

THE MASS IN PICTURES

Cathedral of The Holy Redeemer, South Africa

(Please Do Not Remove)

Mass of The Catechumens



*Before ascending to offer the Holy Sacrifice, the Priest stands at the foot of the Altar, and recites with the server the solemn words of **Psalm 122.***

STAND (*Processional Hymn - for a sung Mass*)

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

Amen.

✠. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

The following is not said during Lent or Requiems.

Ant. Let us go to the altar of God.

To God the joy of our youth.

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!' Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **Jerusalem - built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes of the LORD go up as we decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

For there the thrones for judgement were set up, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. **Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.**' For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.'

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

Ant. Let us go to the altar of God.

To God the joy of our youth.

Our help ✠ is in the name of the Lord.
Who made heaven and earth.



Ever mindful of their unworthiness to offer the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the priest makes a profound reverence, humbly asking God's pardon in the Confession:

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against You, in thought, in word and in deed: We ask for pardon. We plead for mercy. We seek forgiveness. Through the prayers of blessed Mary, all the Angels and Saints, grant us peace.

May almighty God grant us ✠ pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins. Amen.

**Turn O God, and bring us to life.
That Your people may rejoice in You.**

**Show us, O Lord, Your mercy.
And grant us Your salvation.**

✠. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℞. And let my cry come to You.



After the Absolution, the priest Bows slightly and makes an appeal to God's mercy before ascending to the Holy of Holies:

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Let us pray.



Without delay, the priest ascends the altar praying in a whisper “Cleanse us of our sins” and asking God to have mercy, assisted with the prayers of the Saints whose relics are contained in the altar stone.

Introit



The priest now moves to the Epistle side of the altar and reads from the missal (Mass booklet) the Introit which is the first of the changeable propers of the Mass. It is essentially the Opening Hymn. The Mass includes portions where the Faithful ask God for mercy and for forgiveness of sins. Here it is made in Greek.

∞. Kyrie eleison.

℞. Kyrie eleison.

∞. Kyrie eleison.

*℞. **Christe eleison.***

∞. Christe eleison.

*℞. **Christe eleison.***

∞. Kyrie eleison.

*℞. **Kyrie eleison.***

∞. Kyrie eleison.





The priest returns to the middle of the Altar, and after reciting the ninefold **Kyrie Eleison** invoking God's mercy, offers praise and adoration to God in the **Gloria**.

The next hymn transports us back to the nativity of Our Lord when the shepherds keeping watch over their flock had a heavenly host of angels appear to them.

Said every Sunday except during penitential seasons.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all people. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. 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. You alone are holy; You alone are Lord; You alone are Most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the ✠ Father. Amen.



Turning to the congregation, the priest greets them with the **The Lord be with you**, the congregation reply in the appropriate manner.

The Lord be with you. or the bishop Peace be with you. And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Collect



The priest now reads the second of the changeable prayers or propers of the Mass called the **Collect** which describes a collection or gathering of prayers. It ends with:

...world without end.

Amen.

SIT

✠. Here ends the Epistle.

℞. **Thanks be to God.**



The priest bows profoundly at the middle of the Altar, asking God in the words of the **Cleanse my heart** to be made worthy to announce the holy Gospel.

STAND (*Gradual Hymn - for a sung Mass*)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us attend to the Holy Gospel according to St N.

In the Word is our salvation.



The priest goes to the Gospel side of the Altar, making a triple sign of the Cross on his forehead, lips and heart, as he solemnly announces the Holy Gospel.

By the words of the Holy Gospel, may our sins be blotted out.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

SIT

The Sermon

STAND

Said every Sunday.

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

And in one Lord, *bow head* Jesus Christ, the Son of God: the Only begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father; by Whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, *genuflect* and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became Man. *rise* And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried, and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father; who with the Father and the Son *bow head* together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. In one, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.



Facing the altar, the priest recites the Creed, the Church's affirmation of faith in the divine mysteries.

Recalling the Incarnation of God in the womb of the Blessed Virgin and the mystery of our Redemption, Priest and people fall to their knees at the words "and became Man."

✠. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

℟. Lord, have mercy.

Mass of The Faithful The Offertory



The Offertory now begins. The priest takes the wafer and offers it to God.

SIT (Offertory Hymn - for a sung Mass)

If the Offertory Hymn is sung, the following is said by the priest alone.

Receive, Holy God, this unspotted Host, that I, Your unworthy servant, offer to You, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offences, and failings, and for all here present: as for all Your Children, both living and dead; that it may avail both me and them for life everlasting. **Blessed are You, O God, world without end. Amen.**



The Priest goes to the Epistle side and pours wine into the Chalice, adding a few drops of water to signify the union of God and Man in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

...world without end. **Amen.**



The Priest offers the Chalice of salvation, imploring God's clemency for the salvation of the whole world.

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We offer to You, ✠ O Lord, this chalice of salvation, and implore Your mercy that it may ascend before Your divine Majesty as a sweet odour, for our salvation and for that of the whole world. **Blessed are You, O God, world without end. Amen.**

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After kissing the Altar, the Priest turns to the faithful, and asks for their prayers, **Brothers and Sisters,** Pray, that my sacrifice and yours may be well pleasing to God the almighty Father.

STAND

Brothers and Sisters, pray, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty. May the Lord receive the sacrifice from your hands, to the praise and glory of God's Name, for our benefit and that of all God's holy Church.

Secret



*After the **Secret** prayers, which are proper to the Mass of the day, the Priest recites aloud the most solemn words of the **Preface**.*

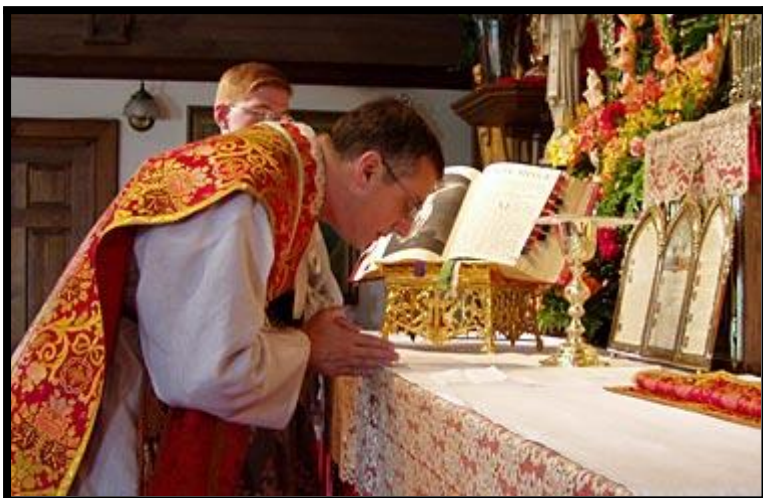
The Lord be with you
And with your spirit.

✠. Lift up your hearts.

✠. We lift them to the Lord.

✠. Give thanks to God.

✠. It is meet and right so to do.



*The Sanctus is said as the bells are rung three times for the Holy Trinity, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. The Priest then bows and silently begins the **Canon** of the Mass.*

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with thrones and dominions and with all the heavenly hosts, we sing a hymn to Your glory, saying without ceasing: **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory: Hosanna in the highest.**



The Commemoration of the Living asks God to be mindful of all the faithful here present, their families and friends, that He might grant them the salvation of their souls and the health and welfare for which they hope.



As the Priest extends his hands over the oblation, the bells are rung once to warn the faithful that the sacred Mystery is about to be enacted. The Priest prays that God will vouchsafe to bless, consecrate, and approve this our oblation.

We pray, O Lord, be pleased to receive this offering, and that of Your whole household; order our days in Your peace; grant that we may see salvation and be counted among the chosen. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KNEEL





In a profound silence, the Priest says the holy words of **Consecration**, and changes the bread into the sacred Body of our Lord. The bells ring as he genuflects, and then again as he elevates the Sacred Host to allow the faithful to gaze upon their Lord. He genuflects once more and adores Christ present upon the Altar.



The Priest continues the words of our Lord at the Last Supper, and consecrates the wine, which now becomes the Chalice of the Blood of Christ. Again he genuflects, raises the Chalice on high, and drops again to his knees in humble adoration.

As often as you shall do this, do it in memory of Me.

Blessed ✠ is He, Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Canon of the Mass now continues with the ancient prayers of our forefathers in the faith, invoking God's blessings upon the holy Sacrifice, His mercy upon the faithful departed, and forgiveness for God's people, sinners all. The Canon ends with the Minor Elevation, in praise of the Most Holy Trinity.

Through ✠ Him, and with ✠ Him, and in ✠ Him, to You, O God ✠ almighty, in the unity of the Holy ✠ Spirit, all glory and honour is Yours, world without end. Amen.

STAND

Let us pray.

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



The Priest now prays the prayer of Our Lord, with hands apart, thumb and forefinger held together.

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.



Preparing now to receive the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ, the Priest asks to be delivered from all evil, past, present, and to come, begging the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and all the Saints for peace in our days.



The Priest concludes the prayer and breaks the Host.

...Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



*The Priest makes the sign of the Cross with the Sacred Host over the Chalice, saying the **Pax vobiscum**, The peace of the Lord be always with you, and the server replies And with thy spirit.*

V. The ✠ Peace of the ✠ Lord be with you ✠ always.
R. And with your spirit.



*Bowing down, the Priest strikes his breast three times as a sign of contrition and humility, saying the threefold **Lamb of God**, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, grant us your peace.*

KNEEL

Lamb of God, Redeemer of our sins, grant us *grace*.

Lamb of God, Redeemer of our sins, grant us *mercy*.

Lamb of God, Redeemer of our sins, grant us *peace*.

Almighty God, we come to Your altar, trusting in Your great mercy. In receiving the body of Christ, may our bodies be made whole and our souls find peace through His most precious blood that we may dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

May almighty God grant you ✠ pardon, ✠ absolution and ✠ remission of your sins. Amen.



Now preparing to receive Holy Communion, the Priest takes the Sacred Host and strikes his breast three times as he humbly asks God for spiritual healing in the Lord, *I am not worthy*.

Behold the Lamb of God, the Redeemer Who takes away the sins of the world. Lord I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed. *Said thrice*.



The reception of holy communion can be confusing for those not familiar with our customs. If you are baptised you may receive. There is no particular order, but please be ready. Receive on the tongue. The Chalice is not distributed.



The Priest and servers perform the **Ablutions** at the Epistle side of the Altar. The Priest takes great care to ensure that no particles of the Sacred Host remain on the paten, and the Chalice is wiped clean with a linen cloth.

STAND (*Communion Hymn - for a sung Mass*)

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Post-Communion Prayer



After the **Communion** verse and **Post-communion** Prayer, which are proper to the Mass of the day, the Priest says the **The Mass is ended**, and the all reply **Thanks be to God**. The Priest then blesses the faithful, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The Mass is ended. (*Recessional Hymn - for a sung Mass*)
Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us attend to the Holy Gospel according to St John.
In the Word is our salvation.

Go forth into the world proclaiming this Gospel.
Amen. For the Word is the Light of the world.