**The Order of Mass**

**The Introductory Rites**

**Entrance Hymn**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

**Llanfair**

**Kyrie**

adapt. Litany of the Saints
The crowd in Philippi joined in the attack on Paul and Silas, and the magistrates had them stripped and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After inflicting many blows on them, they threw them into prison and instructed the jailer to guard them securely. When he received these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and secured their feet to a stake.

About midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as the prisoners listened, there was suddenly such a severe earthquake that the foundations of the jail shook; all the doors flew open, and the chains of all were pulled loose. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, thinking that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted out in a loud voice, “Do no harm to yourself; we are all here.” He asked for a light and rushed in and, trembling with fear, he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you and your household will be saved.” So they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to everyone in his house. He took them in at that hour of the night and bathed their wounds; then he and all his family were baptized at once. He brought them up into his house and provided a meal and with his household rejoiced at having come to faith in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
(7c) Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

or: Alleluia.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple,
and give thanks to your name. R

Because of your kindness and your truth,
you have made great above all things
your name and your promise.
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me. R

Your right hand saves me.
The LORD will complete what he has done for me;
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands. R

I will send to you the Spirit of truth, says the Lord;
he will guide you to all truth.
Jesus said to his disciples:
“Now I am going to the one who sent me,
and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’
But because I told you this, grief has filled your hearts.
But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go.
For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you.
But if I go, I will send him to you.
And when he comes he will convict the world
in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation:
sin, because they do not believe in me;
righteousness, because I am going to the Father
and you will no longer see me;
condemnation, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

SANCTUS


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MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro

claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

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GREAT AMEN

A-men, a-men, a-men.

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The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

A Community Mass

Richard Proulx

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.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

1. Ye sons and daughters, let us sing!
2. That Easter morn, at break of day,
3. An angel clad in white they see,
4. That night the apostles met in fear;
5. When Thomas first the tidings heard,
6. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
7. No longer Thomas as then denied;
8. How blest are they who have not seen,
9. On this my holy day of days,

1. The King of heav'n, the glorious King.
2. The faithful women went their way
3. Who sat and spoke unto the three:
4. A midst them came their Lord most dear,
5. How they had seen the risen Lord,
6. My hands, my feet, I show to thee;
7. He saw the feet, the hands, the side.
8. And yet those faith has constant been,
9. To god your hearts and voices raise,

1. O'er death today rose triumphing.
2. To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
3. "Your Lord doth go to Galilee."
4. And said, "My peace be on all here."
5. He doubted the disciples' word. Al-le-lu-ia!
6. Not faithless, but believe in be."
8. For they eternal life shall win.
9. In laud and jubilee and praise.
The Concluding Rites

Recessional Hymn

“This Joyful Eastertide”

VRUECHTEN

1. This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrows!
2. My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber! My love, the Crucifier; Till trump from east to rivet, Has sprung to life this morning:
3. Death’s flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river! My passing soul deliverer: Our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen!
Guidelines for the Reception 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.

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