

# Christmas - Day Mass

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

- + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- A - Amen.**
- + The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- A - And also with you.**

## PENITENTIAL RITE

- + My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.
- I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do. And I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**
- + May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **A - Amen.**
- + Lord, have mercy. **A - Lord, have mercy.**
- + Christ, have mercy. **A - Christ, have mercy.**
- + Lord, have mercy. **A - Lord, have mercy.**

## GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father Amen.**

## OPENING PRAYER

- + Let us pray. Lord God, we praise you for creating man, and still more for restoring him in Christ. You Son shared our weakness: may we share his glory, for he lives he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
- A - Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First reading

**Isaiah 52:7-10**

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, "Your God is king!" Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

**A - Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 97

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy.

### Second reading

**Hebrews 1:1-6**

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

+ This is the word of the Lord. **A - Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Luke 2:10-11**

A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**



### Gospel

**John 1:1-18**

- + The Lord be with you. **A - And also with you.**
- + A reading from the holy gospel according to John.
- A - Glory to you, Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that every one might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness. He proclaims: "This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me". Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received - yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

+ This is the gospel of the Lord.

**A - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance the

Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified, he has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

+ Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**A - Blessed be God for ever.**

+ Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. I will become our spiritual drink.

**A - Blessed be God for ever.**

+ Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**A - 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 Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

+ Almighty God the saving work of Christ made our peace with you. May our offering today renew that peace within us and give you perfect praise. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **A - Amen.**

## PREFACE

+ The Lord be with you.

**A - And also with you.**

+ Lift up your hearts.

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

+ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A - It's right to give him thanks and praise.**

Father, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. He is the Word through whom you made the universe, the Saviour you sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary.

For our sake he opened his arms on the cross; he put an end to death and revealed the resurrection. In this he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. 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.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

+ Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness.

**CC -** Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body + and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT: THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT; THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

+ Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**A - Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

**CC -** In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

**C1 -** Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with **N.** our Pope, **N.** our bishop, and all the clergy.

**C2 -** Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again ... ; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence. Have mercy on us all: make us worthy to share eternal life, with Mary, the virgin mother of God, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**CC -** Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **A - Amen.**

## RITE OF COMMUNION - PATER NOSTER

+ Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

**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, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**A - For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

+ Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: "I leave you peace, my peace I give you", look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. **A - Amen.**

+ The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**A - And also with you.**

+ Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**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.**

+ This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**A - Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

+ Father, the child born today is the Savior of the world. He made us your children. May he welcome us into your kingdom where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **A - Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITE

+ The Lord be with you. **A - And also with you.**

+ May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **A - Amen.**

+ Go in the peace of Christ. **A - Thanks be to God.**