

Opening Song



The first song of the Mass in which the priest and other ministers process down the aisle to the sanctuary

Sign of the Cross



Once the priest has reached the sanctuary. We all begin Mass by making the Sign of the Cross.

Penitential Rite (Lord Have Mercy)



After the Sign of the Cross and before the Opening Prayer, we ask God for forgiveness

Gloria



The Gloria comes after the Penitential Rite but before the Opening Prayer. It is one of the songs that the angels sing in the Bible

Opening Prayer



After the Gloria, the priest, invites all to pray together as one people by saying "Let us pray. He then prays a prayer before the First Reading.

First Reading



After the Opening Prayer We hear a reading from Sacred Scripture. Most of the time the First Reading is from the Old Testament.

Responsorial Psalm



This psalm (song) is sung between the First and Second Reading.

Second Reading



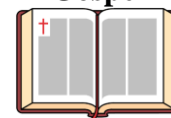
After the Responsorial Psalm and before the Gospel Acclamation we have the Second Reading. Most often from one of the Letters in the New Testament.

Gospel Acclamation



Right before the Gospel everyone stands and signs a short song. The acclamation contains the word "Alleluia" except during Lent.

Gospel



The Gospel comes after the Gospel Acclamation. The Four Gospels are Mathew, Mark, Luke, & John