

## **Communion Service**

All stand as the the Priest says the following or another appropriate Sentence of Scripture:

The Lord is in His holy temple: Let all the earth keep silence before Him. *Hab 2:20.*

### **Processional Hymn**

The People stand and may sing a hymn as the Priest and other ministers (if any) walk to the Altar.

### **Prayer for Purity**

The People kneel as the Priest prays with raised hands:  
Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy Name.  
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Summary of the Law**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great Commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” *Mt 22:37-40.*

“Do not think not that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets: I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill. Not one dot or line will pass from the Law until heaven and earth pass away.” *Mt 5:17-18*. “Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only those who do the will of my Father in heaven.” *Mt 7:21*.

### **Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy.		Kyrie eleison.
<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>	or	<i>Christe eleison.</i>
Lord, have mercy.		Kyrie eleison.

### **Opening Prayers**

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*  
Let us pray.

The Priest prays the Prayer of the Day and any other Prayers appointed, which he may conclude with:

### **A Prayer for Healing**

Visit this house, O Lord: bless and comfort all within it, restoring to health those infirm of mind or body and granting eternal rest to the departed. Accept them and their suffering into Your loving hands: that, united with Your own suffering and death for the redemption of the world, they shall be united with You, Who conquered death in Your glorious Resurrection and lives and reigns with Your Father in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## **Epistle**

The people sit as the Reader announces the Epistle appointed:  
A reading from the Epistle of St. *N*.

After reading the Epistle, the Reader says:  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## **Gospel**

A hymn may be sung.

All standing, the Priest announces the Gospel appointed:  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According  
to St. *N*.  
*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

After reading the Gospel, the Priest says:  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

## **Nicene Creed**

Priest and People together:  
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 and for our  
salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate  
by the Holy Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father; Who, with the Father and the Son together, is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy 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.

### **Sermon and Announcements**

The People sit for the announcements (if any). A hymn may be sung, followed by the Sermon.

### **Offertory**

A hymn may be sung while the Priest prepares the Altar and offerings. He lifts the burse off the top of the chalice, extracts the corporal from it, sets the burse on the far Gospel side, and then sets the corporal on top of the burse. After lifting off the chalice veil, he folds it on the far Epistle side, removes the ciborium veil and sets it on the chalice veil, unfolds the corporal in the middle of the Altar and spreads it even with the front edge.

The Priest brings the chalice, purificator, and paten to the credenza, if there be one, where he pours wine into the chalice and then makes the sign of the Cross over the uncovered water cruet, blessing it:

The Lord, from **X** Whose side came forth blood and water: by Him be it blessed.

After pouring water in the form of the Cross into the chalice, the Priest removes any drops of water separated from the wine with the purificator, places the required number of breads in the ciborium (or under the Priest's Host on the paten) and sets the paten (covered with the pall) back upon the chalice. Taking up the chalice with the folded purificator at the node, the Priest places it in the center of the corporal, sets the ciborium (if used) behind and to the Epistle side of it, and then places the purificator, pall, and ciborium cover outside the corporal on the Epistle side.

When an offering is presented, the Priest accepts it and may say:  
"All things come from You, O Lord, and of Your own we have given You." *1 Chron 29:14*.

Alternatively, the Priest and People may say or sing:

### **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### **Prayers of the People**

The Priest may ask for the secret intercessions of the Congregation on behalf of those who have asked for the prayers of the Church, and silence may be kept for a moment. Bowing with hands joined, the Priest then says:

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

Lifting the chalice and paten, the Priest prays:  
Almighty and everliving God, Who by Your holy Apostle taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: We humbly beseech You most mercifully to accept our oblations and to receive these our prayers, which we offer to Your

Divine Majesty, beseeching You to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord, and grant that all those who do confess Your holy Name may agree in the truth of Your holy Word and live in unity and godly love. We beseech You also so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers: that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Your true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers: that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Your holy Sacraments. And to all Your People give Your heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present: that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive Your holy Word, truly serving You in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech You, of Your goodness, O Lord, to strengthen and give relief to all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless Your holy Name for all Your servants departed this life in Your faith and fear, beseeching You to grant them continual growth in Your love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples: that with them we may be partakers of Your heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Priest lowers the chalice back onto the center of the corporal, removes the paten and places it in front of the chalice, places the cover on the ciborium, and covers the chalice with the pall.

## **Exhortation**

You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins and are in love and charity with your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking from henceforth in His holy ways: Draw near with faith, take this holy Sacrament to strengthen you, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

## **General Confession**

Priest and People, all kneeling:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous to us: the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Forgive us all that is past and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Absolution of Sins**

Standing, the Priest prays for the People, still kneeling:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who of His great mercy promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Him: Have mercy upon you, and pardon and **X** absolve you of all

your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the assuring words of our Savior Christ to all who truly turn to Him:

“Come to Me, all who are tired and weighed down, and I will give you rest.” *Mt 11:28.*

“God so loved the world that He gave His Only-Begotten Son: that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life.” *Jn 3:16.*

Hear also what St. Paul says: “This is a faithful saying that is worthy of acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” *I Tim 1:15.*

Hear also what St. John says: “If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the full and perfect Atoning Sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” *I Jn 2:1-2.*

### **Sursum Corda**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is fitting, just, and right to give Him thanks and praise.*

## **Preface**

It is very fitting, right, just, and our duty to always and everywhere give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

### **Proper Preface**

The Priest says the Proper Preface, if appointed, and then continues:

And therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of the Heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore saying:

### **Sanctus and Benedictus**

Priest and People together:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory: Glory be to You, O Lord Most High. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosannah in the highest.

### **Prayer of Consecration**

Omitted for Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. The Priest uncovers the ciborium, places its cover outside the corporal, and bowing profoundly with joined hands, prays:  
All glory be to You, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, that You, of Your tender mercy, gave Your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption, Who there (by His own oblation of Himself once offered) made a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, and instituted, and in His holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of His precious death and sacrifice until His coming again:

We beseech You, that You will vouchsafe, in all respects, to bless, approve, ratify, and make this oblation reasonable and acceptable, sending down upon it Your Holy Spirit, the witness of the Passion of Your most dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that it may become to us His **X** Body and His **X** Blood;

For in the night in which He was betrayed, He took bread,

Holding or placing a hand on the Host, the Priest continues: and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is My Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of Me."

The Priest places the Host on the paten, covers the ciborium, uncovers the Chalice, placing the pall outside the corporal on the Epistle side, and continues:

Likewise, after supper, He took the cup,

Holding or placing a hand on the Chalice, the Priest continues: and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this, for this is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins: Do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Priest places the Chalice on the corporal, covers it with the pall, stands with hands extended, and continues:

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father: According to the institution of Your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, Your humble servants, offer to Your Divine Majesty from Your own bounty these **X** gifts on behalf of all.

Bowing with hands joined, the Priest continues:  
And we most humbly beseech You, O merciful Father,  
to hear us and, of Your almighty goodness, vouchsafe  
to **X** bless and **X** sanctify with Your Word and Holy  
Spirit these Your gifts and creatures of bread and  
wine: that all who receive them may partake of the  
most sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, be filled  
with Your grace and heavenly **X** benediction, and in  
unity as one body with Him, that He may dwell in us,  
and we in Him, Who lives and reigns with You in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, by Whom and with Whom be  
to You all honor and glory, O Father Almighty, world  
without end. *Amen.*

### **Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ taught us, we  
are bold to pray:

Priest and People together:  
Our Father Who is in heaven, holy is Your Name.  
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it  
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And  
forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against  
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Fracture**

The Priest uncovers the Chalice, makes the sign of the Cross  
with the Host over the Chalice, breaks it down the middle and,  
after pausing a moment, places the right side on the paten,  
breaks a particle from the bottom of the left side with his right  
hand and, still holding the particle over the Chalice, places the  
left side on the paten joined to the right side. Making the sign of  
the Cross over the Chalice with the particle, the Priest lets it fall  
into the Chalice as he prays silently.

## Prayer of Humble Access

Bowing with hands joined and eyes on the Host, the Priest prays:  
We do not presume to come to this Your Table trusting in our own righteousness, merciful Lord, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your Table. But You are the same Lord Whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, to eat the Flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink His Blood: that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body, our souls washed by His most precious Blood, and we may evermore live in Him and He in us. *Amen.*

## Holy Communion

A hymn may be sung as the Priest as the Priest makes his own communion. He then uncovers the ciborium, takes it up in his left hand at the node and, holding one Host above it, goes to the rail. Making the sign of the Cross with each Host over the ciborium, the Priest communicates the People, saying:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, keep your body and soul in everlasting life.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, keep your body and soul in everlasting life.

For the Body and Blood administered together:

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given and shed for you, keep your body and soul in everlasting life.

If necessary, the Priest consecrates additional Bread or Wine using the Prayer of Consecration, beginning at *All glory be to You ...* and ending with *... His Body and His Blood.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us pray.

The Priest standing, the People devoutly kneeling:  
Almighty and everliving God, we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy Mysteries of Your favor and goodness towards us and that we are living members of the Body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people, and are also heirs through hope of Your eternal Kingdom by the merits of His most precious death and passion. Assist us with Your grace, Heavenly Father: that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do the good works that You have prepared for us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, are all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

Priest and People together, all standing:  
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, Who takes away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us. You Who are seated at the right hand of the Father: Receive our prayer. For You alone are holy, 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.

## **Blessing**

The Priest blesses the People, kneeling:  
The Peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.  
*Amen.*

## **Dismissal**

Depart in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*