



Ascension Thursday

(The people's responses in bold represent wording that the Pope has changed in the Mass throughout the world.)

Greeting

Priest: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And with your spirit.**

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have **greatly sinned**
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
(*And then striking your breast three times*)
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore, 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.

Priest: Lord have mercy. People: Lord have mercy.
Priest: Christ have mercy. People: Christ have mercy.
Priest: Lord have mercy. People: Lord have mercy.*

**(Or any other option the priest chooses. "The Lord have mercy" can be sung as "Kyrie eléison" or the Penitential hymn "Asperges" may be sung.)*

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and **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.

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 on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

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.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (ACTS 1:1-11)

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Responsorial: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

(PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9)

A Reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (EPH 1:17-23)

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector: Alleluia

People Only: Alleluia (*Stand*)

Lector Only: Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

People Only: Alleluia

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (LK 24:46-53)

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Creed

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,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became Man, all bow

and by the Holy Spirit **was Incarnate** of the
Virgin Mary and became Man.

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.

Priest: *Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.*

(People then Stand)

People: 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.

Priest: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of **Hosts.**

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.

Priest: *The mystery of Faith.*

People: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until You
come again.**

Priest: *The peace of the Lord be with you
always.*

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: ***Behold** the Lamb of God, **behold Him**
who takes away the sins of the world. **Blessed**
are those called to **the supper of the Lamb.***

People: Lord, I am not worthy **that You**
should enter under my roof, but only say the
word and **my soul** shall be healed.

Concluding Rites

Priest: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: *Go forth the Mass is ended.*

People: Thanks be to God.