



The Order for Mass

Gathering Mass setting

At the appointed time we gather in the Hall, or other designated place, as directed by the Churchwardens and sidesmen, with our unlit candles and this Order of Service

While the candles are being lit, this Antiphon is sung by the Cantor:



Be- hold, our Lord to enlighten the
will come with po - wer, eyes of his servants, A - lle - lu - ia.

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

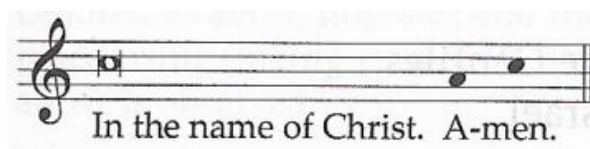
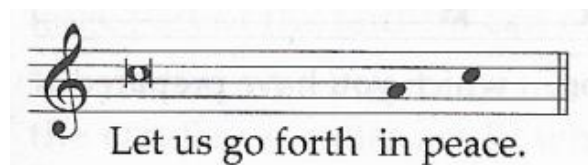
The Priest may give an Introductory Address and then the candles are blessed.

The candles are sprinkled.

The Thurible is charged.

The Priest receives his candle, then he sings:

we respond:



The procession, with lighted candles moves into/around the Church led by Altar party.

In place of the Antiphon A light for revelation we sing (tune: Pastor Pastorum)

1

Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant your servant
his discharge in peace.

3

This thy great deliverance
sets thy people free;
Christ their light uplifted
all the nations see.

2

All the Spirit promised,
all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it
perfectly fulfilled.

4

Christ, thy people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease:
grant to us thy servants
our discharge in peace.

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The Gloria

*Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace on earth peace to people of good will.*

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace on earth peace to people of good will.**

*We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.*

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace on earth peace to people of good will.**

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

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace on earth peace to people of good will.**

*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, glory of God,
the glory of God the Father.*

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace on earth peace to people of good will. Amen. Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray

Almighty ever-living God,
we humbly implore your majesty
that, just as your Only Begotten Son
was presented on this day in the Temple
in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace,
we may be presented to you with minds made pure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*When a Feast of the Lord is Celebrated on a weekday there is only one reading
before the Gospel, which is chosen from either the first or second reading.*



SIT First reading

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the Prophet Malachi

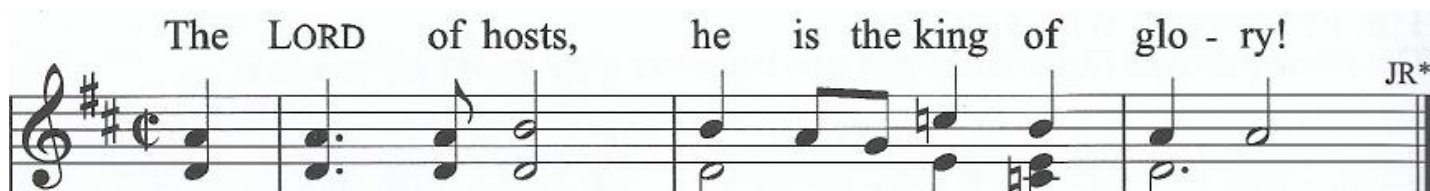
Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:7. 8. 9. 10. **R**8a (page 213)



1
O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, anc-ient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

2
Who is this king of glory?
The Lord, the might-ty, the valiant;
the Lord, the val-iant in war. **R**

3
O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, an-cient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

4
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts,
he is the king of glory! **R**

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Second reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Acclamation before the Gospel

Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
 and for glory to your peo-ple Israel.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory ✕ to ✕ you, ✕ O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'. Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'

And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.'

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SIT

The Homily

A brief silence may be kept

STAND

The Nicene Creed

When a Feast of the Lord is Celebrated on a weekday the Nicene Creed is omitted.

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(Bow) and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. (rise)

For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen

STAND

The Prayer of the Faithful

The Priest introduces the Prayers, saying.

Let us pray to the Father through Christ our light and life.

*Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:
look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light ...*

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

*Father, your Christ in the Temple brings judgement on the world:
look in mercy on the nations who long for his justice ...*

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

*Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sake became poor:
look in mercy on all who are in need
and those who suffer with him*

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

*Father, your Christ
is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace:
look in mercy on the whole Church,
which glories in your salvation*

*Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.*

*Father, your Christ is the one destined for rejection:
look in mercy on us as we turn towards his passion.*

*Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.*

The Hail Mary may be said:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

The Priest concludes the Prayers, saying:

Almighty Father, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,
and showed them the infant King.
Give us grace to trust your promises,
and patience to wait for their fulfilment;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SIT *The Collection is taken and the Altar is prepared as we sing (Lourdes tune):*

**When candles are lighted
on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us,
and spring's on the way.**

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ,
the fullness of grace.*

2

The kings have departed,
the shepherds have gone,
the child and his parents
are left on their own.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

3

They go to the temple,
obeying the law,
and offer two pigeons,
the gift of the poor.

A glory dawns . . .

4

But Anna and Simeon
recognize there
the Christ-child
who came at the turn of the year.
A glory dawns . . .

5

They gaze at God's wonderful
answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews
and the Gentiles' desire.
A glory dawns . .

6

They see before Mary
a heart-piercing grief,
but trust is complete
at the end of their life.

A glory dawns . . .

7

For Mary will follow,
with tears in her eyes,
her Saviour and Son
to the foot of the cross.

A glory dawns . . .

8

The candles invite us
to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter
on Candlemas Day.
*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ,
the fullness of grace*

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STAND *after the Censing of the Altar, for the Censing of the Priest people*



Orate Fratres

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
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 holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the offering made with exultation by your Church
be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray,
for you willed that your Only Begotten Son
be offered to you
for the life of the world
as the Lamb without blemish.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface concluding with Sanctus & Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth, heaven and earth
are full of your glory, Lord God of hosts.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blesséd, blesséd is he who comes,
blesséd, blesséd is he who comes,
blesséd is he, blesséd is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

KNEEL

The Priest prays The Words of Consecration over the Offerings.

After the words of Consecration

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this living Bread,
when we drink this saving Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, concluding with the Doxology and Great Amen.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

STAND

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

Deliver us, Lord. . . Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ . . . and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace

During the Breaking of the Host we sing

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.



KNEEL

Behold the Lamb of God . .
Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.



As the Priest reverently consumes the Body and Blood of Christ the Lector says the
Communion Antiphon - Lk 2: 30-31

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.



The communicants then come forward in reverent procession and make an act of reverence in honour of Christ's presence in the Sacrament. They receive Holy Communion standing. If you are a Communicant member of the Church of England or in your own Church you may receive the Sacrament, if not, please hold this "Order for Mass" and you will receive a Blessing.

You should only receive Communion if you were in Church before the Gospel was read.

*You may Receive in One Kind (The Body of Christ) or in Both Kinds (The Body and Blood of Christ). **Communion by Intinction (dipping the Host into the Chalice) is not permitted.***

While we receive Communion the Choir sings the Communion Meditation (305)

After the distribution of Communion we all sing (312)

1

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.

2

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.

3

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.

4

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!

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STAND

Prayer after Communion

By these holy gifts
which we have received, O Lord,
bring your grace to perfection within us,
and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation
that he would not see death
until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ,
so may we, going forth to meet the Lord,
obtain the gift of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices may be given

On Sundays *The Ministers move to the Statue of Our Lady*

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

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

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary . . .

And the Word was made Flesh.
and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Priest says a Prayer and we respond: Amen.



CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray for God's blessing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path. **Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart. **Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace . . .

Thanks be to God.

We sing (261, tune Mannheim [309])

1

In His temple now behold Him;
see the long-expected Lord!
Ancient prophets had foretold him;
God hath now fulfilled His word.
Now to praise Him, His redeemed
shall break forth with one accord.

3

Jesus, by Thy Presentation,
Thou, Who didst for us endure,
make us see Thy great salvation,
seal us with Thy promise sure;
and present us in Thy glory
to Thy Father cleansed and pure.

2

In the arms of her who bore Him,
Virgin pure, behold Him lie,
while His aged saints adore Him,
ere in perfect faith they die:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lo, the incarnate God most high!

4

Prince and author of salvation,
be thy boundless love our theme!
Jesus praise to Thee be given
by the world thou didst redeem,
with the Father and the Spirit,
Lord of majesty supreme!

The Ministers and Choir reverence the Altar and depart to an Organ Voluntary.

A PRAYER FOR YOUR PERSONAL USE

Anima Christi

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds, hide me. Never permit me to be parted from you.
From the evil Enemy defend me.
At the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you,
that with your Saints I may praise you
from age upon age. Amen.*

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