

## Form Mass 2023



## Greeting

The Lord be with you. – **R And with your spirit.**

## Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the faithful to the Penitential Act.*

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading –2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31

There were also seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges.

But the mother was especially admirable and worthy of honourable remembrance, for she watched the death of seven sons in the course of a single day, and endured it resolutely because of her hopes in the Lord.

Indeed she encouraged each of them in the language of their ancestors; filled with noble conviction, she reinforced her womanly argument with manly courage, saying to them, 'I do not know how you appeared in my womb; it was not I who endowed you with breath and life, I had not the shaping of your every part. It is the creator of the world, ordaining the process of man's birth and presiding over the origin of all things, who in his mercy will most surely give you back both breath and life, seeing that you now despise your own existence for the sake of his laws.'

Antiochus thought he was being ridiculed, suspecting insult in the tone of her voice, and as the youngest was still alive he appealed to him not with mere words but with promises on oath to make him both rich and happy if he would abandon the traditions of his ancestors; he would make him his Friend and entrust him with public office.

The young man took no notice at all, and so the king then appealed to the mother, urging her to advise the youth to save his life.

After a great deal of urging on his part she agreed to try persuasion on her son. Bending over him, she fooled the cruel tyrant with these words, uttered in the language of their ancestors, ‘My son, have pity on me; I carried you nine months in my womb and suckled you three years, fed you and reared you to the age you are now (and cherished you).

I implore you, my child, observe heaven and earth, consider all that is in them, and acknowledge that God made them out of what did not exist, and that mankind comes into being in the same way.

Do not fear this executioner, but prove yourself worthy of your brothers, and make death welcome, so that in the day of mercy I may receive you back in your brothers’ company.’

She had scarcely ended when the young man said, ‘What are you all waiting for? I will not comply with the king’s ordinance; I obey the ordinance of the Law given to our ancestors through Moses.

As for you, sir, who have contrived every kind of evil against the Hebrews, you will certainly not escape the hands of God.

The Word of the Lord

**R: Thanks be to God**

The response to the Psalm is – **Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**

**R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full**

Yahweh, hear the plea of virtue, listen to my appeal, lend an ear to my prayer, my lips free from dishonesty.

**R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full**

Walking deliberately in your footsteps, so that my feet do not slip.  
I invoke you, God, and you answer me; turn your ear to me, hear what I say,

**R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full**

Guard me like the pupil of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. For me the reward of virtue is to see your face, and, on waking, to gaze my fill on your likeness.

**R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full**

## R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I chose you from the world,  
to go and bear fruit that will last, says the Lord.

## R. Alleluia.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

## R: Glory to you O Lord

While the people were listening to this he went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and they imagined that the kingdom of God was going to show itself then and there.

Accordingly he said, 'A man of noble birth went to a distant country to be appointed king and afterwards return. He summoned ten of his servants and gave them ten pounds. "Do business with these" he told them "until I get back." But his compatriots detested him and sent a delegation to follow him with this message, "We do not want this man to be our king".

Now on his return, having received his appointment as king, he sent for those servants to whom he had given the money, to find out what profit each had made. The first came in and said, "Sir, your one pound has brought in ten". "Well done, my good servant!" he replied "Since you have proved yourself faithful in a very small thing, you shall have the government of ten cities.". Then came the second and said, "Sir, your one pound has made five".

To this one also he said, “And you shall be in charge of five cities”.  
Next came the other and said, “Sir, here is your pound. I put it away safely in a piece of linen because I was afraid of you; for you are an exacting man: you pick up what you have not put down and reap what you have not sown.”  
“You wicked servant!” he said “Out of your own mouth I condemn you. So you knew I was an exacting man, picking up what I have not put down and reaping what I have not sown?  
Then why did you not put my money in the bank? On my return I could have drawn it out with interest.”  
And he said to those standing by, “Take the pound from him and give it to the man who has ten pounds”.  
And they said to him, “But, sir, he has ten pounds . . .”  
“I tell you, to everyone who has will be given more; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away.  
“But as for my enemies who did not want me for their king, bring them here and execute them in my presence.”  
When he had said this he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

The Gospel of the Lord

**R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Prayers of the faithful The response to each prayer is **Hear Our Prayer**

We pray for our school, parish, family and friends: that we may take the time to connect to others, no matter where in the world they are, and care for them as God cares for us.

**Lord in your mercy.....R**

We pray for world leaders: that they may make wise decisions for the good of all the members of our global family.

**Lord in your mercy.....R**

We pray for all children around the world; that they may have the chance to change their lives for the better and look to the future with hope and happiness.

**Lord in your mercy..... R**

God of Hope,

We pray in a moment of silence for ourselves. Fill us, Lord, with your peace and healing, restoring hope as you touch our hearts.

**Lord in your mercy.....R**



We ask Mary to guide and protect us as we say together the Hail Mary

**Hail Mary, full of grace.**

**The Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou amongst women,**

**and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,**

**now and at the hour of our death,**

**Amen.**

*The Priest offers the prayers of blessing quietly at the altar. If the priest says the prayers aloud the assembly's acclamation each time is:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Priest completes additional personal preparatory rites, and he says:*

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**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.**

*Then the Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:*

**Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

*The Priest concludes the Preface with the people, saying*

**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.**

*The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.  
After the words of Consecration the priest says:  
The mystery of faith.*

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

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All offer one another the customary sign of peace.*

## Breaking of the Bread

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.

## Invitation to Communion

*After his private prayers of preparation the Priest genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice says aloud:*

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.

Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word

and my soul shall be healed.

## Blessing

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

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

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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