THE ORDER OF MASS
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Amazing Grace"
NEW BRITAIN

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! How precious did my spirit feel That grace which made me a new creation.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And made me know the solid ground Where once I stumbled at the threshold, But now I know I'm sure and safe.
3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures. He will my shield and spring, 'Tis grace hath brought me where I am.
4. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come. As the sun, We've no less days to shine.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We'll sing God's praise, And grace will lead me home.

KYRIE

adapt. Litany of the Saints

Cantor: Kyri-eleison. All: Kyri-eleison.

Cantor: Chri-steleison. All: Chri-steleison.

Cantor: Kyri-eleison. All: Kyri-eleison.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING
Philippians 2:12-18

My beloved, obedient as you have always been,
not only when I am present but all the more now when I am absent,
work out your salvation with fear and trembling.
For God is the one who, for his good purpose,
works in you both to desire and to work.
Do everything without grumbling or questioning,
that you may be blameless and innocent,
children of God without blemish
in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,
among whom you shine like lights in the world,
as you hold on to the word of life,
so that my boast for the day of Christ may be
that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.
But, even if I am poured out as a libation
upon the sacrificial service of your faith,
I rejoice and share my joy with all of you.
In the same way you also should rejoice and share your joy with me.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

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The Lord is my light and my salvation.
The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The LORD is my life’s refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?
One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple.
I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.
Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, ‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’ Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

SANCTUS

Roman Missal

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.

Mystery of Faith

Roman Missal

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

GREAT AMEN

Roman Missal

Amen.
THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Roman Missal

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.

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COMMUNION

The reception of Holy Communion is the most sacred act for Catholics. We believe that we are then receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Catholics who are properly prepared should approach the ministers of Holy Communion. We ask non-Catholics not to receive. They are encouraged, however, to come forward with arms crossed over their heart to receive a blessing.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.
1. Soul of my Savior sanctify my breast,
2. Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
3. Hear me, Lord Jesus, listen as I pray;

1. Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
2. O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
3. "Lead me from night to never ending day.

1. Blood of my Savior bathe me in thy tide;
2. Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
3. Fill all the world with love and grace divine,

1. Wash me, ye waters flowing from his side.
2. So shall I never, never part from thee.
3. And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine."
THE CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“God’s Blessing Sends Us Forth”
ST. ELIZABETH

1. God's blessing sends us forth, Strengthened for our
   task on earth, Refreshed in soul and renewed in
   mind. May God with us remain, Through us his
   spirit reign, That Christ be known to all mankind.

2. God's news in spoken word Joyfully our
   hearts have heard; O may the seed of God's love now
   grow. May we in fruitful deeds Gladly serve
   others' needs, That faith in action we may show.

3. We by one living bread As one body
   have been fed; So we are one in true brother-
   hood. How gracious to behold All brethren
   of one fold Who ever seek each other's good.

4. Grant in this age of space Triumph of your
   truth and grace; Lord, you alone are unchanging
   truth. Preserve and ever guide As your fair
   spotless bride, Your ancient Church in ageless youth.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEIPTION OF COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS
As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Code of Canon Law, canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS
We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic Discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION
All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS
We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.