

Deacon's Mass booklet



Opening Psalm 95:1-7a

The Acclamations

People Standing

For use in Ordinary Time

Deacon: Blessed Be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

[In Lent and on other Penitential Occasions]

Deacon: “Bless ✠ the Lord who forgives all our sins.”

People: *“His mercy endures forever*

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Deacon: Alleluia, ✠ Christ is Risen.

People: *The Lord is Risen in Deed. Alleluia.*

Collect for Purity

Standing at the Altar says the Collect for Purity

People: (Kneel or Sit)

Deacon & People: Almighty God, to you, all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy
Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Hebrews 4:13; Ps.139:1-4; Ps.51:10; Matt 5:8; Lk 11:13 Matt. 22:37

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ said:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

The Kyrie

• *People: Then shall be said or sung Kyrie or the Gloria.:*

Luke 18:9-14

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Or Eastern

Trisagion

Isa. 6:3 & Rev. 4:8

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal One, Have
Mercy on Us*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever, and unto the ages of ages.*

A Time of Praise and Worship

(Song)

The Collect of the Day



A collect is daily prayer

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Deacon: Let us pray.

Deacon reads the appropriate Collect of the Day

All Respond: *Amen.*



The Liturgy of the Word

The people sit.

The Lessons:

The Old Testament Lesson

After each Reading, the Reader may say

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Lesson from the Psalm

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Lesson

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

The Congregation all standing...

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to: Chapter ____, Verses ____**

Priest & Congregation Sign Themselves: Forehead, Lips, Heart

***People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the Gospel is read, the Reader says:

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon...

- Invitation | Healing Prayer |
Testimonies | Blessing of Marriages
- Song of Response



NICENE CREED

(Please Stand)

PRIESTS BOWS AT THE WORDS HIGHLIGHTED IN RED

Creed is omitted at Nuptial or (Ceremony of Marriage) and Requiem or funerals Masses

Christians, what do you believe...

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. **And** in one **Lord Jesus Christ**, the only begotten Son of God; begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; begotten not made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, **And** was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He 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 both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the **Giver** of life, Who [proceeds] from the Father; Who, with the Father and the Son together is **worshipped and glorified**; Who spoke through the Prophets;

And I believe in one holy catholic and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, ☩ and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

{Prefer deacons or priests conduct pastoral prayers from the heart}

(Sit or Kneel)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, who in your holy Word has, taught us to make prayers, and [supplications **(Requests)**,] and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto your divine Majesty, requesting you to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and peace; and grant that all those who do confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Lord hear our prayer

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [**especially:** all our Provincial Bishops, our Patriarch Roger Paul and Metropolitan, and to the **[Holy Synod]**, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Lord hear our prayer

And to all your people give your heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive your holy Word, truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Lord hear our prayer

We request that you also rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [**especially:** our **President**, _____, our **Congress** and our **Governor**], that they may be led to wise decisions, common sense, and right actions for the welfare and peace the world.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Lord hear our prayer

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold your gracious hand in all your works, that, rejoicing in your whole creation, they may honor you with their substance, and be faithful stewards of your abundant provisions to us.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Lord hear our prayer

And we most humbly request of your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and strengthen all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Deacon: may here commemorate specific names: _____ of those infirmed, sick, or passed on

Reader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Lord hear our prayer

And we also bless your holy Name for all your servants departed this life in your faith and fear praying you would grant us grace them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace to follow their good examples that with them we may be partake of your heavenly kingdom.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Lord hear our prayer

➤ **Reader:** I invite your prayer requests at this time...

The people may offer their petitions either silently or aloud.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the (✠) Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

Announcements:

Celebrate the following:

1. Birthdays
2. Anniversaries
3. Newly Born & Baptized babies: The congregation sings to celebrate the newborn and baptized by singing this hymn:

“He’s Got the Whole in His Hands”

Instrumental Music or Song...

Transitional Music begins here to enter the Liturgy of the Eucharist

CONFESSION OF SIN

(Kneel or Sit)

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon and People: Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as ourselves. I am truly sorry and I humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive me; that I may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, ✠ to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

✠ PRAYER OF REPENTANCE ✠

Deacon

Deacon: Almighty God have mercy on us, ✠ **forgive us and pardon us from all our sins**, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Deacon and People Respond: **Amen**

The Peace

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us extend to one another the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Communion

The Deacon reads a passage of Scripture appropriate to the day or occasion, or else one of the following

Sometimes as Christians we forget that God has sealed us in His Holy Word. Listen to His Comfortable Words as Assurance of His love for Us.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” John 6:35

Jesus said, “I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is in my flesh. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.” John 6:51, 55-56

Jesus said, “Abide in me, as I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. By this my father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples, As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love.” John 15:4-5a, 8-9

After the Reading, the Deacon may comments on it briefly, Suitable prayers may be offered, concluding with the following or some other collect

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge to eternal life; and who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Unison) (Sit or Kneel) Matt 6:5-13

And now as Our Savior, Christ, has taught us, we are bold to Pray...

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

(Song)

➤ *Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God



END OF DEACON'S MASS