

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.

FIRST READING

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28

King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for his noblemen; a thousand of them attended, and he drank wine in company with this thousand. As he sipped his wine, Belshazzar gave orders for the gold and silver vessels to be brought which his father Nebuchadnezzar had looted from the sanctuary in Jerusalem, so that the king, his noblemen, his wives and his singing women could drink out of them. The gold and silver vessels looted from the sanctuary of the Temple of God in Jerusalem were brought in, and the king, his noblemen, his wives and his singing women drank out of them. They drank their wine and praised their gods of gold and silver, of bronze and iron, of wood and stone.

Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared, and began to write on the plaster of the palace wall, directly behind the lamp-stand; and the king could see the hand as it wrote. The king turned pale with alarm: his thigh-joints went slack and his knees began to knock. Daniel was brought into the king's presence; the king said to Daniel, 'Are you the Daniel who was one of the Judaeans brought by my father the king from Judah? I am told that the spirit of God Most Holy lives in you, and that you are known for your perception, intelligence and marvellous wisdom.'

As I am told that you are able to give interpretations and to unravel difficult problems, if you can read the writing and tell me what it means, you shall be dressed in purple, and have a chain of gold put round your neck, and be third in rank in the kingdom.’ Then Daniel spoke up in the presence of the king. ‘Keep your gifts for yourself,’ he said ‘and give your rewards to others. I will read the writing to the king without them, and tell him what it means. You have defied the Lord of heaven, you have had the vessels from his Temple brought to you, and you, your noblemen, your wives and your singing women have drunk your wine out of them. You have praised gods of gold and silver, of bronze and iron, of wood and stone, which cannot either see, hear or understand; but you have given no glory to the God who holds your breath and all your fortunes in his hands. That is why he has sent the hand which, by itself, has written these words. The writing reads: Mene, Mene, Tekel and Parsin. The meaning of the words is this:

Mene: God has measured your sovereignty and put an end to it;
Tekel: you have been weighed in the balance and found wanting;
Parsin: your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and the Persians.’

The Word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God

The response to the Psalm is – **R. Give glory and eternal praise to him.**

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Sun and moon! bless the Lord:
give glory and eternal praise to him.

R. Give glory and eternal praise to him.

Stars of heaven! bless the Lord:
give glory and eternal praise to him.

R. Give glory and eternal praise to him.

Showers and dews! all bless the Lord:
give glory and eternal praise to him.

R. Give glory and eternal praise to him.

Winds! all bless the Lord:
give glory and eternal praise to him

R. Give glory and eternal praise to him.

The response to the Psalm is – **R. Give glory and eternal praise to him.**

R. Give glory and eternal praise to him.

Fire and heat! bless the Lord:
give glory and eternal praise to him.

R. Give glory and eternal praise to him.

Cold and heat! bless the Lord:
give glory and eternal praise to him.

R. Give glory and eternal praise to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain faithful until death,
and I will give you the crown of life.

R. Alleluia.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

R: Glory to you O Lord

“But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name and that will be your opportunity to bear witness.

Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict.

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death.

You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost.

Your endurance will win you your lives.”

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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