

Participation in the Mass Prayers and Responses you should know

This guide will help you participate more fully in the Mass by giving you the prayers and responses used during the celebration of Mass. It is laid out to follow the formal Order of the Mass. Keep in mind that this is a general guide. There will be times when the text may vary based on the liturgical season. All of the responses and prayers you should know are in **bold print**.

It is a great privilege to participate as an altar server in the sanctuary during Mass. You already know it is important to understand your duties and when to perform them. It is more important for you to be a prayerful participant in the Mass. Please do your best to learn this material. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask.

I INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting:

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

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you (*or similar greeting*)

All: **And also with you.**

PENITENTIAL RITE (and/or Kyrie):

Priest: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

A) All: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

OR

B) Priest: Lord, have mercy. All: Lord, have mercy.

 Priest: Christ, have mercy. All: **Christ, have mercy.**

 Priest: Lord, have mercy. All: **Lord, have mercy.**

THE GLORIA:

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.**

II LITURGY OF THE WORD

Response after the First Reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm: **The people repeat the response sung by the cantor the first time and then after each verse.**

Response after the Second Reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation:

Choir: Alleluia! (*sung*) All: **Alleluia!**

Priest or Deacon: The Lord be with you. All: **And also with you.**

Priest or Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to...

All: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

After the Gospel Proclamation:

Priest or Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

HOMILY.....

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed): All

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

General Intercessions / Prayer of the Faithful:

Deacon or Lector: ...let us pray to the Lord. All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

III LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar / Presentation of the Gifts:

The Preface:

Priest: Pray, my sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice 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 the Church.**

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: **And also with you.**

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

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

The Holy, Holy:

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 Consecration

Memorial Acclamation:

Priest: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: A - **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

or

B - **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

or

C - **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

or

D - **Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You are the Savior of the World.**

The Great Amen:

Priest: Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen!** (*may be sung more than once*)

Communion Rite: The Lord's Prayer

All: **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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil...

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

Exchange of Peace:

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. All: **And also with you.**

Exchange the sign of peace with each other.

All: **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.

Preparation for Communion:

Priest: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those 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.**

Distribution of Holy Communion:

Priest, Deacon or Minister: The Body of Christ. Communicant: **Amen.**

IV CONCLUDING RITE

Final Blessing & Dismissal:

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: **And also with you.**

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

All: **Amen.**

Deacon or Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *(or similar words)*

All: **Thanks be to God**