

# BASIC TEXTS for the CATHOLIC MASS

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### *Liturgical 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 another greeting*)

All: **And also with you!**

### *Penitential Rite and Kyrie:*

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.**

### *Kyrie (an ancient prayer - 1982 Hymnal, S-85):*

Priest: Kyrie eleison  
(*Lord, have mercy.*)

All: **Kyrie eleison**  
***Lord, have mercy.***

Priest: Christe eleison  
(*Lord, have mercy.*)

All: **Christe eleison**  
***Lord, have mercy.***

Priest: Kyrie eleison  
(*Lord, have mercy.*)

All: **Kyrie eleison**  
***Lord, have mercy.***

### *Exchange of Peace:*

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

All: **And also with you!**

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Gloria (an ancient hymn of praise – 1982 Hymnal, S-277):*

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.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Response after the First and Second Readings:*

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*Dialogue before the Gospel Proclamation:*

All: **Alleluia! (sung)**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to\_\_\_\_\_.

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

*After the Gospel Proclamation:*

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Alleluia! (sung)**

*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 she is worshipped and glorified. She 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 / Prayers of the Faithful:*

Lector: ...let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Preparation of the Table / Presentation of the Gifts* (may be done silently):

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
through your goodness... (2x)

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.**

*Acclamations during the Eucharistic Prayer:*

*Preface:*

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.**

*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.**

*Memorial Acclamation:*

Priest: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:

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

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

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

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

*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

*Lord's Prayer:*

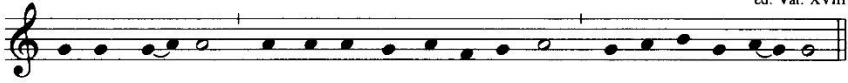
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

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

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

*Breaking of the Bread:*

ed. Vat. XVIII



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun- di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

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

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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.**

*Reception of Communion:*

Minister: The Body of Christ.

Communicant: **Amen.**

Minister: The Blood of Christ.

Communicant: **Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITE

### *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.**

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**