Thee for the angels of the churches, and for all who serve Thee under them in the priesthood and ministry; and for all committed to their care.

(Here a priest should pray for the angel under whom he is immediately serving.)

R: Amen.

We especially commend unto Thee this church and congregation, with the angel, priests and deacons, and all the people; whose faith and piety do Thou accept and increase.

R: Amen.

We pray Thee for the bishops, priests and deacons of the catholic Church, and for all baptized people.

R: Amen.

We pray thee for all kings, princes, and governors, and for all Thy people; especially for Thy servant Queen Elizabeth, (*or substitute other national leader*) for her whole council, and for all the people of her realm.

R: Amen.

We pray Thee that Thou wilt give peace in our days.

R: Amen.

We pray Thee for the children of Christian parents, that they may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

R: Amen.

We pray Thee for all Jews, Turks, infidels, and heretics, that Thou wilt turn their hearts.

R: Amen.

We pray Thee for favourable weather, and that Thou wilt give unto us the fruits of the earth in due season.

R: Amen.

We beseech Thee for all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

R: Amen.

We commend unto Thee all departing this life; and we beseech Thee to receive them to Thy rest.

R: Amen.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED

WE remember before Thee all those departed in the faith: the patriarchs and saints of old; Thy servant John the Baptist; the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord Jesus Christ; the holy apostles and prophets, the evangelists and pastors; the blessed martyrs and confessors; and all Thy saints who have gone before.

R: May they rest in Thy peace, and awake to a joyful resurrection. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION.

HASTEN, O God, the time when Thou shalt send from Thy right hand Him whom Thou wilt send; at whose appearing the saints departed shall be raised, and we which are alive shall be caught up to meet Him, and so shall ever be with Him. Under the veil of earthy things we have now communion with Him; but with unveiled face we shall then behold Him, rejoicing in His glory, made like unto Him in His glory; and by Him we, with all Thy Church, holy and unspotted, shall be presented with exceeding joy before the presence of thy glory. Hear us, O heavenly Father, for His sake, to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, One living and true God, be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMMUNION.

Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Let us pray.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

R: Amen.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

R: Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

R: Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us Thy peace.

The Celebrant shall rise.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, our God, we beseech Thee, draw near, according to Thy promise, from Thy holy habitation, from the throne of Thy glory. Sanctify us, O Thou thou sittest at the right hand of the Father, and yet are invisibly present in the midst of us; and by Thy mighty hand vouchsafe to impart unto us Thy most holy Body and thy most precious Blood.

R: Amen.

O HOLY GHOST, comforter, Spirit of Truth, who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasure of Good, Giver of Life; Visit us, we beseech Thee, with the fulness of Thy grace. Thou that hast sanctified these gifts, sanctify us also, even our whole body, soul, and spirit, that we may abide Thy temple and dwelling place for ever.

R: Amen.

Holy things for holy persons.

R: There is One Holy, even One Lord Jesus Christ, in whom are we to the glory of God the Father.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

R: Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Lord hath chosen Zion: He hath desired it for His habitation.

This is my rest for ever; here will I dwell, for I have desired it.

I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

I will clothe her priests with salvation: And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

GRANT unto us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may be eternally satisfied with that fruition of Thy divine glory, which Thou hast now prefigured unto us by making us partakers of Thy precious Body and Blood, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

O GOD, who in these holy mysteries hast vouchsafed to feed us with the Flesh and Blood of Thy dear Son; We beseech Thee that all who faithfully partake of the same may grow up in the communion of the Body of Christ, and finally attain unto the glory of the resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord (Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end). Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we most heartily thank Thee, that Thou hast vouchsafed to feed us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of Thy Son, and heirs through hope of Thine everlasting Kingdom. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Or

THE BENEDICTION BY AN APOSTLE

ALMIGHTY GOD, from whom proceed blessing, and glory and strength; Pour out upon you the riches of His grace and heavenly benediction.

The Lord Jesus Christ, Head of His Body the Church, who holdeth the seven stars in His right hand and walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks: Send forth His light and His truth, and guide you in the way of eternal salvation.

The Holy Ghost the Comforter, the Spirit of the Father and of the Son, anoint and sanctify you, confirm and establish you, visit you with His consolations and abide in you for ever.

R: Amen.

This Liturgy is largely the Shorter Form of the Holy Eucharist from "The Liturgy, and other Divine Offices of the Church" (1899) however, the Preface and Apostolic Benediction are from the form of the Holy Eucharist for the Lord's Day (Longer Form). Proper collects, readings and anthems for a particular Sunday or Feast day of the Year will be supplied on request by emailing Mar Alexei.