

THE PROPER OF SEASONS

THE SEASON OF ADVENT
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24, 1-3

To you, my God, I have lifted my soul.
In you I trust, I shall not be shamed.
Let not my enemies mock me,
for no one who waits for you
will be put to shame.

The Gloria is not said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that your faithful may resolve
to run forth with righteous deeds,
to meet your Christ who is coming,
so that gathered at his right hand
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, the gifts we offer,
gathered from among your blessings,
and as the fruit of our temporal offering
grant us the reward of your eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Ps 84, 13

The Lord will bestow his kindness,
and our land will yield its fruit.

Prayer after Communion

May the mysteries we have celebrated profit us, we pray, O Lord,
for even now, as we journey through this passing world,
you teach us by them
to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what will endure.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jer 31, 10; Is 35, 4

Hear the word of the Lord, O you nations,
and proclaim it to the ends of the earth:
Behold! our Savior will come;
fear no longer.

Collect

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God,
as we await the advent of Christ your Son,
that when he comes and knocks
he may find us vigilant in prayer
and exultant in his praise.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

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gathered from among your blessings,
and as the fruit of our temporal offering
grant us the reward of your eternal redemption.
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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 105, 4-5; Is 38, 3

Come, Lord, visit us in peace,
that we may rejoice before you with undivided heart.

Prayer after Communion

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for even now, as we journey through this passing world,
you teach us by them
to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what will endure.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Zec 14, 5.7

Behold! the Lord will come,
and all his holy ones with him,
and on that day there will be a great light,

Collect

Be moved by our pleading, Lord God, we pray,
and in our trials
grant us the help of your compassion,
that, consoled by the presence of your Son who is coming,
we may be tainted no more
by the corruption of former ways.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased with our poor prayers and offerings,
O Lord, we pray,
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,
come to our rescue with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. 2 Tm 4, 8

To those who long for his coming
the just judge will give a crown of justice.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished with the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you will teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold fast to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Hb 2, 3; 1 Cor 4, 5

The Lord will come and will not delay;
he will shed light on things now hidden in darkness
and reveal himself to all the nations.

Collect

Prepare our hearts, we pray, O Lord our God,
by your divine power,
that at the coming of Christ your Son
we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life
and merit to receive the heavenly food from him who servers.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,
be unceasingly offered to you,
to carry forward what was begun in sacred mystery,
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 40, 10; 35, 5

Behold! our Lord will come with power
to give light to the eyes of his servants.

Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,
that these divine provisions,
which have cleansed us of vices,
may prepare us for the coming feast.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118, 151-152

You are near, O Lord, and all your ways are truth.
From the beginning I have known your decrees,
for you are eternal.

Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord,
and come to our aide with mighty strength,
that what our sins delay
the grace of your mercy may hasten.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, the gifts we offer,
gathered from among your blessings,
and as the fruit of our temporal offering
grant us the reward of your eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Ti 2, 12-13

Let us live in this world in holiness and justice
awaiting the blessed hope
and the glorious coming of our great God.

Prayer after Communion

May the mysteries we have celebrated profit us, we pray, O Lord,
for even now, as we journey through this passing world,
you teach us by them
to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what will endure.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Behold! The Lord will come down with splendor
to visit his people in peace
and confer on them everlasting life.

Collect

Stir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come,
that with you to protect us
we may find rescue
from the looming dangers of our sins,
and with you to set us free,
be found worthy of salvation.
Who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased with our poor prayers and offerings,
O Lord, we pray,
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,
come to our rescue with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of Advent, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Phil 3, 20-21

We await a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ,
who will transform our lowly body
to be glorious like his own body.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished with the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you will teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold fast to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 79, 4.2

Come, show us your face, O Lord,
enthroned above the Cherubim,
and we shall be saved.

Collect

O God, who sent your Only-Begotten Son into this world
to free the human race from ancient bondage,
lavish on those who devoutly await him
the grace of your compassion from on high,
that we may attain the prize of true freedom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,
be unceasingly offered to you,
to carry forward what was begun in sacred mystery,
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. 2 Tim 4, 8

To those who long for his coming
the just judge will give a crown of justice.

Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,
that these divine provisions,
which have cleansed us of vices,
may prepare us for the coming feast.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 30, 19.30

People of Zion, behold!
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make his glorious voice heard
in joy that fills your heart.

The Gloria is not said.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
let no earthly endeavor hinder those
who hasten to meet your Son,
but let learning of heavenly wisdom
make us his companions.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased with our poor prayers and offerings,
O Lord, we pray,
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,
come to our rescue with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Bar 5, 5; 4, 36

Jerusalem, arise, and stand upon the heights
and see the joy that will come to you from your God.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished with the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you will teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold fast to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 000 may be used.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jer 31, 10; Is 35, 4

Hear the word of the Lord, O you nations,
and proclaim it to the ends of the earth:
Behold! our Savior will come;
fear no longer.

Collect

May our prayer of petition,
be brought before you, we ask, O Lord,
that our pledge of service may come with purity unblemished
to the great mystery of your Only-Begotten Son's Incarnation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, the gifts we offer,
gathered from among your blessings,
and as the fruit of our temporal offering
grant us the reward of your eternal redemption.
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Communion Antiphon

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that we may rejoice before you with undivided heart.

Prayer after Communion

May the mysteries we have celebrated profit us, we pray, O Lord,
for even now, as we journey through this passing world,
you teach us by them
to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what will endure.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Zec 14, 5.7

Behold! the Lord will come,
and all his holy ones with him,
and on that day there will be a great light,

Collect

O God,
who have shown forth your salvation
to all the ends of the earth,
grant, we pray,
that we may await in joy
the glory of his birth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased with our poor prayers and offerings,
O Lord, we pray,
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,
come to our rescue with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. 2 Tim 4, 8

To those who long for his coming
the just judge will give a crown of justice.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished with the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you will teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold fast to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Hab 2, 3; 1 Cor 4, 5

The Lord will come and will not delay;
he will shed light on things now hidden in darkness
and reveal himself to all the nations.

Collect

Almighty God,
who command us to prepare the way for Christ the Lord,
grant in your kindness,
that no infirmity may weary us
who long for the comforting presence
of the heavenly physician.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,
be unceasingly offered to you,
to carry forward what was begun in sacred mystery,
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.
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Communion Antiphon

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to give light to the eyes of his servants.

Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,
that these divine provisions,
which have cleansed us of vices,
may prepare us for the coming feast.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118, 151-152

You are near, O Lord, and all your ways are truth.
From the beginning I have known your decrees,
for you are eternal.

Collect

Stir up our hearts, O Lord,
to prepare the paths of your Only-Begotten Son,
that through his coming
we may be found worthy to serve you
with minds made pure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, the gifts we offer,
gathered from among your blessings,
and as the fruit of our temporal offering
grant us the reward of your eternal redemption.
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Communion Antiphon

Tit 2, 12-13

Let us live in this world in holiness and justice
awaiting the blessed hope
and the glorious coming of our great God.

Prayer after Communion

May the mysteries we have celebrated profit us, we pray, O Lord,
for even now, as we journey through this passing world,
you teach us by them
to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what will endure.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Behold! The Lord will come down with splendor
to visit his people in peace
and confer on them everlasting life.

Collect

Grant your people, we pray, almighty God,
to keep wide awake for the coming of your Only-Begotten Son,
that as he himself, the author of our salvation, has taught,
we may be alert, with lamps alight,
and hurry out to greet him as he comes.
Who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased with our poor prayers and offerings,
O Lord, we pray,
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,
come to our rescue with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Phil 3, 20-21

We await a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ,
who will transform our lowly body
to be glorious like his own body.

Prayer after Communion

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we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you will teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold fast to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 79, 4.2

Come, show us your face, O Lord,
enthroned above the Cherubim,
and we shall be saved.

Collect

Let the splendor of your glory dawn in our hearts,
we pray, almighty God,
that all shades of the night may be scattered
and we may be shown to be children of light
by the advent of your Only-Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,
be unceasingly offered to you,
to carry forward what was begun in sacred mystery,
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. 2 Tim 4, 8

To those who long for his coming
the just judge will give a crown of justice.

Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,
that these divine provisions,
which have cleansed us of vices,
may prepare us for the coming feast.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In this Mass the color violet or rose is used.

Entrance Antiphon

Phil 4, 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice,
for the Lord is at hand.

The Gloria is not said.

Collect

O God, who look upon your people
as the faithful await the feast of the Lord's birth,
strengthen us, we pray,
to reach the joys of so great a salvation,
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,
be unceasingly offered to you,
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery
and powerfully accomplished for us your saving work.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 35, 4

Say to the faint of heart:
Be strong and do not fear;
behold! our God will come and save us.

Prayer after Communion

We implore you mercy, Lord,
that these divine provisions,
which have cleansed us of vices,
may prepare us for the coming feast.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 000 may be used.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

When during the week a ferial Mass is to be said, the texts given below are used, unless the day is one of the Advent ferias from 17 to 24 December.

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jer 31, 10; Is 35, 4

Hear the word of the Lord, O you nations,
and proclaim it to the ends of the earth:
Behold! our Savior will come;
fear no longer.

Collect

Incline the ears of your compassion to our voice,
we pray, O Lord,
and let the grace of your Son who visits us
bring light to the darkness of our hearts.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, the gifts we offer,
gathered from among your blessings,
and as the fruit of our temporal offering
grant us the reward of your eternal redemption.
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Communion Antiphon

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that we may rejoice before you with undivided heart.

Prayer after Communion

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for even now, as we journey through this passing world,
you teach us by them
to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what will endure.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Zec 14, 5.7

Behold! the Lord will come,
and all his holy ones with him,
and on that day there will be a great light,

Collect

O God, who have made us a new creation
through your Only-Begotten Son,
look kindly on the handiwork of your mercy,
and at the coming of your Son
cleanse us from every stain
of the old way of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased with our poor prayers and offerings,
O Lord, we pray,
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,
come to our rescue with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. 2 Tim 4, 8

To those who long for his coming
the just judge will give a crown of justice.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished with the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you will teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold fast to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Hab 2, 3; 1 Cor 4, 5

The Lord will come and will not delay;
he will shed light on things now hidden in darkness
and reveal himself to all the nations.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that the coming Solemnity of your Son
may bestow healing upon us in this present life
and bring us the rewards of life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,
be unceasingly offered to you,
to carry forward what was begun in sacred mystery,
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 40, 10; 35, 5

Behold! our Lord will come with power
to give light to the eyes of his servants.

Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,
that these divine provisions,
which have cleansed us of vices,
may prepare us for the coming feast.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118, 151-152

You are near, O Lord, and all your ways are truth.
From the beginning I have known your decrees,
for you are eternal.

Collect

Unworthy servants that we are, O Lord,
disheartened by the guilt of our deeds,
we pray that you will gladden us
by the saving advent of your Only-Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, the gifts we offer,
gathered from among your blessings,
and as the fruit of our temporal offering
grant us the reward of your eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Tit 2, 12-13

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Prayer after Communion

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you teach us by them
to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what will endure.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Behold! The Lord will come down with splendor
to visit his people in peace
and confer on them everlasting life.

Collect

Let your grace, almighty God,
always go before us and follow us,
that we who await the coming of your Only-Begotten Son
with the heart's deepest desire
may find aid both for this present life
and for the life to come.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased with our poor prayers and offerings,
O Lord, we pray,
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,
come to our rescue with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Phil 3, 20-21

We await a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ,
who will transform our lowly body
to be glorious like his own body.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished with the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you will teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold fast to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon

Is 45, 8

Send down your dew, O Heavens, from above
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth open and bring forth the Savior.

The Gloria is not said.

Collect

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of the resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, may that Spirit
who filled the womb of blessed Mary with his power
sanctify the gifts laid upon your altar.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Is 7, 14

Behold! The Virgin will conceive and bear a Son,
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the pledge of eternal redemption,
we pray, almighty God,
that the nearer the feast day of salvation comes
the more eager our progress may be
towards celebrating worthily the mystery of the birth of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 000 may be used.

THE WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT

from 17 to 24 December

The following Masses are used in the days to which they are assigned, with the exception of Sunday, which retains its own Mass.

17 December

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 49, 13

Let the heavens rejoice and earth exult,
for our Lord will come
and show mercy to his people.

Collect

O God, Creator and Redeemer of human nature,
who willed that your Word should take flesh
in an ever-virgin womb,
look with favor on our prayers,
that your Only-Begotten Son,
who assumed our humanity,
may admit us to partake in his divinity.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify the gifts of your Church, O Lord,
and grant that through these awesome mysteries,
we may be made new by the heavenly Bread.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Hag 2, 8

Behold! The desire of all nations will come,
and the house of the Lord will be filled with glory.

Prayer after Communion

Filled with the divine gift, almighty God,
we beg you to grant our desire
that, enkindled by your Spirit,
we may blaze like bright torches
before the face of your Christ when he comes.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT FROM 17 TO 24 DECEMBER

18 December

Entrance Antiphon

Christ our King will come;
he is the Lamb foretold by John.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we who are weighed down by ancient slavery
beneath the yoke of sin,
may be set free by the long awaited new birth
of your Only-Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let the sacrifice to be offered to you, O Lord,
make us acceptable to your name,
that we may merit to share the eternity of him
by whose mortality our own mortality was healed.
Who lives and reigns for ever an ever.

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Communion Antiphon

Mt 1, 23

They shall call him name Emmanuel,
which means God-with-us.

Prayer after Communion

May we receive your mercy
in the midst of your temple, O Lord,
and prepare with due reverence
for the coming Solemnities of our redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT FROM 17 TO 24 DECEMBER

19 December

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Heb 10, 37

The one who is to come
will come and not delay;
within our land there will be no more fear,
for he is our Savior.

Collect

O God, who in the Offspring of the holy Virgin
graciously revealed to the world
the radiance of your glory,
grant, we pray,
that we may cherish with sound faith
and always celebrate with due reverence
the mystery of so wondrous an incarnation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, O Lord, we pray,
on the gifts we place upon your altars,
that what we bring by our weakness
may be hallowed by your power.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1, 78-79

The Morning Star from on high will visit us,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Prayer after Communion

As we give thanks, almighty God,
for the gifts you have bestowed,
graciously stir in us the desire for blessings yet to come,
that we may welcome the birth of our Savior
and honor it with minds made pure.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT FROM 17 TO 24 DECEMBER

20 December

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 11,1; 40, 5; Lk 3, 6

A shoot will come forth from the root of Jesse
and all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord;
and all flesh will see the salvation of God.

Collect

O God, eternal majesty, whose ineffable Word,
the immaculate Virgin received
through the message of an Angel,
we pray that, following the example
of her who became the dwelling-place of divinity,
filled with the light of the Holy Spirit,
we may humbly hold fast to your will.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, O Lord, we pray, upon the unique sacrifice,
that by sharing in this mystery
we may take hold of the gifts we have awaited
and for which our faith bids us hope.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1, 31

The Angel said to Mary:
Behold! you will conceive and bear a son,
and you will call his name Jesus.

Prayer after Communion

Shelter with divine protection, O Lord,
those you refresh with the heavenly gift,
bringing all who delight in your mysteries
into the joy of true peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT FROM 17 TO 24 DECEMBER

21 December

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 7, 14; 8, 10

Now he will come, the Ruler, the Lord,
and his name will be called Emmanuel,
for his is God-with-us.

Collect

Listen in kindness, we ask, O Lord,
to the prayers of your people,
that those who rejoice at the coming
of your Only-Begotten Son in our flesh
may, when he come in his glory,
receive the reward of eternal life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the gifts of your Church,
which in your mercy you have given to be offered,
and which by your power you draw
into the mystery of our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1, 45

Blessed are you who have believed
that what was told you by the Lord
will be fulfilled.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, may participation in the divine mystery,
provide enduring protection for your people,
so that, subject to your glorious majesty in wholehearted service,
that may have health of mind and body in abundance.
Through Christ our Lord

THE WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT FROM 17 TO 24 DECEMBER

22 December

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 23, 7

Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, eternal doors,
and the King of Glory will enter.

Collect

O God, who seeing the human race fallen into death,
willed to redeem it by the coming of your Only-Begotten Son,
grant, we pray,
that those who confess his Incarnation with humble worship
may also merit his company as Redeemer.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Trusting in your mercy, O Lord,
we gather eagerly with gifts at the sacred altar,
so that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries
with which we render you service.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1, 46.49

My soul glorifies the Lord,
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

Prayer after Communion

May reception of your Sacrament, strengthen us, O Lord,
that we may be fit to meet the coming Savior
with deeds worthy of him
and to gain the rewards of the blessed.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT FROM 17 TO 24 DECEMBER

23 December

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 9, 6; Ps 71, 17

A child will be born for us,
and he will be called God the Mighty One;
in him all the tribes of the earth will be blessed.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
as we see how near is your Son's birth
according to the flesh,
we pray that to us your unworthy servants
mercy may flow from your Word,
who chose to become flesh of the Virgin Mary
and to dwell among us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let this oblation,
by which divine worship in its fullness
has been established for us,
be our perfect reconciliation with you, O Lord,
that we may celebrate with minds made pure
the birth of our Redeemer.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Rv 3, 20

Behold! I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him,
and he with me.

Prayer after Communion

Grant your peace, gracious Lord,
to those you have filled with the heavenly gift,
that we may be ready, with lamps alight,
to meet your dearly beloved Son as he comes.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT FROM 17 TO 24 DECEMBER

24 December

The Morning Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Gal 4, 4

Behold! now the fullness of time has come
when God sent his Son into the world.

Collect

Hurry, we beg you, do not delay, Lord Jesus,
that those who trust in your faithfulness
may be uplifted by the comfort of your coming.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with kindness, Lord,
the gifts offered to you,
that we may be cleansed of sin by receiving them
and be ready to greet the glorious coming of your Son with pure hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1, 68

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
for he has visited his people and redeemer them.

Prayer after Communion

Grant to us who are created anew
by this your wondrous gift, O Lord,
that as we have prepared to come in adoration
to the birthday of your Son,
so may we receive his everlasting rewards with joy.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

25 December

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Solemnity

The Vigil Mass

This Mass is used during the evening of 24 December, either before or after Evening Prayer I of the Nativity.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ex 16, 6-7

Today you will know that the Lord will come and save us
and in the morning you will see his glory.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

O God, who gladden us year by year
as we wait in hope for our redemption,
grant that we who joyfully receive
your Only-Begotten Son as Redeemer
may also be able to face him confidently
when he comes as Judge.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
that as we welcome this festive season,
we may serve you all the more eagerly
for knowing that you reveal therein
the beginning of our redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of In Communion with the whole Church is said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 40, 5

The glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

Prayer after Communion

Grant we pray, O Lord, that we may be nourished,
as we celebrate anew the birth of your Only-Begotten Son,
by means of heavenly mystery
we are given food and drink.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

The Solemn Blessing formula on pp. 000-000 may be used.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The Mass during the Night

On the Nativity of the Lord all Priests may celebrate or concelebrate three Masses, provided the Masses are celebrated at their proper times.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 2, 7

The Lord said to me: You are my Son;
it is I who have Begotten you this day.

Or:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
for our Savior has been born in the world.
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

O God, who have made this most sacred night
radiant with the splendor of the true Light,
grant, we pray,
that we who have known the mysteries of his light on earth
may also feast on his joys in heaven.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let the oblation of this day's feast
be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray,
that through this most holy exchange
we may be found in the likeness of him,
in whom our nature is united to you.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface: Christ the Light.

Solemn tone

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in the mystery of the Word made flesh
a new light of your glory
has dawned upon the eyes of our mind,
so that as we recognize God made visible,
we may be caught up by him in love of things invisible.

And therefore, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory
and acclaim without end:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Text without chant: Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of In Communion with the whole Church is said.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1, 14

The Word was made flesh,
and we have seen his glory.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
that we who find joy in celebrating
the nativity of our Redeemer
may through an honorable way of life
become worthy of union with him.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on pp. 000-000 may be used.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The Mass at Dawn

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 9, 2.6; Lk 1, 33

Today a light will shine upon us
because the Lord is born for us
and he will be called Wonderful, God,
Prince of Peace,
Father of the world to come:
the One whose reign will never end.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, as we are bathed in the new radiance
of your incarnate Word,
our deeds may shine with light
that illumines our minds through faith.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

Prayer over the Offerings

May our gifts, O Lord, we pray,
befit the mysteries of this day's birth,
so that, as he who was born a man
shone forth also as God,
these earthly things may bring us things divine.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of In Communion with the whole Church is said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Zec 9, 9

Rejoice, O daughter of Sion;
sing praise, O daughter of Jerusalem.
Behold! your King will come,
the Holy One and Savior of the World.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, Lord,
that, as we honor your Son's nativity with glad service,
we may come to know
the hidden depths of this mystery with fullness of faith
and cherish them with even more ardent love.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on pp. 000-000 may be used.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The Mass during the Day

Entrance Antiphon

Is 9, 6

A boy has been born for us;
a Son has been given us,
and on his shoulders his dominion rests,
and his name shall be called Angel of Great Counsel.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

O God,
who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature
and still more wonderfully restored it,
grant, we pray,
that we may partake in the divinity of him
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the sacrifice of this day's solemn feast,
from which our reconciliation has come forth
to make us wholly pleasing in your sight
and which has established for us the fullness of divine worship.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of In Communion with the whole Church is said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97, 3

All the end of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O merciful God,
that the Savior of the world, born this day,
who is the author of our divine birth,
may also be the giver of immortality.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

The Solemn Blessing formula on pp. 000-000 may be used.

The Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord,
or, if there is no Sunday, 30 December

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

Lk 2, 16

The shepherds came in haste
and found Mary and Joseph,
and the Child laid in a manger.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

O God,
who were pleased to offer us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
grant in your good will
that, living like them in domestic virtues and the bonds of charity,
we may enjoy the eternal rewards of your home.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

When this Feast is celebrated on Sunday, the Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord
the sacrifice of atonement,
humbly asking
that, with the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and blessed Joseph,
you will establish our families firmly in your grace and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of In Communion with the whole Church is said.

Communion Antiphon

Bar 3, 38

Our God has appeared on earth
and lived among humankind.

Prayer after Communion

Bring those you refresh with heavenly Sacraments,
most merciful Father,
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,
so that, after the trials of this life,
we may share their company for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

29 December

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon

Jn 3, 16

God so loved the world
that he gave his Only-Begotten Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but have eternal life.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Almighty and invisible God,
who banished the world's darkness
by the coming of your light,
turn your bright gaze on us, we pray,
that we may acclaim with fitting praise
the wondrous birth of your Only-Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, receive our gifts,
by which is wrought a glorious exchange,
that we who offer what you have given
may be made worthy to receive your very self.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of In Communion with the whole Church is said.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1, 78

Through the mercy of the heart of our God
the Morning Star from on high has visited us.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that by the power of the holy mysteries
our life may be constantly sustained.
Through Christ our Lord.

WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

30 December

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

When there is no Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is celebrated on this day (cf. pp. 000-000).

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 18, 14-15

When all things kept profoundest silence
and night was in the middle of its course,
your all-powerful Word, O Lord,
came down from the royal thrones in heaven.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that the new birth of your Only-Begotten Son in the flesh
may set us free,
whom ancient slavery holds bound
beneath the yoke of sin.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favor, Lord, we pray,
the gifts of your people,
that what they profess in devout faith
they may possess in heavenly sacraments.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of In Communion with the whole Church is said.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1, 16

From his fullness we have all received
grace upon grace.

Prayer after Communion

O God,
who touch us through our partaking of your Sacrament,
work the effects of its power in our hearts,
that we may be made fit to receive your gift
through the very gift itself.
Through Christ our Lord.

WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

31 December

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon

Is 9, 6

A boy has been born for us;
a Son has been given us,
and on his shoulders his dominion rests,
and his name shall be called Angel of Great Counsel.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
who in the birth of your Son
established the beginning and fulfillment of all religion,
grant us, we pray,
to be numbered among those who belong to him
in whom is found the fullness of human salvation.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, author of true worship and peace,
grant, we pray,
that with this gift
we may offer due homage to your divine majesty
and by partaking of the sacred mystery
be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of In Communion with the whole Church is said.

Communion Antiphon

1 Jn 4, 9

God has sent his Only-Begotten Son into the world,
that we may live through him.

Prayer after Communion

Let your people, Lord,
guided and sustained in so many ways,
experience your healing compassion both now and in the future,
so that, supported by the welcome solace of things that pass,
they may strive with greater trust for things eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

1 January

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, holy Mother,
who in childbirth brought forth the King
who rules heaven and earth
for ever and ever.

Or:

Cf. Is 9, 2.6; Lk 1, 33

Today a light will shine upon us
because the Lord is born for us
and he will be called Wonderful, God,
Prince of Peace,
Father of the world to come:
the One whose reign will never end.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

O God,
who through the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary
bestowed on the human race
the prize of eternal salvation,
grant, we pray,
that we may know as our intercessor
the woman through whom we merited
to receive your Son, the author of life.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in your loving-kindness
begin all good things and complete them,
grant to us who rejoice on the Solemnity of the holy Mother of God,
that as we glory in the dawning of your grace,
we may find joy in its completion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Solemn Tone

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
and to praise, bless, and glorify your name
on the motherhood of the Blessed ever-Virgin Mary.

Who by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit
conceived your Only-Begotten Son,
and without losing the glory of virginity,
brought forth for the world the eternal Light,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through whom the Angels praise your majesty,
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim
worship together with exultation.
We pray you, bid our voices join with theirs
as we acclaim in humble praise:
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Text without chant: Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (. . . on the motherhood . . .), p. 000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of In Communion with the whole Church is said.

Communion Antiphon

Heb 13, 8

Jesus Christ yesterday,
Jesus Christ today,
Jesus Christ for evermore.

Prayer after Communion

With joy, O Lord, we have received heavenly Sacraments:
grant, we pray,
that they may lead to everlasting life
us who glory in proclaiming the blessed ever-Virgin Mary
as Bearer of your Son and Mother of the Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

On the days following, when the ferial Mass is to be said, the texts given below are used, p. 000.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 18, 14-15

When all things kept profoundest silence
and night was in the middle of its course,
your all-powerful Word, O Lord,
came down from the royal thrones in heaven.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
splendor of faithful souls,
be pleased in your kindness
to fill the world with your glory
and show yourself to all peoples
by the radiance of your light.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, O Lord,
the gifts offered at the birth of your Only-Begotten Son,
by which the way of truth is shown to us
and the life of the heavenly Kingdom is promised.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 1, 12

To all who accepted him
he gave power
to become sons of God.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God, we humbly ask you,
that through the working of this mystery
our vices may be purged away
and our just desires fulfilled.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, pp. 000-000, may be used.

6 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Solemnity

Where the Solemnity of the Epiphany is not to be observed as a Holyday of Obligation, it is assigned to the Sunday occurring between 2 and 8 January as its proper day.

The Vigil Mass

This Mass is used in the evening of the day before the Solemnity, either before or after Evening Prayer I of the Epiphany.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Bar 5, 5

Arise, Jerusalem, look toward the East
and see your children gathered
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Let the splendor of your glory
shed its light within our hearts,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may pass through the darkness of this world
and reach the homeland where light never fails.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

We pray, O Lord,
receive our offerings,
dedicated to honor the appearing of your Only-Begotten Son
and the first fruits of the nations,
that praise may be rendered to you
and eternal salvation be ours.
Through Christ our Lord

Preface of the Epiphany, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Rv 21, 23

The glory of God lit up the holy city, Jerusalem,
and the nations walked in its light.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by sacred nourishment,
we implore your mercy, Lord,
that the star of your justice
may shine always in our minds
and that our treasure may be found
in the homage we pay to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 000 may be used.

The Mass during the Day

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mal 3, 1; 1 Chr 29, 12

Behold! the Ruler and Lord has come
and in his hand are kingship and power and dominion.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

O God,
who on this day revealed your Only-Begotten Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy
that we who know you now by faith
may be brought to behold
the beauty of your sublime glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Where it is the practice, if the occasion so suggests, the movable Feasts of the current year may be proclaimed after the Gospel, according to the formula given below, pp. 0000-0000.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, Lord, we pray,
on the gifts of your Church,
in which are offered now
not gold or frankincense or myrrh,
but the One who in these gifts
is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface of the Epiphany: Christ the Light of the Nations.

Solemn Tone

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For on this day you have revealed in Christ
the mystery of our salvation as a light for the nations,

and, when he appeared in our mortal nature,
you made us new in the glory of his immortal nature.

And therefore, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and powers of heaven
we sing the hymn of your glory
and acclaim without end:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Text without chant: Preface of the Epiphany of the Lord, p. 000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of In Communion with the whole Church is said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 2, 2

We have seen his star in the East
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

With heavenly light
go before us always and everywhere,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may discern with clear vision
and regard with due tenderness
the mystery you have willed us to share.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 000 may be used.

WEEKDAYS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

from 2 January
to the Saturday before the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

These Masses are used on the ferias to which they are assigned, with the Collect selected as indicated.

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

A hallowed day has dawned upon us;
come, you nations, and adore the Lord,
for a great light has come upon the earth.

Collect

Before the Solemnity of the Epiphany

Grant your people, Lord, we pray,
unshakable strength of faith,
so that all who profess that your Only-Begotten Son
is with you for ever in your glory,
and was born of the Virgin Mary
in a body truly like our own
may be freed from present trials
and given a place in abiding glories.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

After the Solemnity of the Epiphany

O God,
whose eternal Word adorned the face of the heavens
yet accepted from the Virgin Mary the frailty of our flesh,
we pray that he who appeared among us as the splendor of truth
may go forth in the fullness of power
for the redemption of the world.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, receive our gifts,
by which is wrought a glorious exchange,
that we who offer what you have given
may be made worthy to receive your very self.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity (pp. 000-000) before the Solemnity of the Epiphany; Preface of the Epiphany (p. 000) or of the Nativity (pp. 000-000) after the Solemnity.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1, 14

We have seen his glory,
the glory as of the Only-Begotten of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that by the power of the holy mysteries
our life may be constantly sustained.
Through Christ our Lord.

WEEKDAYS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 117, 26-27

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
The Lord is God, and he has dawned upon us.

Collect

Before the Solemnity of the Epiphany

O God,
who through the blessed childbearing of the holy Virgin
kept the flesh of your Son
free from the sentence passed on the human race,
grant, we pray,
that we who have been drawn into this new creation
may be freed from the corruption of ancient decay.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

After the Solemnity of the Epiphany

O God,
whose Only-Begotten Son has appeared in the substance of our flesh,
grant, we pray, that through him
whom outwardly we recognize to be like us
we may merit to be inwardly changed.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favor, Lord, we pray,
the gifts of your people,
that what they profess in devout faith
they may possess in heavenly Sacraments.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity (pp. 000-000) before the Solemnity of the Epiphany; Preface of the Epiphany (p. 000) or of the Nativity (pp. 000-000) after the Solemnity.

Communion Antiphon

Eph 2, 4; Rom 8, 3

Because of God's great love, with which he loved us,
he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh.

Prayer after Communion

O God,
who touch us through our partaking of your Sacrament,
work the effects of its power in our hearts,
that we may be made fit to receive your gift
through the very gift itself.
Through Christ our Lord.

WEEKDAYS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Is 9, 2

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.

Collect

Before the Solemnity of the Epiphany

Grant us, almighty God,
that your salvation,
which came forth with new light from heaven
for the world's redemption,
may arise in our hearts to renew them always.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

After the Solemnity of the Epiphany

O God, giver of light to every nation,
grant your peoples the joy of lasting peace,
and flood our hearts with that brilliant light
which you showered upon the minds of our ancestors.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, author of true worship and peace,
grant, we pray,
that with this gift
we may offer due homage to your divine majesty
and by partaking of the sacred mystery
be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity (pp. 000-000) before the Solemnity of the Epiphany; Preface of the Epiphany (p. 000) or of the Nativity (pp. 000-000) after the Solemnity.

Communion Antiphon

1 Jn 1, 2

The life was revealed
which was with the Father
and it has appeared to us.

Prayer after Communion

Let your people, Lord,
guided and sustained in so many ways,
experience your healing compassion both now and in the future,
so that, supported by the welcome solace of things that pass,
they may strive with greater trust for things eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

WEEKDAYS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 1, 1

In the beginning and before the ages
the Word was God
and he has humbled himself to be born
the Savior of the World.

Collect

Before the Solemnity of the Epiphany

O God,
who by the birth of your Only-Begotten Son
wondrously began for your people
the work of redemption,
so strengthen the faith of your servants, we pray,
that with him as their guide,
they may attain the promised prize of glory.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

After the Solemnity of the Epiphany

O God, who through your Son
raised up your eternal light for all nations,
grant that your people may come to know
the full brilliance of their Redeemer,
that, advancing from glory to glory,
they may reach the everlasting light.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, receive our gifts,
by which is wrought a glorious exchange,
that we who offer what you have given
may be made worthy to receive your very self.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity (pp. 000-000) before the Solemnity of the Epiphany; Preface of the Epiphany (p. 000) or of the Nativity (pp. 000-000) after the Solemnity.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 3, 16

God so loved the world
that he gave his Only-Begotten Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but have eternal life.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that by the power of the holy mysteries
our life may be constantly sustained.
Through Christ our Lord.

WEEKDAYS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 111, 4

A light has arisen in darkness for the upright of heart;
the Lord is compassionate, merciful and just.

Collect

Before the Solemnity of the Epiphany

Cast your kindly light upon your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
and enkindle their hearts always
with the splendor of your glory,
that they may never cease to acknowledge their Savior
and may truly hold fast to him.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

After the Solemnity of the Epiphany

Grant, we ask, almighty God,
that the birth of the Savior of the world,
made known by the guidance of a star,
may be revealed and grow for ever
within our minds and hearts.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favor, Lord, we pray,
the gifts of your people,
that what they profess in devout faith
they may possess in heavenly Sacraments.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

1 Jn 4, 9

In this God's love was revealed to us,
that God has sent his Only-Begotten Son into the world,
that we may live through him.

Prayer after Communion

O God,
who touch us through our partaking of your Sacrament,
work the effects of its power in our hearts,
that we may be made fit to receive your gift
through the very gift itself.
Through Christ our Lord.

WEEKDAYS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Gal 4, 4-5

God sent his Son, born of a woman,
that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Collect

Before the Solemnity of the Epiphany

Almighty everlasting God,
who were pleased to shine forth with new light
through the coming of your Only-Begotten Son,
grant that we who have merited
to have him share our bodily form
through his birth of the Virgin,
may also merit to share the inheritance of grace
in his Kingdom.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

After the Solemnity of the Epiphany

Almighty everlasting God,
who through your Only-Begotten Son
have made us a new creation for yourself,
grant, we pray,
that by your grace we may be found in the likeness of him
in whom our nature is united to you.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, author of true worship and peace,
grant, we pray,
that with this gift
we may offer due homage to your divine majesty
and by partaking of the sacred mystery
be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity (pp. 000-000) before the Solemnity of the Epiphany; Preface of the Epiphany (p. 000) or of the Nativity (pp. 000-000) after the Solemnity.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1, 16

From his fullness we have all received
grace upon grace.

Prayer after Communion

Let your people, Lord,
guided and sustained in so many ways,
experience your healing compassion both now and in the future,
so that, supported by the welcome solace of things that pass,
they may strive with greater trust for things eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Sunday after 6 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Feast

Where the Solemnity of the Epiphany is transferred to Sunday, if this Sunday occurs on 7 or 8 January, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the following Monday.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mt 3, 16-17

When the Lord had been baptized, the heavens were opened,
and like a dove the Spirit rested on him,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son
in whom I am well pleased.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
you solemnly declared the Christ
to be your beloved Son
as the Holy Spirit descended upon him
after his Baptism in the River Jordan;
grant that your children of adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may continue always
to be those in who you are well pleased.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Or:

O God,
whose Only-Begotten Son has appeared in the substance of our flesh,
grant, we pray, that through him
whom outwardly we recognize to be like us
we may merit to be inwardly changed.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the gifts
brought to honor the revealing of your beloved Son,
so that the oblation of your faithful
may pass into the sacrifice of him
who willed in pity to wash away the sins of the world.
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface: The Baptism of the Lord.

Solemn Tone

Text without music:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in the waters of the Jordan
you revealed a new Baptism with signs and wonders,
so that the voice coming down from heaven
might awaken faith in your Word dwelling among us,
and so that the Spirit descending in the likeness of a dove
might make it known that Christ your Servant
was anointed with the oil of gladness
and sent to bring the good news to the poor.

And therefore with the Powers of heaven
we worship you constantly on earth,
for ever crying out to your glory:
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1, 32.34

Behold the one of whom John said:
I have seen and given witness
that this is the Son of God.

Prayer after Communion

Filled with the sacred gift,
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,
that, faithfully listening to your Only-Begotten Son,
we may be your children in name and in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE SEASON OF LENT

1. It is strongly recommended that the tradition of gathering the local Church after the fashion of the Roman “stations” be preserved and fostered, at least in larger cities and in a way suited to individual places, especially during the Season of Lent.

Such assemblies of the faithful can be gathered, especially with the chief Pastor of the diocese presiding, on Sundays or on other more convenient days during the week, either at the tombs of the Saints, or in the principle churches or shrines of a city, or even in the more frequently visited places of pilgrimage in the diocese.

If a procession precedes Mass celebrated for such assemblies, depending on circumstances and local conditions, a gathering is held at a small church or other suitable place outside the church to which the procession will go.

After the greeting of the people, the Priest says a Collect of the mystery of the Holy Cross (cf. below, pp. 000-000), for the remission of sins (cf. below, pp. 000-000), or for the Church, especially the local Church (cf. below, pp. 000-000), or one of the Prayers over the People. Then the procession to the church in which Mass will be celebrated takes place with the Litany of the Saints is sung. Invocations to the Patron Saint or the Founder and to the Saints of the local Church may be inserted at the appropriate place.

When the procession has arrived at the church, the priest venerates the altar and, if the occasion so suggests, incenses it. Afterwards, omitting the Introductory Rites and, if the occasion so suggests, the **Kyrie**, he says the Collect of the Mass, which then continues in the usual way.

2. At these gatherings, instead of Mass, some celebration of the Word of God may also take place, especially in the form of the penitential celebrations given in the Roman Ritual for the Season of Lent.

3. On ferias of this season, at the end of the Mass before the final blessing, the Prayer over the People given for each day may appropriately be used.

4. During this season, it is prohibited to decorate the altar with flowers, and the use of musical instruments is permitted only to support the singing. Nevertheless, Laetare Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts are exceptions to this rule.

ASH WEDNESDAY

In the Mass of this day, ashes are blessed and imposed. The ashes are made from the branches of olive or of other trees that were blessed the preceding year.

Introductory Rites and Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 11, 24-25.27

You have mercy on all, O Lord,
and hate nothing that you have made.
You disregard people's sins
to lead them to repentance
and you spare them,
for you are the Lord our God.

The Act of Penitence is omitted, and the Imposition of Ashes takes its place.

Collect

Grant us, Lord,
to begin with holy fasting
this campaign of Christian service,
that as we enter the fight against spiritual evils,
we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

After the Homily, the Priest, standing with hands joined, says:

Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly ask God our Father
that he will be pleased to bless with the wealth of his grace
these ashes which we place upon our heads in penitence.

After a brief prayer in silence, with hands extended he continues:

O God, who are swayed by acts of humility
and appeased by works of penance,
in your pity give ear to our prayers,
and mercifully pour out the grace of your blessing +
on your servants marked with these ashes,
that as they observe the Lenten Season,
they will be made worthy to come with minds made pure
to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of your Son.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Or:

O God, who desire not the death of sinners
but their conversion,
mercifully hear our prayers,

and in your pity be pleased to bless + these ashes,
which we intend to receive upon our heads,
that we, who know we are but ashes
and shall return to dust,
may, through our devout observance of Lent,
be able to gain pardon for sins and newness of life
in the image of your Son at his rising.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, saying nothing.

Then the Priest places ashes on all present, who come to him, and says to each one:

Repent, and believe in the Gospel.

Or:

Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return.

Meanwhile, there are sung:

Antiphon 1

Let us change our garments to sackcloth and ashes,
let us fast and weep before the Lord,
for our God is rich in mercy
for the forgiveness of our sins.

Antiphon 2

Between the porch and the altar,
the priests, the ministers of the Lord, shall weep.
They shall cry: Spare, O Lord, spare your people;
do not close the mouths of those who sing to you, O Lord.

Cf. Joel 2, 17; Est 4, 17

Antiphon 3

Blot out my iniquity, O Lord.

Ps 50, 3

This may be repeated after each verse of Psalm 50, Have mercy on me, O God.

Responsory

R. Let us correct our faults
which we have committed in ignorance,
let us not be taken unaware by the day of our death,
looking in vain for leisure to repent.

Cf. Ps 78, 9

*Hear us, O Lord, and show us your mercy,
for we have sinned against you.

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
for the sake of your name, O Lord, set us free.

*Hear us, O Lord . . .

Another appropriate chant may also be sung.

After the imposition of ashes, the Priest washes his hands and proceeds to the Universal Prayer, and continues the Mass in the usual way.

The Creed is not said.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Offerings

As we offer the annual sacrifice of the beginning of Lent
we entreat you, Lord,
that through works of penance and charity
we may abstain from harmful pleasures
and, cleansed of sins, be made fit
to celebrate devoutly the Passion of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface III or IV of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 1, 2-3

The one who ponders the Law of the Lord
by day and by night
will yield his fruit in due season.

Prayer after Communion

May the Sacraments we have received
sustain us, O Lord,
that our fast may be pleasing to you
and a source of healing to us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

For the dismissal the Priest stands facing the people and, extending his hands over them, says this prayer:

In your compassion, O God,
pour out a spirit of sorrow
upon those who bow before your majesty,
and in your mercy
make them worthy to obtain the rewards
promised to those who do penance.
Through Christ our Lord.

The blessing and imposition of ashes may also take place outside Mass. In this case, a Liturgy of the Word precedes, with the Entrance Antiphon, the Collect, and the readings with their chants as at Mass. Then follow the Homily and the blessing and imposition of ashes. The rite is concluded with the Universal Prayer, the Blessing, and the Dismissal of the faithful.

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 54, 17-20.23

When I cried to the Lord he heard my voice
and delivered me from those who beset me.
Cast your care on the Lord, and he will sustain you.

Collect

Prompt our actions with your inspiration, we pray, O Lord,
and further them with your constant help,
that every work of ours may always begin from you
and by you be brought to completion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Regard with favor, Lord, we pray,
the offerings we set upon the sacred altars,
that, bestowing your pardon upon us,
they may give honor to your name.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 50, 12

Create a pure heart in me, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the blessing of your heavenly gifts,
we humbly beseech you, almighty God,
that they may be for us always
a source of pardon and salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Almighty God,
who have made known to you people
the ways to life eternal,
lead us by those paths, we pray,
to you, the light that never fades.
Through Christ our Lord.

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 29, 11

The Lord heard and had mercy on me;
the Lord became my helper.

Collect

Accompany with gracious favor, Lord, we pray,
the works of penance we have begun,
that we may have strength to accomplish with pure minds
the observance we undertake with our bodies.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer, Lord, the sacrifice of our Lenten observance,
praying that it may make our minds acceptable to you
and quicken our powers of self-control.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24, 4

Show us your ways, O Lord,
and teach us your paths.

Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God,
that, purified of every trespass
by partaking of this mystery,
we may be prepared
for the healing power of your compassion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

For your mighty deeds, O God of mercy,
let your people offer endless thanks,
and, by observing the age-old disciplines
along their pilgrim journey,
may we come to behold you for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 68, 17

Answer us, O Lord,
for generous is your steadfast love;
in accordance with the multitude of your mercies,
look on us, Lord.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
look with compassion on our weakness
and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty
to protect us.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, we pray, O Lord,
the sacrifice of atonement and praise,
and grant that, cleansed by its action,
we may offer hearts and minds pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 9, 13

I desire mercy, not sacrifice, says the Lord,
for I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with the gift of heavenly life,
we pray, O Lord,
that what is a mystery for us in this present life
may help us to reach eternity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

In your kindness, O Lord, abide with your people
who have touched the sacred mysteries,
that no danger may afflict
those who trust in you, their protector.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 90, 15-16

He will call upon me, and I will answer his prayer.
I will rescue him and give him glory;
I will fill him with length of days.

The Gloria is not said.

Collect

Grant us, almighty God,
through our yearly exercises in the holy Season of Lent,
to grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ
and to pursue their effects by a worthy way of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Make us duly ready, we pray, O Lord,
to offer these gifts,
with which we mark the beginning
of this venerable and sacred season.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Temptation of the Lord.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

Who by fasting forty days from earthly food
established this season of self-denial,
and by overturning all the schemes of the ancient serpent
taught us to cast out the leaven of malice,
so that, celebrating the Paschal Mystery in purity of heart,
we might come at last to the eternal Passover feast.

And therefore, with the company of Angels and Saints,
we sing the hymn of your praise and acclaim without end:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 4, 4

Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

or:

Cf. Ps 90, 4

The Lord will overshadow you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find hope

Prayer after Communion

Refreshed with the Bread of heaven,
by which faith is nourished, hope raised up,
and charity strengthened,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may learn to hunger for him
who is the true and living Bread
and have strength to live by every word
that comes from your mouth.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Let your bountiful blessing come down upon your people,
Lord, we pray,
that their hope may grow in tribulation,
their virtue be strengthened in temptation,
and eternal redemption be given them.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 122, 2-3

Like the eyes of slaves
on the hands of their masters,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
until he had mercy on us.
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us.

Collect

Convert us, God our Savior,
and train our minds by heavenly discipline
that the work of Lent may serve us well.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let the offering of our worship be pleasing to you, Lord,
that by your power it may sanctify our daily life
and win for us your reconciling pardon.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 25, 40.34

Amen, I say to you,
whatever you did for on of the least of mine,
you did for me, says the Lord.
Come, you blessed of my Father;
inherit the Kingdom prepared for you
from the beginning of the world.

Prayer after Communion

We pray, O Lord, that in receiving your Sacrament
we may experience help in mind and body
so that, kept safe in both,
we may glory in the fullness of heavenly healing.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Enlighten the minds of your people, Lord, we pray,
with the light of your glory,
that they may see what must be done
and have the strength to do what is right.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 89, 1-2

O Lord, you have been our refuge
from generation to generation;
you are from age to age.

Collect

Have regard for your family, Lord,
and grant that our minds,
chastening themselves with bodily discipline,
may be radiant in your presence with desire for you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O God, almighty Creator,
what we bring from the wealth of your bounty,
and in your goodness
transform the temporal sustenance given us,
that it may bring us life eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 4, 2

When I called to you, you answered me
O God of justice;
in time of trouble you gave me room.
Have mercy on me, Lord, and answer my prayer.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us through these mysteries, Lord,
that by tempering earthly desires
we may learn to love the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

By your strength, O God,
give strength to your faithful:
be for them comfort in sorrow,
patience in tribulation,
and protection in danger.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24, 6.2.22

Remember your mercies, O Lord,
and your compassion from ages past.
Never let our enemies lord it over us,
free us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

Collect

Look kindly, Lord, we pray, on the devotion of your people,
that those who by self-denial are restrained in body
may by the fruit of good works be renewed in mind.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, O Lord, what you yourself have given
to be dedicated to your name
that as for our benefit you make these gifts a Sacrament,
you will also make them our eternal healing.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 5, 12

Let all rejoice who hope in you, O Lord;
they will dance for joy evermore
and you will dwell among them.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who never cease to feed us by your Sacraments,
grant, we pray,
that the refreshment you allow us to draw from them
may also bring everlasting life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Keep guard over your people, Lord,
and graciously cleanse them from all sins,
for no adversity will harm them
if no iniquity rules them.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 5, 2-3

Give ear to my words, O Lord;
listen to my cry.
Pay heed to the sound of my prayer,
my King and my God.

Collect

Bestow on us, we pray, O Lord,
a spirit that thinks always what is right
and hastens to do it,
so that we, who cannot exist without you,
may have strength to live by your will.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be merciful, O Lord,
to those who approach you in prayer,
and, accepting the pleas and oblations of your people,
turn the hearts of us all to yourself.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 7, 8

Everyone who asks receives,
and whoever seeks finds,
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Prayer after Communion

We pray, O Lord our God,
that, as you have given the most holy mysteries
to be our safeguard while our life is being reshaped,
so you will make them a source of healing for us
both now and in time to come.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Bring upon your humble people, Lord, we pray,
the mercy they have hoped for
and let the riches of heaven be given them,
that they may know what is right to request
and receive what they have sought.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24, 17-18

Deliver me, Lord, from my anguish;
see my affliction and my trouble
and pardon all my sins.

Collect

Grant to your faithful people, Lord, we pray,
to be so well prepared for the paschal celebration,
that the bodily discipline now solemnly begun
may bear fruit in every soul.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, in your mercy
the sacrifices by which you decreed
both an end to your wrath
and our restoration to health
by the power of your loving-kindness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Ez 33, 11

As I live, says the Lord,
I do not desire the death of a sinner,
but rather that he turn back and live.

Prayer after Communion

Let the holy refreshment of your Sacrament
make us new, O Lord,
and bring us, cleansed of old ways,
into union with the mystery of salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Look with favor on your people, Lord,
that what their observance declares outwardly
may take effect more deeply within them.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 18, 8

The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decree of the Lord is fitting, giving wisdom to little ones.

Collect

Turn our hearts to you, eternal Father,
and grant that, in seeking always the one thing necessary
and carrying out the works of charity,
we may be dedicated to your worship.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

May these blessed mysteries restore us, Lord, we pray,
and make us worthy of the gift they bring.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 5, 48

Be perfect
as your heavenly Father is perfect,
says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Accompany, Lord, with unceasing favor
those you refresh with the divine mystery,
and accompany with saving comfort
those you have imbued with heavenly teachings.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

May the blessing for which they have longed
strengthen your faithful, O God,
so that, never straying from your will,
they may always rejoice in your favors.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26, 8-9

To you my heart has said,
I have sought your face.
Your face, O Lord, will I seek;
do not turn your face from me.

Or:

Cf. Ps 24, 6.2.22

Remember your mercies, O Lord,
and your compassion from ages past.
Never let our enemies lord it over us,
free us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

The Gloria is not said.

Collect

O God, who commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased to nourish us inwardly with your word,
that with spiritual vision made pure
we may rejoice at the sight of your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Transfiguration of the Lord.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

Who, after he had told the disciples of his coming death,
manifested his glory to them on the holy mountain,
to show, as the Law and the Prophets also bear witness,
that the path of suffering
leads to the glory of the Resurrection.

And therefore, with the Powers of Heaven
we worship you constantly on earth,
for ever crying out to your glory:
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 17, 5

This is my beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive the glorious mysteries,
we return due thanks to you, O Lord,
for allowing us whom you have placed on earth
to share even now in the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, Lord,
with a blessing that endures for ever,
and make them hold fast
to the Gospel of your Only-Begotten Son,
so that they may always desire and joyfully attain
that glory he allowed his Apostles
to glimpse in his own body.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 25, 11-12

Redeem me, Lord, and have mercy on me,
for my foot stands on the right path.
In the assemblies I will bless the Lord.

Collect

O God, who have taught us
to chasten the body that the soul may be healed,
grant us power to abstain from every sin
and strength of heart to carry out the commands of your love.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

In mercy, Lord, accept our prayers
and set free from worldly attractions
those you allow to serve the heavenly mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 6, 36

Be merciful
as your Father is merciful,
says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Let this Communion, O Lord,
cleanse us of wrongdoing
and make us partakers of the joy of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Confirm the hearts of your faithful, Lord, we pray,
and strengthen them by the power of your grace,
that they may be devout in prayer to you
and sincere in love for one another.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 12, 4-5

Give light to my eyes,
lest I ever fall asleep in death,
lest my enemy say:
I have overcome him.

Collect

In your unceasing mercy
watch over your Church, O Lord, we pray,
and since without you mortal humanity is sure to fall,
let your constant care draw it from all that would harm
and guide it to all that brings health.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord,
to work your sanctification within us
by means of these mysteries,
cleansing us of earthly vices
and leading us to heavenly gifts.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 9, 2-3

I will tell of all your wonders.
I will rejoice and exult in you.
I will sing to your name, O Most High.

Prayer after Communion

May the refreshment of the sacred table,
Lord, we pray,
bring us an increase in piety of life
and the constant help of your atoning work.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Graciously hear the cries of your faithful, O Lord,
and relieve their weariness of soul,
that, receiving forgiveness,
they may ever rejoice in your blessing.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 37, 22-23

Do not abandon me, Lord my God;
do not depart from me;
come quickly to my help, O Lord,
may mighty Savior.

Collect

Keep your family, Lord,
schooled always in good works,
and so comfort them with protection here
as to lead them graciously to gifts on high.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Regard with favor, Lord,
the sacrifices we offer you,
and by this holy exchange
break the shackles of our sins.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 20, 28

The Son of Man has come
not to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God,
that what you have willed to be for us
the pledge of immortality
may prove decisive for eternal salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Bestow upon your servants, Lord,
an abundance of protection and grace,
give them health of mind and body,
give them fullness of fraternal charity,
and make them always devoted to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 138, 23-24

Test me, O God, and examine my paths;
see if the way of wickedness is in me,
and lead me along the eternal way.

Collect

O God, restorer and lover of innocence,
direct the hearts of your servants to yourself,
so that, catching the fire of your Spirit,
we may be found steadfast in faith
and effective in works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

By this sacrifice, we pray, O Lord,
sanctify our observance,
that what Lenten discipline outwardly declares
in may inwardly accomplish.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118, 1

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the Law of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May these sacrifices, O God,
remain active within us
and ever work more strongly.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Stay with your servants, O Lord,
who implore the help of your grace,
that is may bring them
the shelter and guidance of your protection.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30, 2.5

In you, O Lord, I put my trust;
let me never be put to shame.
You will lead me out of the snare
they have hidden for me,
for you are my protector.

Collect

Grant to your faithful people, Lord, we pray,
to be so well prepared for the paschal celebration,
that the bodily discipline now solemnly begun
may bear fruit in every soul.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let your compassion duly inspire your servants,
we pray, O God,
for the accomplishment of these mysteries,
and lead them in a life of devotion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

1 Jn 4, 10

God love us and sent his Son,
the expiation for our sins.

Prayer after Communion

O Lord, we pray,
make us who have received the pledge of eternal salvation
set our course so rightly
that we may at last attain it.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Grant to your people, Lord, we pray,
health of mind and body,
that by constancy in good deeds
they may always merit the defense of your protection.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 144, 8-9

The Lord is compassionate and merciful,
patient and rich in mercy.
The Lord is gentle to all
and has compassion on all his works.

Collect

O God,
who by glorious healing gifts
grant us already, while still placed on earth,
a share in the things of heaven,
steer us through this present life, we pray,
to bring us to that light where you yourself abide.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

We pray, O Lord,
that through these Sacraments
our redemption may yield its effect,
to restrain us from human excesses
and lead us onward to the gifts of salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 15, 32

So, you should rejoice,
for your brother was dead and has come back to life;
he was lost and has been found.

Prayer after Communion

Let the divine outpouring of your Sacrament
which we have received, O Lord,
flood the inner depths of our heart
and by its power make us sharers in its life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Let the ears of your mercy be open, Lord,
to the prayers of those who call upon you
and, in order to grant their desire,
make them ask what is pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

On this Sunday the first scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Paschal Vigil is celebrated with the proper prayers and intercessions as given below, pp. 000-000.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 24, 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he will free my feet from the snare.
Look on me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

Or:

Cf. Ez 36, 23-26

When I am hallowed among you
I shall gather you from all the lands
and pour clean water upon you,
and you will be cleansed of all that defiles you,
and I shall give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

The Gloria is not said.

Collect

O God,
author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who have pointed to fasting, prayer and almsgiving
as remedies for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we who are bowed down by our conscience
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased by these sacrifices, Lord,
and grant that we who pray
to be forgiven our own sins
may take care to forgive those
of our brothers and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord.

When the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman is not read, Preface I or II of Lent, pp. 000-000 is used.

Preface: The Samaritan Woman.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

Who, when he asked the Samaritan woman for water to drink,
had already created within her the gift of faith;
so eagerly did he thirst for her faith,
that he kindled within her the fire of divine love.

And so we also give you thanks
and with the Angels make known your power as we acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 4, 13-14

When the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman is read:

Whoever drinks the water I shall give them,
says the Lord,
a spring of water shall well up in them
to eternal life.

When another Gospel is read:

Cf. Ps 83, 4-5

The sparrow finds herself a home,
and the turtle-dove a nest to place her brood:
your altars, Lord of Hosts, my King and my God!
Blessed are those who live in your house;
they will praise you from age to age.

Prayer after Communion

Receiving the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven,
and filled even now on earth
with the Bread from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being wrought within us in mystery
may find its fulfillment in action.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful,
and in your kindness grant your servants their grace:
that, abiding in the love of you and neighbor,
they may fulfill the whole of your law.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 83, 3

My soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh have exulted in the living God.

Collect

Let your unfailing compassion, Lord,
purify and protect your Church,
and since without you she cannot stand secure,
may she be governed always by your guidance.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord,
the gift of our service:
transform it for us
into a saving Sacrament.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 116, 1.2

Praise the Lord, all you nations,
for strong is his mercy upon us.

Prayer after Communion

Let communion in your Sacrament,
we pray, O Lord,
bring with it purification
and make us one.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

May your right hand, we ask, O Lord,
protect the people praying to you,
purify them and give them due instruction
so that, consoled in this present life,
they may reach the good things to come.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16, 6.8

I have cried out, O God, for you have answered me;
turn your ear and hear my words.
Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of an eye;
shelter me under the shadow of your wings.

Collect

May your grace not forsake us, Lord, we pray,
but make us devoted to holy service
and secure your aid for us always.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
that this saving sacrifice
may purge us of our faults
and turn your power to our favor.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 14, 1-2

Lord, who will dwell in your tent?
or who will rest on your holy mountain?
The one who walks without blemish,
and does what is right.

Prayer after Communion

Let the holy partaking of this mystery
enliven us, Lord, we pray,
and accord us both pardon and protection.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

O God, make and ruler of your people,
drive away the sins that assail them
that they may always be pleasing to you
and kept safe within your shelter.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118, 133

Direct me steps in accordance with your word,
and let no unrighteousness master me.

Collect

Grant, we ask, O Lord,
that, schooled through Lenten practice
and nourished by your word,
we may be devoted to you wholeheartedly
in holy self-discipline
and be continually made one in heart as we pray to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we ask,
the prayers of your people
with the sacrificial offerings,
and guard us who celebrate your mysteries
from dangers of every kind.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 15, 11

You have shown me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy
before your face, O Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the heavenly table at which we have been fed, O Lord,
sanctify us,
rid us of all waywardness,
and make us worthy of the promise from on high.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Grant to your people, our God,
a will that is pleasing to you,
for you will bestow upon them every favor
by conforming them to your teachings.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

I am the people's salvation, says the Lord.
From whatever suffering they cry to me,
I shall heed them,
and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect

Humbly, O Lord, we call upon your majesty,
that the nearer the feast day of salvation comes,
the more eager our progress may be
towards celebrating well the Paschal Mystery of that day.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Cleanse your people, Lord, we pray,
from every infection of wickedness,
that their gifts may be pleasing to you,
and, since you promise they will always come to the rewards of your truth,
do not let them cling to false joys.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118, 4-5

You have commanded that your laws be kept with care;
let my ways be directed towards keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion

With your kindly help, O Lord,
uphold those you refresh with Sacraments,
that we may lay hold of your saving work
both in the mysteries and in our manner of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

We implore your clemency, O Lord,
trusting in your mercy,
that we who receive our very being from you
may, through your grace, both desire the good
and be able to do the good we desire.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 85, 8.10

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
for you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God.

Collect

Pour your grace kindly into our hearts, we pray, O Lord,
that we may be constantly drawn back from human excesses
and be able, through your generosity,
to cling to your heavenly commandments.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, Lord, we pray,
on the gifts we dedicate,
that they may be rendered pleasing to you
and always salutary for us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mk 12, 33

To love God with all your heart
and your neighbor as yourself
is greater than any sacrifice.

Prayer after Communion

Let your strength be at work in us,
O Lord, we ask,
and let it pervade our minds and bodies,
that what we have received by participation
we may possess in the fullness of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Look graciously, O Lord, upon your faithful
who implore your mercy,
that trusting in your pity they may succeed
in filling the world with the gifts of your charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 102, 2-3

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and do not forget all he has done for you;
it is he who forgives all your iniquities.

Collect

Rejoicing in the yearly celebration of this season,
we pray, O Lord,
that, holding fast to the paschal mysteries,
we may enjoy their full effects.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, by whose grace it comes to pass
that we may approach your mysteries
with minds made pure,
grant, we pray,
that in reverently handing them on
we may offer fitting homage.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 18, 13

The tax collector, standing far way,
beat his breast and prayed:
O God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, we pray, O merciful God,
that we may treat with true reverence your holy things
with which we are unceasingly filled
and receive them always with a faithful heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Hold out to your faithful people, Lord,
the right hand of heavenly help,
that they may seek you with all their heart
and be worthy to obtain
what they fittingly request.
Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In this Mass, the color violet or rose is used. Instrumental music is permitted, and the altar may be decorated with flowers.

On this Sunday the second scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Paschal Vigil is celebrated with the proper prayers and intercessions as given below, pp. 000-000.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 66, 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
and come together, all you who love her.
Rejoice with gladness, you who we sorrowful,
that you may exult, and be satisfied
at her consoling breasts.

The Gloria is not said.

Collect

O God,
who through your Word
accomplished in a wonderful way
the reconciliation of the human race,
give the Christian people strength, we pray,
to hasten with keen devotion and eager faith
towards the solemn celebrations to come.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

With joy we offer gifts, O Lord,
which bring eternal healing,
as we humbly beg you to ensure
that we faithfully revere them
and rightly show them forth
for the salvation of the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

When the Gospel of the Man Born Blind is not read, Preface I or II of Lent, pp. 000-000 is used.

Preface: The Man born Blind.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

Who by the mystery of the Incarnation
has led the human race from walking in darkness
into the clear light of faith
and has brought those born as slaves of ancient sin
through the waters of new birth
to adoption as your children.

Therefore, all creatures in heaven and earth
sing a new song to your praise,
and we, with all the hosts of Angels
cry out and acclaim without end:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 9, 11

When the Gospel of the Man Born Blind is read:

The Lord anointed my eyes;
I went and I washed;
I saw and I believed in God.

When the Gospel of the Prodigal Son is read:

Lk 15, 32

Son, you should rejoice,
for your brother was dead and has come back to life;
he was lost and has been found.

When another Gospel is read:

Cf. Ps 121, 3-4

Jerusalem is built like a city at unity with itself.
For there the tribes have gone up, the tribes of the Lord,
to give thanks to your name, O Lord.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten all who come into the world,
enlighten our hearts, we pray,
with the splendor of your grace,
that we may always ponder
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and offer you sincere love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

O Lord, look upon your humble people
and uphold the weak;
by your everlasting light
give life always to that who walk in the shadow of death,
and enable those mercifully rescued from all that is evil
to reach the highest good.
Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30, 7-8

As for me, I shall hope in the Lord.
I shall exult and rejoice in your mercy,
for you have looked with favor on my lowliness.

Collect

O God, who renew the world
through mysteries beyond all telling,
grant, we pray,
that your Church may be guided by your eternal decrees
and not be deprived of your help in this present age.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

May we received the benefit of this offering dedicated to you,
O Lord, we pray,
so that, cleansed from old earthly ways,
we may be made new by growth in heavenly life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Ez 36, 27

I shall place my spirit in your midst
and make you walk in my commands,
careful to observe my decrees, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May your holy things, O Lord, we pray,
both give us life by making us new
and lead us to the things of eternity
by making us holy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Renew your people within and without,
O Lord, we pray,
and make them vigorous in their spiritual undertaking,
unhindered by bodily delights
in accordance with your will.
Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 55, 1

Come to the waters, you who are thirsty, says the Lord;
you who have no money, come and drink joyfully.

Collect

Let the venerable discipline of holy devotion
shape the hearts of your faithful, O Lord,
that they may greet the Paschal Mystery
with minds made worthy
and proclaim the praises of your salvation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer to you, O Lord, gifts you have bestowed,
that they may both witness to the help
your creation provides for our mortal life,
and work in us as a healing for life immortal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22, 1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall lack nothing.
He has placed me in a pasture,
brought me up on refreshing water.

Prayer after Communion

In your kindness, Lord, we pray,
purify our minds
and renew them with heavenly Sacraments,
so that we may find help for our bodies now
and likewise help in time to come.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Grant, O merciful God,
that your people remain always devoted to you
and constantly receive from your mercy
whatever is for their good.
Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 68, 14

I make my prayer to you, O Lord,
for the time of your favor, O God.
In your great compassion answer me
and be true to your saving power.

Collect

O God,
who reward the merits of the just
and offer pardon to repentant sinners,
have mercy on those who call upon you,
that the confession of our guilt
may serve to obtain forgiveness of sins.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let the power of this sacrifice, Lord, we pray,
mercifully wipe away our old sinfulness,
and increase in us new life and salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 3, 17

God has not sent his Son into the world
to judge the world,
but that through him the world may be saved.

Prayer after Communion

Let not your heavenly gifts,
O Lord, we pray,
bring condemnation to those who receive them,
since you have provided them
as healing for your faithful.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Support your servants, Lord,
with the protection of your loving-kindness,
that, doing what is good in this world,
they may come to you, the supreme good.
Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104, 3-4

Let the heart of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and be strengthened;
always seek his face.

Collect

We invoke your mercy in humble prayer, O Lord,
that will cause us your servants,
corrected by penance and schooled in good works,
to persevere sincerely in your commandments
and come safely to the paschal festivities.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that the gifts offered in this sacrifice
may constantly cleanse and defend us in our frailty
from every evil.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jer 31, 33

I shall place my Law within them
and write it in their heart;
and I shall be their God,
and they will be my people, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Let the Sacraments we have received purify us,
we pray, O Lord;
grant your servants freedom from all blame,
that those bound by a guilty conscience
may glory in full hearing from heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

O God, protector of all who hope in you,
bless your people, keep them safe,
defend them, prepare them,
that, free from sin and secure from the enemy,
they may persevere always in your love.
Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 53, 3-4

O God, save me by your name
and free me by your power.
O God, answer my prayer;
give ear to the words of my mouth.

Collect

O God, who have prepared fitting helps for our weakness,
grant, we pray, that we may receive
the healing of our frailties with joy,
and reflect it in a holy way of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

May these sacrifices, almighty God,
cleanse us by their mighty power,
and lead us to their source
with greater purity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Eph 1, 7

In Christ we have redemption through his Blood,
the remission of sins,
in keeping with the riches of his grace.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that as we pass from old to new
we may, with former habits cast off,
be renewed in holiness of mind.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Look upon your servants, O Lord,
and in your goodness
protect with heavenly assistance
those who trust in your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 17, 5.7

The groans of death surrounded me,
the pains of Hell were about me;
in my trouble I called to the Lord,
and from his holy temple he answered my cry.

Collect

May the working of your mercy, Lord, we pray,
direct our hearts aright,
for without you
we are powerless to please you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased with our offerings and accepts them,
we pray, O Lord,
and in mercy compel even our defiant wills
to turn to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

1 Pt 1, 19

By the Precious Blood of Christ,
as of a pure and spotless Lamb,
we have been redeemed.

Prayer after Communion

May your holy gifts purify us,
Lord, we pray,
and by their action
render us fully pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Watch over your people, Lord,
who hasten forward to the coming holy days,
and accompany them with abundant heavenly grace,
that, helped by visible comforts,
they may be moved more readily
toward the good things that are invisible.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed, if the Conference of Bishops so decides. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Paschal Vigil.

On this Sunday the third scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Paschal Vigil is celebrated with the proper prayers and intercessions as given below, pp. 000-000.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 42, 1-2

Vindicate me, O God,
and defend my cause against an unholy nation;
rescue me from the wicked and deceitful man,
for you are my God and my strength.

The Gloria is not said.

Collect

We pray, Lord our God,
that by your help we may be found
eagerly walking in that same charity
with which your Son handed himself over to death
out of love for the world.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Hear us, almighty God,
and grant that your servants
whom you have imbued with the teachings of the Christian faith
may be purified by the working of this sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord.

When the Gospel of Lazarus is not read, Preface I or II of Lent, pp. 000-000 is used.

Preface: Lazarus.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For he, who as true man wept for Lazarus his friend
and as eternal God raised him from the tomb,
takes pity on the human race
and leads us by sacred mysteries
into newness of life.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty
and rejoices in your presence for ever;
we pray you, bid our voices join with theirs
in one chorus of exultant praise as we acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 11, 26

When the Gospel of Lazarus is read:

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will never die, says the Lord.

When the Gospel of the Adulterous Woman is read:

Jn 8, 10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman?
No one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you.
From now on, sin no more.

When another Gospel is read:

Jn 12, 24-25

Amen, Amen, I say to you:
Unless a grain of wheat
falls into the ground and dies,
it remains alone.
But if it dies, it yields much fruit.

Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God,
that we may always be counted among the members of him
in whose Body and blood we have communion.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Prayer over the People

Bless, O Lord, your people
who long for the gift of your mercy,
and grant that what they desire by your inspiration
they may receive from your bounty.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 55, 2

Have mercy on me, Lord,
for man has trampled me,
has tormented me, attacking all day long.

Collect

O God,
by whose ineffable grace
we are made rich with every blessing,
grant us so to pass
from former ways to newness of life
that we may be prepared
for the glory of the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, we pray, O Lord,
that we who are about to celebrate holy mysteries
may bring before you
as the fruit of bodily penance
a cheerful purity of mind.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Jn 8, 10-11

When the Gospel of the Adulterous Woman is read:

Has no one condemned you, woman?
No one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you.
From now on, sin no more.

When another Gospel is read:

Jn 8, 12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me does not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

Prayer after Communion

Strengthened by the blessing of your Sacraments,
we pray, O Lord, that through them
we may constantly be cleansed of vices
and hasten on our way towards you
through the following of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Set free from their sins, O Lord, we pray,
the people who call upon you
that, following a holy way of life,
that may be kept from all harm.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 26, 14

Watch for the Lord and be brave;
let your heart be strong
and wait for the Lord.

Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord,
a persevering obedience to your will,
that in our days the people in your service
may grow in both merit and number.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of atonement,
that in your mercy
you will both absolve our offenses
and guide our wavering hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Jn 12, 32

When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw all things to myself, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that ever embracing what is divine,
we may always be worthy
to approach the heavenly gifts.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

O God, who chose to show mercy rather than anger
to those who hope in you,
may your faithful rightly weep
for the evil they have done,
that they may be found worthy
to gain the grace of your consolation.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 17, 48-49

My rescuer from raging nations;
you will set me high above my assailants.
You will deliver me from the wicked man, O Lord.

Collect

God of compassion,
enlighten the hearts of your children
made holy by penance,
and in your kindness
grant those you stir to devotion
a fatherly hearing when they pray.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

To you, O Lord,
may the sacrifices be set apart
which you have provided to be offered
in honor of your holy name,
in order to turn them to our healing.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Passion of the Lord, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Col 1, 13-14

God has transferred us
into the Kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption through his Blood,
the remission of sins.

Prayer after Communion

Let the mysteries we have received, O Lord,
be for us a heavenly medicine,
that they may purge the vices from our heart
and strengthen us with unfailing protection.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Attend, almighty God,
to the cries of your people,
and, as you give confidence
to those who hope in your compassion,
graciously grant them the fruit of your unfailing mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Heb 9, 15

Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant,
so that by means of his death, those who are called
may receive the promise of an eternal inheritance.

Collect

Be near, O Lord, to those who plead before you,
and look kindly on those
who place their hope in your mercy,
that, cleansed from the stain of sins,
they may stand fast in holy living
and be made heirs of your promise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, Lord, we pray,
on these sacrifices,
that they may avail both for our conversion
and for the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Passion of the Lord, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Rom 8, 32

God did not spare his own Son,
but handed him over for us all,
and with him has given us all things.

Prayer after Communion

Filled with the saving gift,
we beg you mercy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament
with which you nourish us in the present age
you will make us partakers of life unending.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Be gracious to your people, Lord, we pray,
that, as from day to day
they reject what does not please you,
they may be filled instead
with the delights of your commandments.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 30, 10.16.18

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am afflicted.
Free me and rescue me from the hands of my enemies,
and from those who pursue me.
O Lord, let me not be put to shame,
for I have called upon you.

Collect

Absolve the offenses of your peoples, Lord, we pray,
that from the bonds of sins
which we have committed in our weakness
we may by your goodness be set free.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Or:

O God, who in this season give your Church the grace
devoutly to imitate blessed Mary
in contemplating the Passion of Christ,
grant us, we pray, with the intercession of the same Virgin,
to cling more firmly each day to your Only-Begotten Son
and to come at last to the fullness of his grace.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O merciful God, to be made worthy
always to serve fittingly at your altars,
and there to be saved by constant participation.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

1 Pt 2, 24

Jesus bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live for justice;
by his wounds we have been healed.

Prayer after Communion

May the unfailing protection
of the sacrifice we have received
never leave us, O Lord,
and may it drive from us always
everything that would do us harm.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that your servants who seek the favor of your protection
may be freed from every evil
and serve you in peace of mind.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 21, 20.7

O Lord, do not remove your help from me;
look to my defense,
for I am a worm, not human,
a laughing-stock,
rejected by the people.

Collect

O God,
who have made all those reborn in Christ
a chosen race and a royal Priesthood,
grant us both the will and the power
to do what you command,
that the people called to eternal life
may be one in the faith of their hearts
and the loyalty of their deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the gifts of our fasting win your acceptance,
O Lord, we pray,
that as an expiation for our sins
they may fit us for your grace,
and lead us to what is promised for eternity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Passion of the Lord, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 11, 52

Christ was handed over
to gather into one
the scattered children of God.

Prayer after Communion

Humbly we entreat your majesty, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with nourishment
of the most holy Body and Blood,
so you will make us sharers of the divine nature.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Show mercy, Lord, to your praying Church,
and kindly turn to those who incline their hearts to you:
do not allow those you have redeemed
by the Death of your Only-Begotten Son
to be harmed by sins
or weighed down by adversities.
Through Christ our Lord.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

1. On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. Accordingly, the memorial of this entrance of the Lord takes place at all Masses, by means of the Procession or the Solemn Entrance before the principle Mass or the simple entrance before other Masses. The Solemn Entrance, but not the Procession, may be repeated before other Masses that are usually celebrated with a large gathering of people.

It is desirable that, where neither the Procession nor the Solemn Entrance can take place, there be a sacred celebration of the Word of God on the messianic entrance and on the Passion of the Lord, either on Saturday evening or on Sunday at a convenient time.

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

First Form: The Procession

2. At a suitable time, a gathering takes place in a small church or other suitable place outside the church to which the procession will go. The faithful hold branched in their hands.

3. Wearing the red sacred vestments required for Mass, the Priest and the Deacon, accompanied by other ministers, approach the place where the people are gathered. In place of the chasuble, the Priest may wear a cope; when the procession is over he removes the cope and puts on a chasuble.

4. Meanwhile, the following antiphon or another appropriate chant is sung.

Ant.

Mt 21, 9

Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
the King of Israel:
Hosanna in the highest.

5. After this, the Priest and people sign themselves, while the Priest says: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Then he greets the people in the usual way. A brief instruction is given, in which the faithful are invited to participate actively and consciously in the celebration of this day, in these or similar words:

Dear brothers and sisters,
from the beginning of Lent we have prepared our hearts
by penance and works of charity.
Today we are gathered
so that with the whole Church
we may begin to celebrate our Lord's Paschal Mystery,
which is his Passion and Resurrection.
To accomplish that mystery
he entered his own city Jerusalem.
Therefore, with all faith and devotion
let us make a memorial
of his entry into the city for our salvation
and let us follow the Lord,
so that we who are made partakers of the Cross through grace
may share in the Resurrection and the Life.

6. After the instruction, the Priest says one of the following prayers with hands extended.

Let us pray.

Almighty everlasting God,
sanctify + these branched with your blessing,

that we who follow Christ the King in exultation
may through him have strength to reach the eternal Jerusalem.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Or:

Increase the faith of those who hope in you, O God,
and tenderly hear the prayers of those who make their plea,
that we, who today raise branches to Christ triumphant,
may hold up to you the fruits of good works in him.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen

He sprinkles the branches with holy water without saying anything.

7. Then a Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, a Priest proclaims in the usual way the Gospel concerning the Lord's entrance according to one of the four Gospels. If the occasion so suggests, incense may be used.

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"

Year A

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

21, 1-11

- 1 When they had come near Jerusalem
and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them,
"Go into the village ahead of you,
and immediately you will find a donkey tied,
and a colt with her;
untie them and bring them to me.
- 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this,
'The Lord needs them.'
And he will send them immediately."
- 4 This took place
to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,
- 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."
- 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;
- 7 they brought the donkey and the colt,
and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.
- 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,
and others cut branches from the trees
and spread them on the road.
- 9 The crowds that went ahead of him
and that followed were shouting,
"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
- 10 When he entered Jerusalem,
the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"
- 11 The crowds were saying,

“This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Year B

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

11, 1-10

- 1 When they were approaching Jerusalem,
at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of his disciples and said to them,
- 2 “Go into the village ahead of you,
and immediately as you enter it,
you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden;
untie it and bring it.
- 3 If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’
just say this, ‘The Lord needs it
and will send it back here immediately.’”
- 4 They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street.
As they were untying it,
- 5 some of the bystanders said to them,
“What are you doing, untying the colt?”
- 6 They told them what Jesus had said;
and they allowed them to take it.
- 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it;
and he sat on it.
- 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.
- 9 Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
“Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
- 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Or:

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

12, 12-16

- 12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard
that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.
- 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him,
shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!”
- 14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it;
as it is written:
- 15 “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.
Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”
- 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first;
but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him
and had been done to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Year C

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

19, 28-40

- 28 Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany,
at the place called the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying,
“Go into the village ahead of you,
and as you enter it you will find tied there
a colt that has never been ridden.
Untie it and bring it here.
31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’
just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’”
32 So those who were sent departed
and found it as he had told them.
33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them,
“Why are you untying the colt?”
34 They said, “The Lord needs it.”
35 Then they brought it to Jesus;
and after throwing their cloaks on the colt,
they set Jesus on it.
36 As he rode along,
people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.
37 As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully,
and with a loud voice,
for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,
38 “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”
39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
“Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”
40 Jesus answered, “I tell you,
if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

8. After the Gospel, a brief homily may be given. Then, to begin the Procession, an invitation may be given by a Priest or Deacon or a lay minister in these or similar words:

Dear brothers and sisters,
let us imitate the crowds acclaiming Jesus,
and let us go forth in peace.

Or:

Let us go forth in peace.

In this case, all respond:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

9. The Procession to the church where Mass will be celebrated then begins in the customary way. If incense is used, the thurifer goes first carrying a thurible with burning incense, then an acolyte or another minister carrying a cross, decorated with palm branches according to local customs, between two ministers with lighted candles. Then follow the Deacon carrying the Book of the Gospels, the Priest with the ministers, and, after them, all the faithful carrying branches.

As the Procession moves forward, the following chants or other suitable songs in honor of Christ the King are sung by the choir and people.

Antiphon 1

The children of the Hebrews,
carrying olive branches,
went out to meet the Lord,
crying aloud and saying:
Hosanna in the highest.

If the occasion so suggests, this antiphon is repeated between the strophes of this Psalm.

Psalm 23

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas, *
and established it on the rivers.

(The antiphon is repeated)

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? *
And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, †
who do not lift up their souls to what is false, *
and do not swear deceitfully.

(The antiphon is repeated)

They will receive blessing from the Lord, *
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
Such is the company of those who seek him, *
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

(The antiphon is repeated)

Lift up your heads, O gates! †
and be lifted up, O ancient doors! *
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is the King of glory? *
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.

(The antiphon is repeated)

Lift up your heads, O gates! †
and be lifted up, O ancient doors! *
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory? *
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

(The antiphon is repeated)

Antiphon 2

The children of the Hebrews
spread their garments on the road,
crying aloud and saying:
Hosanna in the highest.

If the occasion so suggests, this antiphon is repeated between the strophes of this Psalm.

Psalm 46

Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, *
a great king over all the earth.

(The antiphon is repeated)

He subdued peoples under us, *
and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

(The antiphon is repeated)

Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the king of all the earth; *
sing praises with a psalm.

(The antiphon is repeated)

God is king over the nations; *
God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham. †
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.

(The antiphon is repeated)

Hymn to Christ the King

Chorus:

Glory and honor and praise be to you, Christ, King and Redeemer
to whom young children in joy loving Hosannas cried out.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

Chorus:

Israel's King are you, King David's magnificent offspring
you are the ruler who comes blest in the name of the Lord.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

Chorus:

Heavenly hosts on high unite in singing your praises:
men and women on earth and all creation join in.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

Chorus:

Bearing branches of palm Hebrews came crowding to greet you;
see how with prayers and hymns we come to pay you our vows.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

Chorus:

They offered gifts of praise to you, so near to your Passion;
see how we sing this song now to you reigning on high.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

Chorus:

Those you were pleased to accept: now accept our gifts of devotion,
good and merciful King, lover of all that is good.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

10. As the procession enters the church, there is sung the following responsory or another song, which should tell of the Lord's entrance.

R. As the Lord was entering the holy city, the children of the Hebrews proclaimed the resurrection of life. * Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the highest.

V. When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went out to meet him. * Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the highest.

11. When the Priest has arrived at the altar, he venerates it, and, if the occasion so suggests, incenses it. Then he goes to the chair where he puts aside the cope, if he has used it, and puts on the chasuble. With the other Introductory Rites of the Mass and, if the occasion so suggests, the Kyrie omitted, he says the Collect of the Mass, which then continues in the customary way.

Second Form: The Solemn Entrance

12. When a procession outside the church cannot take place, the entrance of the Lord is celebrated inside the church by means of a Solemn Entrance before the principal Mass.

13. Holding branches in their hands, the faithful gather either in front of the church door or in the church itself. The Priest and ministers and a representative group of the faithful go to a suitable place in the church outside the sanctuary, where at least a substantial group of the faithful can clearly see the rite.

14. While the Priest approaches the appointed place, the antiphon Hosanna or another appropriate chant is sung. Then the blessing of the branches and the proclamation of the Gospel of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem take place as above (nos. 5-7). After the Gospel, the Priest proceeds solemnly with the ministers and the representative group of the faithful through the church to the sanctuary, while the responsory *Ingrediente Domino* (no. 10) or another appropriate song is sung.

15. Then, when the Priest has arrived at the altar, he venerates it. He then goes to his chair and, with the other Introductory Rites of the Mass and, if the occasion so suggests, the Kyrie omitted, he says the Collect of the Mass, which then continues in the customary way.

Third Form: The Simple Entrance

16. At all other Masses on this Sunday at which the Solemn Entrance is not held, the memorial of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem takes place by means of a Simple Entrance.

17. While the Priest proceeds to the altar, the Entrance Antiphon with its Psalm (no. 18) or another song on the same theme is sung. After the Priest has arrived at the altar, he venerates it and goes to the chair. After the Sign of the Cross, he greets the people and continues the Mass in the customary way.

At other Masses, in which singing at the entrance cannot take place, the Priest, as soon as he has arrived at the altar and venerated it, greets the people, reads the Entrance Antiphon, and continues the Mass in the customary way.

18. **Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Jn 12, 1.12-13; Ps 23, 9-10

Six days before the Passover
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried branches of palm
and with a loud voice cried out:
*Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
Lift high your heads, you gates;

rise up, eternal doors,
and the King of Glory will enter.
Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord of Hosts,
he is the King of Glory.

*Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

THE MASS

19. *After the Procession or the Solemn Entrance the Priest begins the Mass with the Collect.*

20. *Collect*

Almighty everlasting God,
who caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the cross
as an example of humility for the human race to follow,
be pleased to make us worthy of possessing
both the lesson of his patient endurance
and a share in his Resurrection.
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

21. *The narrative of the Lord's Passion is read without candles and without incense, with no greeting or signing of the book. It is read by a Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, by a Priest. It may also be read by lectors, with the part of Christ, if possible, reserved to a Priest.*

Deacons, but not others, ask for the blessing of the Priest before singing the Passion, as at other times before the Gospel.

22. *After the narrative of the Passion, a brief homily should take place, if the occasion so suggests. A period of silence may also be observed.*

The Creed is said, and the Universal Prayer takes place.

23. *Prayer over the Offerings*

Through the Passion of your Only-Begotten Son, O Lord,
let your atonement be near at hand for us,
so that we who do not merit it by our deeds,
may yet, by your mercy which goes before us,
receive it through the sacrifice made once for all.
Through Christ our Lord.

24. *Preface: The Passion of the Lord.*

Solemn tone

Text without chant:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

Who, though innocent, suffered willingly for sinners
and accepted unjust condemnation to save the guilty.
His Death has washed away our sins,
and his Resurrection has purchased our justification.

And so we cry out in joyful celebration
as with all the Angels we sing to your praise:
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 26, 42

Father, if this cup cannot pass by unless I drink it,
let your will be done.

Prayer after Communion

Filled with the sacred gift,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
who through the Death of your Son
have brought us to hope for what we believe,
that by his rising you will bring us
to the goal for which we are striving.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,
for which our Lord Jesus Christ
did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked
and to suffer the agony of the Cross.
Through Christ our Lord.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 34, 1-2; 139, 8

Judge those who harm me, O Lord;
fight off those who fight against me;
take up weapons and shield
and arise to help me,
O Lord, my mighty Savior.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we, who grow faint through our weakness,
may draw breath again
through the healing Passion of your Only-Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look graciously, O Lord,
upon the sacred mysteries we enact
and grant that what you have provided in mercy
to cancel the judgment against us
may bear for us the fruit of unending life.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. 101, 3

Do not hide your face from me;
on the day of my distress,
turn your ear to me;
on the day I call upon you,
quickly answer me.

Prayer after Communion

Visit your people, Lord, we pray,
and with ever-watchful care
guard the hearts dedicated to the sacred mysteries,
that under your protection they may keep safe
the remedies of eternal salvation
which under your mercy they have received.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Let your defense, O Lord, we pray,
be near to the humble,
and always protect those who trust in your mercy,
that they may celebrate the paschal festivities
not only with bodily observance
but, even more, with purity of mind.
Through Christ our Lord.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26, 12

Do not hand me over, Lord,
to the will of those who pursue me,
for unjust witnesses have risen against me
and wickedness had lied to itself.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
grant us so to celebrate
the Sacraments of the Lord's Passion
that we may be found worthy to receive pardon.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favorably, O Lord, we pray,
on the offerings of your family,
and grant that those you make partakers in the sacred rites
may reach the fullness they signify.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Rom 8, 32

God did not spare his own Son,
but handed him over for us all.

Prayer after Communion

Filled with the saving gift
we beg your mercy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament
with which you have willed us to be nourished in the present age
you will make us partakers of life unending.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

May your mercy, O God,
cleansing the people that serve you
from every infection of ancient ways
and make them ready for holy renewal.
Through Christ our Lord.

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Phil 2, 10.8.11

At the name of Jesus every knee must bend
in heaven, on earth and under the earth,
for the Lord was obedient even to death,
death on a cross.
Therefore the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

Collect

O God, who for our sake
willed that your Son should suffer on the gibbet of the Cross
so that you might drive from us the power of the enemy,
grant to us, your servants,
that we may attain the grace of the resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray, the gift here offered,
and let your gracious work have this effect:
that what we enact in the mystery of your Son's Passion
we may put into practice by holy living.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Mt 20, 28

The Son of Man has come
not to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Prayer after Communion

Fill our minds, almighty God,
with sure confidence that,
through your Son's Death in time,
to which awesome mysteries bear witness,
you have given us perpetual life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Grant, we pray, O Lord, to your faithful
unceasingly to receive the Paschal Sacraments
and eagerly to await the gifts to come,
that they may persevere in the mysteries by which they have been reborn
and be brought by these works to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK

1. In accord with a very ancient tradition of the Church, on this day all Masses without the people are prohibited.

The Chrism Mass

2. The blessing of the Oil of the Sick and of the Oil of Catechumens and the consecration of the Chrism are performed by the Bishop, according to the Order described in the Roman Pontifical, usually on this day, at a proper Mass to be celebrated in the Morning.
3. If, however, it is too difficult for the clergy and the people to gather with the Bishop on this day, the Chrism Mass may be anticipated on another day, but near to Easter.
4. The Mass, which the Bishop concelebrates with his presbyterate, should be something of a manifestation of the Priests' communion with their Bishop: accordingly it is desirable that all the Priests participate in it, insofar as is possible, and during it receive Communion even under both kinds. To signify the unity of the presbyterate of the diocese, the Priests who concelebrate with the Bishop should be from different regions of the diocese.
5. In accord with traditional practice, the blessing of the Oil of the Sick takes place before the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, but the blessing of the Oil of Catechumens and the consecration of the Christ take place after Communion. Nevertheless, or pastoral reasons, it is permitted for the entire rite of blessing to be performed after the Liturgy of the Word.

6. **Entrance Antiphon**

Rv 1, 6

Jesus Christ has made us a Kingdom and Priests
for his God and Father.
To him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gloria is said.

7. **Collect**

O God, who anointed your Only-Begotten Son with the Holy Spirit
and established him as Christ the Lord,
graciously grant that we,
made sharers in the same consecration,
may prove to be witnesses in the world to the Redemption.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

8. After the reading of the Gospel, the Bishop preaches the Homily in which, taking his starting point from the text of the readings proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word, he speaks to the people and to his Priests about priestly anointing, urging the Priests to be faithful in their office and inviting them to renew publicly their priestly promises.

Renewal of priestly Promises

9. After the Homily, the Bishop speaks with the Priests in these or similar words.

My dear sons,
on the yearly memorial of the day
on which Christ the Lord shared his Priesthood
with his Apostles and with us,
are you resolved to renew the promises you once made,
in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people?

The Priests, all together, respond: I am.

Are you resolved to be more closely united with the Lord Jesus
and conformed to him,
denying yourselves and confirming the promises
with regard to your sacred duties
which, stirred by the love of Christ,
you gladly undertook for his Church
on the day of your priestly ordination?

Priests: I am.

Are you resolved to be faithful stewards of God's mysteries
in the Holy Eucharist and other liturgical actions
and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching,
following Christ the Head and Shepherd,
not greedy for gain,
but moved only by zeal for souls?

Priests: I am.

Then, turned towards the people, the Bishop continues:

And you also, my dear sons and daughters,
pray for your Priests:
that the Lord may pour out his gifts richly upon them,
so that, as faithful ministers of Christ, the High Priest,
they may lead you to him, who is the source of salvation.

People: Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

And pray for me as well,
that I may be faithful to the apostolic office
entrusted to me in my lowliness
and that in your midst I may be made day by day
a living and more perfect image of Christ,
the Priest, the Good Shepherd,
the Master and Servant of all.

People: Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

May the Lord guard us all in his charity
and lead us all,
shepherds and flock,
to eternal life.

All: Amen.

10. **The Creed is not said.**

11. **Prayer over the Offerings**

Let the power of this sacrifice, Lord, we pray,
mercifully wipe away our old sinfulness,
and increase in us new life and salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Priesthood of Christ and the ministry of Priests.

Solemn Tone

Text without chant:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For by the anointing of the Holy Spirit
you established your Only-Begotten Son
as High Priest of the new and eternal covenant,
and by your ineffable plan were please to ordain
that his one Priesthood should continue in the Church.

For Christ not only adorns with royal priesthood
the people he makes his own,
but with a brother's goodness he also chooses men
to become sharers in his sacred ministry
through the laying on of hands.

He chooses them to renew in his name the sacrifice of human redemption,
to set before your children the paschal banquet,
to lead your holy people in charity,
to nourish them with your word,
and to strengthen them with the Sacraments
as they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ himself,
giving up their lives for you and the salvation of their brothers and sisters
and offering you a constant witness of faith and love.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints
we give you thanks as we acclaim in exultation:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

13. Communion Antiphon

Ps 88, 2

I shall sing of the Lord's mercies for ever;
from generation to generation
my mouth will proclaim your truth.

14. Prayer after Communion

We ask you in humble prayer, almighty God,
that those you renew by your Sacraments
may be fit to become the good fragrance of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

15. The reception of the Holy Oils may take place in individual parishes before the celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper or at another time that seems to be more appropriate.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

1. In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the most important mysteries of our redemption, keeping the memorial of her crucified, buried and risen Lord by means of special celebrations.

The Paschal Fast should also be kept sacred. It is to be celebrated everywhere on the Friday of the Lord's Passion and, where possible, prolonged also through Holy Saturday as a way of coming, with spirit uplifted, to the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection.

2. A sufficient number of lay ministers, who must be carefully instructed about the things they are to do, is required for a fitting celebration of the Sacred Triduum.

The singing of the people, the ministers, and the Priest Celebrant has a special importance in the celebrations of these days, for when texts are sung, they best assume the power that belongs to them.

Therefore, pastors should not fail to explain to the Christian faithful, in the best way they can, the meaning and order of the celebrations and to prepare them for active and faithful participation.

3. The celebrations of the Sacred Triduum are to be carried out in cathedral and parochial churches and only in those churches in which they can be performed with dignity, this is, with a good attendance of the faithful, an appropriate number of ministers, and the means of executing at least some parts in song.

Consequently, it is desirable that small communities, associations, and special groups of various kinds join together in these churches to carry out the sacred celebrations in a more noble fashion.

THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Evening Mass

1. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the evening, at a convenient time, with the full participation of the whole local community and with all Priests and ministers exercising their office.
2. All Priests may concelebrate even if they have already concelebrated the Chrism Mass on this day, or if they have to celebrate another Mass for the good of the Christian faithful.
3. Where a pastoral reason requires it, the local Ordinary may permit another Mass to be celebrated in churches and oratories in the evening and, in case of genuine necessity, even in the morning, but exclusively for the faithful who are in no way able to participate in the evening Mass. Care should be taken, nevertheless, that celebrations of this sort do not take place for the advantage of private persons or special small groups, and do not prejudice the evening Mass.
4. Holy Communion may only be distributed to the faithful during Mass; but it may be brought to the sick at any hour of the day.
5. The altar may be decorated with flowers with a moderation in keeping with the character of this day. The tabernacle should be entirely empty; but a sufficient amount of bread should be consecrated in this Mass for Communion of the clergy and people on this and the following day.

6. Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Gal 6, 14

For us it is right to boast in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection,
through whom we have been saved and set free.

7. The Gloria is said. While the hymn is being sung, bells are rung, and when it is finished, they remain silent until the Gloria at the Paschal Vigil, unless the Diocesan Bishop, because of circumstances, has decided otherwise. Likewise, during this same period, the organ and other musical instruments may be used only to support singing.

8. Collect

We gather, O God, for the most sacred Supper,
in which your Only-Begotten Son,
when he was about to hand himself over to death,
entrusted to the Church for ever
the new sacrifice and the banquet of his love;
grant us, we pray,
that out of so great a mystery
we may draw the fullness of charity and life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

9. After the proclamation of the Gospel, the Priest gives a homily in which light is shed on the principal mysteries that are commemorated in this Mass, namely, the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the priestly Order, and the commandment of the Lord concerning fraternal charity.

The Washing of Feet

10. After the Homily, where a pastoral reason suggests it, the Washing of Feet follows.
11. The men who have been chosen are led by the ministers to seats prepared in a suitable place. Then the Priest (removing his chasuble if necessary) goes to each one, and, with the help of the ministers, pours water over each one's feet and dries them.

12. Meanwhile some of the following antiphons or other appropriate songs are sung.

Antiphon 1

Cf. Jn 13, 4.5.15

After the Lord had risen from supper,
he poured water into a basin
and began to wash the feet of his disciples:
he left them this example.

Antiphon 2

Cf. Jn 13, 12.13.15

The Lord Jesus, after eating supper with his disciples,
washed their feet and said to them:
Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you?
I have given you an example, that you should do likewise.

Antiphon 3

Jn 13, 6.7.8

Lord, are you washing my feet?
Jesus said to him in answer:
if I do not wash your feet
you will have no share with me.

V. So he came to Simon Peter and Peter said to him:
— Lord . . .

V. What I am doing, you do not know for now,
but later you will come to know.
— Lord . . .

Antiphon 4

Cf. Jn 13, 14

If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet,
how much more should you wash each other's feet?

Antiphon 5

Jn 13, 35

By this all will know that you are my disciples:
if you have love for one another.

V. Jesus said to his disciples:
— By this all will know . . .

Antiphon 6

Jn 13, 34

I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another
as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Antiphon 7

1 Cor 13, 13

Let faith, hope and charity remain among you, these three;
but the greatest of these is charity.

V. But now there remain faith, hope and charity, these three;
the greatest of these is charity.

13. After the Washing of Feet, the Priest washes and dries his hands, puts the chasuble back on, and returns to the chair, and from there he directs the Universal Prayer.

The Creed is not said.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

14. At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, there may be a procession of the faithful in which gifts for the poor may be presented with the bread and wine.

Meanwhile, the following, or another appropriate song, is sung.

Ant. Where true charity is dwelling, God is present there.

V. By the love of Christ we have been brought together:

V. let us find in him our gladness and our pleasure;

V. may we love him and revere him, God the living;

V. and in love respect each other with sincere hearts.

Ant. Where true charity is dwelling, God is present there.

V. So when we as one are gathered all together,

V. let us strive to keep our minds free of division;

V. may there be an end to malice, strife and quarrels:

V. and let Christ our God be dwelling here among us.

Ant. Where true charity is dwelling, God is present there.

V. May your face thus be our vision, bright in glory,

V. Christ our God, with all the blessed Saints in heaven:

V. such delight is pure and faultless, joy unbounded,

V. which endures through countless ages world without end. Amen.

15. Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
to enter these mysteries worthily,
for whenever the memorial of this Victim is celebrated
the work of our redemption is being accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.

16. Preface: The Sacrifice and the Sacrament of Christ.

Solemn Tone

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For he is the true and eternal Priest
who, instituting the form of an everlasting sacrifice,
offered himself first to you as the saving Victim

and commanded us to make this offering as his memorial.
As we eat his Flesh that was sacrificed for us,
we are made strong
and, as we drink his Blood that was poured out for us,
we are washed clean.

And therefore, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and powers of heaven
we sing the hymn of your glory
and acclaim without end:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Text without chant: Preface I of the Most Holy Eucharist, p. 000.

17. *When the Roman Canon is used, this special form of it is said, with proper formulas for* In communion with the whole Church, Therefore, Lord, we pray, *and* Who, on the day before he was to suffer.

18. *The Priest, with hands extended, says:*

To you, most merciful Father,
we therefore humbly pray
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and chalice together, saying:

We ask you to accept and bless + these gifts,
these offerings,
these holy and undefiled sacrifices,

With hands extended, he continues:

which we offer you first of all
for your holy catholic Church.
Be pleased to grant her peace,
to guard, unite and govern her
throughout the whole world,
one with your servant N. our Pope
and N. our Bishop,*
and all Bishops who, holding to the truth,
hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

19. *Commemoration of the Living.*

Remember, Lord, your servants N. and N.

*He joins his hands and prays briefly for those for whom he intends to pray.
Then, with hands extended, he continues:*

and all gathered here,
whose faith and devotion are known to you,
For them we offer you this sacrifice of praise,
and they offer it to you for themselves

* Mention may be made here of the Coadjutor Bishop, or Auxiliary Bishops as noted in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 149.

and all who are theirs,
for the redemption of their souls,
and in the hope of health and security,
and fulfilling their vows to you,
the eternal God, living and true.

20. **Within the Action**

In communion with the whole Church,
and celebrating the most sacred day
on which our Lord Jesus Christ
was handed over for our sake,
they venerate above all others the memory
of the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,
then of blessed Joseph, husband of the Virgin,
your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,
Peter and Paul, Andrew,
(James, John,
Thomas, James, Philip,
Bartholomew, Matthew,
Simon and Jude:
Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus,
Cornelius, Cyprian,
Lawrence, Chrysogonus,
John and Paul,
Cosmas and Damian)
and all your Saints:
grant through their merits and prayers
that in all things we may be defended
by the help of your protection.
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

21. **With hands extended, he continues:**

Therefore, Lord, we pray:
graciously accept from us, your servants,
and from your whole family
this offering we make to you
as we observe the day
on which our Lord Jesus Christ
handed on the mysteries of his Body and Blood
for his disciples to celebrate;
order our days in your peace,
and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation
and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

He joins his hands.

(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

22. **Holding his hands extended over the offerings, he says:**

We pray, O God:

be please to bless, recognize,
and approve this offering in every way:
make it spiritual and acceptable,
that it may become for us
the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

He joins his hands.

23. In the formulas that follow, the words of the Lord should be pronounced clearly and distinctly, as the nature of these words requires.

Who on the day before he was to suffer
for our salvation and the salvation of all,
that is, today

He takes the bread and, holding it a slightly raised above the altar, continues:

took bread into his holy and venerable hands:

He raises his eyes.

with eyes raised to heaven
to you, O God, his almighty Father,
giving you thanks he said the blessing,
broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

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

He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it back on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

24. After this, he continues:

In the same way, when supper was ended,

He takes the chalice and, holding it a slightly raised above the altar, continues:

he took this precious chalice
into his holy and venerable hands,
and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT;
IT WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

25. Then he says:

The mystery of faith.

And the people continue, acclaiming:

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection
until you come in glory.

Or:

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

Or:

Savior of the world, save us,
for by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.

26. Then the priest, with hands extended, says:

Therefore, O Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed passion,
the resurrection from the dead,
and the glorious ascension into heaven
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,
we, your servants and your holy people,
offer to your glorious majesty
from your own generous gifts,
the pure victim,
the holy victim,
the spotless victim,
the holy Bread of eternal life
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

27. Be pleased to look on them
with a serene and kindly gaze,
and to accept them,
as you were pleased to accept
the gifts of your just servant Abel,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

28. Bowing, with hands joined, he continues:

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God,
bid that these gifts be borne
by the hands of your holy Angel
to your altar on high
in the sight of your divine majesty,

that all of us who receive
the most holy Body and Blood of your Son
by this sharing at the altar

He stands up straight and signs himself with the Sign of the Cross, saying:

may be filled with every grace and blessing from above.

He joins his hands.

(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

29. Commemoration of the Dead

With hands extended, he says:

Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N.
who have gone before us with the sign of faith
and rest in the sleep of peace.

He joins his hands and prays briefly for those who have died for whom he intends to pray.

Then, with hands extended, he continues:

Grant them, O Lord, we pray,
and all who sleep in Christ,
a place of refreshment, light, and peace.

He joins his hands.

(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

30. He strikes his breast with his right hand, saying:

To us sinners also,

And, with hands extended, he continues:

your servant who hope in your abundant mercies,
graciously grant some share
in the communion of your holy Apostles and Martyrs:
with John the Baptist, Stephen,
Matthias, Barnabus,
(Ignatius, Alexander,
Marcellinus, Peter,
Felicity, Perpetua,
Agatha, Lucy,
Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia)
and all your saints,
into whose company we beg you admit us,
not weighing our merits but granting us pardon,

The joins his hands.

through Christ our Lord.

31. And he continues:

Through whom
you constantly create all these good things, O Lord,
you make them holy and fill them with life,
you bless them and bestow them on us.

32. He takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both, he says:

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

The people acclaim:

Amen.

Then follows the Communion Rite, p. 000.

33. At an appropriate moment during Communion, the Priest may entrust the Eucharist from the table of the altar to Deacons or acolytes or other extraordinary ministers, so that afterwards it may be brought to the sick who are to receive Holy Communion at home.

34. **Communion Antiphon**

1 Cor 11, 24-25

This is the Body that will be given up for you;
this is the cup of the New Covenant in my Blood, says the Lord;
do this, whenever you take it, in memory of me.

35. After the distribution of Communion, a ciborium with particles for Communion on the follow day is left on the altar. The Priest, standing at the chair, says the Prayer after Communion.

36. **Prayer after Communion**

Grant to us, almighty God,
that, as we are restored
by the Supper of your Son in the present age,
so we may be worthy
to feast at his Supper in eternity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament

37. After the Prayer after Communion, the Priest puts incense in the thurible while standing, blesses it and, kneeling, incenses the Blessed Sacrament three times. Then, having assumed a white humeral veil, he rises, takes the ciborium, and covers it with the ends of the veil.

38. A procession is formed in which the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied by torches and incense, is carried through the church to the place of reposition prepared in a part of the church or a chapel suitably decorated. A lay minister with a cross between two other ministers with lit candles leads. Others carrying lit candles follow. Before the Priest carrying the Blessed Sacrament comes the thurifer with a smoking thurible. Meanwhile, the hymn *Pange, lingua* (exclusive of the last two stanzas) or another eucharistic song is sung.

39. When the procession reaches the place of reposition, the Priest, with the help of the Deacon if necessary, places the ciborium in the tabernacle, the door of which remains open. Then, he puts incense in the thurible and, kneeling, incenses the Blessed Sacrament, while *Tantum ergo Sacramentum* or another eucharistic song is sung. Then, the Deacon or the Priest himself places the Sacrament in the tabernacle and closes the door.

40. After a period of adoration in silence, the Priest and ministers genuflect and return to the sacristy.
41. At an appropriate time, the altar is stripped and, if possible, the crosses are removed from the church. It is desirable that any crosses that remain in the church be veiled.
42. Evening Prayer is not celebrated by those who have attended the Mass of the Lord's Supper.
43. The faithful are invited to continue adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for a suitable period of time during the night, according to local circumstances, but there should be no solemn adoration after midnight.
44. If the celebration of the Passion of the Lord on the following Friday does not take place in the same church, the Mass is concluded in the usual way and the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the tabernacle.

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

1. In accord with very ancient tradition, on this and the following day the Church does not celebrate the Sacraments at all, except for Penance and the Anointing of the Sick.
2. On this day, Holy Communion is distributed to the faithful only within the celebration of the Lord's Passion; but it may be brought at any hour of the day to the sick who cannot participate in this celebration.
3. The altar should be completely bare: without a cross, without candles, without cloths.

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

4. In the afternoon of this day, about three o'clock, unless a later hour is chosen for a pastoral reason, there takes place the celebration of the Lord's Passion consisting of three parts, namely, the Liturgy of the Word, the Adoration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.
5. The Priest and the Deacon, if a Deacon is present, wearing red vestments as for Mass, go to the altar in silence and, after making a reverence to the altar, prostrate themselves or, if the occasion so suggests, kneel and pray in silence for a while. All others kneel.
6. Then the Priest with the ministers goes to the chair where, facing the people, who are standing, he says, with hands extended, one of the following prayers, omitting the invitation Let us pray.

Prayer

Remember your mercies, O Lord,
and with eternal protection sanctify your servants,
for whom Christ your Son,
by shedding his Blood, established the Paschal Mystery.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Or:

O God,
by the Passion of Christ your Son, our Lord,
you abolished death, the legacy of ancient sin
in which generation had followed generation;
grant that we who by the law of nature
have borne the image of the man of earth
may by the sanctification of grace
be conformed to Christ
and bear the image of the Man of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

FIRST PART: LITURGY OF THE WORD

7. Then all sit and the first reading, from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (52, 13-53, 12), is read with its Psalm.
8. The second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews (4, 14-16; 5, 7-9), follows, and then the chant before the Gospel.
9. Then the narrative of the Lord's Passion according to John (18, 1-19, 42) is read in the same way as on the preceding Sunday.

10. After the reading of the Lord's Passion, the Priest gives a brief homily and, at its end, the faithful may be invited to spend a short time in prayer.

Universal Prayer

11. The Liturgy of the Word ends with the Universal Prayer, which takes place in this way: the Deacon, if a Deacon is present, or a lay minister, in the absence of a Deacon, standing at the ambo, sings or says the invitation in which the intention is expressed. Then all pray in silence for a while, and afterwards the Priest, standing at the chair or, if the occasion so suggests, at the altar, with hands extended, sings or says the prayer.

The faithful may remain either kneeling or standing through the entire period of the prayers.

12. Before the Priest's prayer, in accord with tradition, the Deacon's invitation may be used, Let us kneel – Let us stand, with kneeling by all for prayer in silence.

Text with chant:

The Conferences of Bishops may provide other invitations to introduce the prayer of the Priest.

13. In a situation of serious public need, the Diocesan Bishop may permit or decree the addition of a special intention.

I. For Holy Church

The prayer is sung in the simple tone or, if the invitations Let us kneel – Let us stand are used, in the solemn tone.

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God,
that our God and Lord will be pleased to give her peace,
to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world
and will grant that, leading a life of quiet and peace,
we may glorify God the Father almighty.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest:

Almighty everlasting God,
who in Christ revealed your glory to all the nations,
watch over the works of your mercy
that your Church, spread throughout the whole world,
may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing your name.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

II. For the Pope

Let us pray also for our most Holy Father Pope N.,
the our God and Lord,
who chose him for the Order of Bishops,
will keep him safe and unharmed for his holy Church,
to shepherd the holy People of God.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest:

Almighty everlasting God,
on whose decree all things are founded,
look favorably on our prayers,
and in your faithfulness protect the Pope chosen for us,
that the Christian people, governed by you their maker,
may under his as Pontiff grow in the merits of their faith.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

III. For all orders and degrees of the faithful

Let us pray also for our Bishop N.,*
for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of the Church
and for the whole community of the faithful.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest:

Almighty everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is sanctified and governed,
hear us as we humbly pray for your ministers,
that, by the gift of your grace,
you may be faithfully served by them all.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

IV. For catechumens

Let us pray also for (our) catechumens,
that our God and Lord
will open wide the ears of their inmost hears
and the gate of mercy,
that through the waters of rebirth,
having received forgiveness of all their sins,
they too may be found in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest:

Almighty everlasting God,
who make your Church ever fruitful with new offspring,
increase the faith and understanding of (our) catechumens
that, reborn in the font of Baptism,
they may be added to the number of your adopted children.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. For the unity of Christians

Let us pray also for all our brothers and sisters who believe in Christ,
that our God and Lord will be pleased,
as they live the truth,
to gather them and keep that safe in his one Church.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest:

Almighty everlasting God,
who gather what is scattered
and keep together what you have gathered,
look tenderly on the flock of your Son,

* Mention may be made here of the Coadjutor Bishop, or Auxiliary Bishops, or of another Bishop, as noted in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 149.

that those who one Baptism has consecrated
may be joined in the integrity of faith
and united by the bond of charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

VI. For the Jewish People

Let us pray also for the Jewish people,
to whom the Lord our God spoke first,
that he will grant them to advance in love of his name
and in faithfulness to his covenant.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest:

Almighty everlasting God,
who bestow your promises on Abraham and his seed,
listen favorably to the prayers of your Church,
that the people you first made your own
may attain the fullness of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

VII. For those who do not believe in Christ

Let us pray also for those who do not believe in Christ,
that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit,
they too may enter on the way of salvation.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest:

Almighty everlasting God,
grant to those who do not confess Christ,
that, as they walk before you with a sincere heart,
they may find the truth;
and as we ourselves grow constantly in mutual love
and strive to understand more fully the mystery of your life,
make us more perfect witnesses to your charity in the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

VIII. For those who do not believe in God

Let us pray also for those who do not acknowledge God,
that, following what is right with a sincere heart,
they may find the way to God himself.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest:

Almighty everlasting God,
who created all people
to seek you always by desiring you
and, by finding you, come to rest,
grant, we pray,
that, despite every harmful obstacle,

all may recognize the signs of your faithful love
and the witness of good works
done by those who believe in you,
and so rejoice to confess you,
the true God
and Father of our human race.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

IX. For those in public office

Let us pray also for our those in public office,
that our God and Lord
will guide their minds and hearts according to his will
for the true peace and freedom of everyone.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest:

Almighty everlasting God,
in whose hand are human hearts
and the rights of peoples,
look with favor on those in authority who govern us,
that everywhere throughout the earth,
the prosperity of peoples,
the security of peace,
and freedom of religion
may by your gift be assured.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

X. For those in tribulation

Let us pray, dearly beloved,
to God the Father almighty,
that he will purge the world of all errors,
banish disease, dispel hunger,
unlock prisons, loosen fetters,
and grant safety to travelers, return to pilgrims,
health to the sick, and salvation to the dying.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest:

Almighty everlasting God,
comfort of mourners, strength of those who toil,
let the prayers of those who cry out from any tribulation
come before you,
that all may rejoice,
because in time of need
your mercy was at hand.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

SECOND PART:

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

14. After the Universal Prayer, the solemn Adoration of the Holy Cross takes place. Of the two forms of the showing of the Cross presented here, the more appropriate one, in accord with pastoral demands, should be chosen.

The Showing of the Holy Cross

First Form

15. The Deacon accompanied by ministers, or another suitable minister, goes to the sacristy, from which, in procession, accompanied by two ministers with lighted candles, he carries the Cross, covered with a violet veil, through the church to the center of the sanctuary.

Standing before the altar and facing the people, the Priest receives the Cross, uncovers a little of its upper part and elevates it while beginning **Behold the wood of the Cross**. He is assisted in singing by the Deacon or, if need be, by the choir. All respond: **Come, let us adore**. At the end of the singing, all kneel and for a brief moment adore in silence, while the Priest stands and holds the Cross raised.

**Behold the wood of the Cross
on which hung the salvation of the world.**

R. Come, let us adore.

Then the Priest uncovers the right arm of the Cross and again, elevating the Cross, begins, **Behold the wood of the Cross** and everything takes place as above.

Finally, he uncovers the Cross entirely and, elevating it, he begins the invitation **Behold the wood of the Cross** a third time and everything takes place as before.

Second Form

16. The Priest or the Deacon accompanied by ministers, or another suitable minister, goes to the door of the church where he receives the unveiled Cross and the ministers take lighted candles; then the procession makes its way through the church to the sanctuary. Near the door, in the middle of the church, and before the entrance of the sanctuary, the one who carries the Cross elevates it, singing **Behold the wood of the Cross**, to which all respond **Come, let us adore**. After each response all kneel and for a brief moment adore in silence, as above.

The Adoration of the Holy Cross

17. Then, accompanied by two ministers with lighted candles, the Priest or the Deacon carries the Cross to the entrance of the sanctuary or to another suitable place and there puts it down or hands it over to the ministers to hold. The candles are placed on the right and left sides of the Cross.

18. For the Adoration of the Cross, first the Priest Celebrant alone approaches, with the chasuble and his shoes removed, if the occasion so suggests. Then the clergy, the lay ministers, and the faithful approach, moving as if in procession, and showing reverence to the Cross by a simple genuflection or by some other sign appropriate to the usage of the region, e.g., by kissing the Cross.

19. Only one Cross should be offered for adoration. If, because of the large number of people, it is not possible for all to approach individually, the Priest, after some of the clergy and faithful have adored, takes the Cross and, standing in the center before the altar, invites the people in a few words to adore the Holy Cross and afterwards holds the Cross elevated higher for a brief time, for the faithful to adore in silence.

20. In addition, while the adoration of the Holy Cross takes place, the antiphon, **We adore your Cross, O Lord**, the reproaches, the hymn **Faithful Cross** or other suitable songs are sung, during which all who have adored remain seated.

Chants to be sung during the Adoration of the Holy Cross

**Ant. We adore your Cross, O Lord,
we praise and glorify your Resurrection,
for behold, because of a tree**

joy has come to the whole world.

May God have mercy on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us
and have mercy on us.

Cf. Ps 66, 2

And the antiphon is repeated: We adore . . .

Reproaches

Parts that pertain to individual choirs are indicated by the numbers 1 (first choir) and 2 (second choir); parts sung by both choirs together are indicated in this way: 1 and 2. Some of the verses may also be sung by two cantors.

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1 and 2 My people, what have I done to you?
Or how have I grieved you? Answer me!

1 Because I led you out of the land of Egypt,
you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

- 1 Hagios o Theos,
- 2 Holy is God,
- 1 Hagios Ischyros,
- 2 Holy and Mighty,
- 1 Hagios Athanatos, eleison himas.
- 2 Holy and Immortal One, have mercy on us.

1 and 2 Because I led you out through the desert forty years
and fed you with manna
and brought you into a land of plenty,
you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

- 1 Hagios o Theos,
- 2 Holy is God,
- 1 Hagios Ischyros,
- 2 Holy and Mighty,
- 1 Hagios Athanatos, eleison himas.
- 2 Holy and Immortal One, have mercy on us.

1 and 2 What more should I have done for you and have not done?
Indeed I planted you as my most beautiful chosen vine
and you have turned very bitter for me,
for in my thirst you gave me vinegar to drink
and with a lance you pierced your Savior's side.

- 1 Hagios o Theos,
- 2 Holy is God,
- 1 Hagios Ischyros,
- 2 Holy and Mighty,
- 1 Hagios Athanatos, eleison himas.
- 2 Holy and Immortal One, have mercy on us.

II

Cantors:

I scourged Egypt for your sake
with its firstborn sons,
and you scourged me and handed me over.

1 and 2 repeat:

My people, what have I done to you?
Or how have I grieved you? Answer me!

Cantors:

I led you out from Egypt
as Pharaoh lay sunk in the Red Sea,
and you handed me over to the chief priests.

1 and 2 repeat:

My people . . .

Cantors:

I opened up the sea before you,
and you opened my side with a lance.

1 and 2 repeat:

My people . . .

Cantors:

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you led me into Pilate's praetorium.

1 and 2 repeat:

My people . . .

Cantors:

I fed you with manna in the desert,
and on me your rained blows and lashes.

1 and 2 repeat:

My people . . .

Cantors:

I gave you saving water from the rock to drink,
and for drink you gave me gall and vinegar.

1 and 2 repeat:

My people . . .

Cantors:

I struck down for you the kings of the Canaanites,
and you struck my head with a reed.

1 and 2 repeat:

My people . . .

Cantors:

I put in your hand a royal scepter,
and you put on my head a crown of thorns.

1 and 2 repeat:

My people . . .

Cantors:

I exalted you with great power,
and you hung me on the gibbet of the Cross.

1 and 2 repeat:

My people . . .

Hymn

All:

Faithful Cross the Saints rely on,
Noble tree beyond compare!
Never was there such a scion,
Never leaf or flower so rare.
Sweet the timber, sweet the iron,
Sweet the burden that they bear!

Cantors:

Sing, my tongue, in exultation
Of our banner and device!
Make a solemn proclamation
Of a triumph and its price:
How the Savior of creation
Conquered by his sacrifice!

All:

Faithful Cross the Saints rely on,
Noble tree beyond compare!
Never was there such a scion,
Never leaf or flower so rare.

Cantors:

For, when Adam first offended,
Eating that forbidden fruit,
Not all hopes of glory ended
With the serpent at the root:
Broken nature would be mended
By a second tree and shoot.

All:

Sweet the timber, sweet the iron,
Sweet the burden that they bear!

Cantors:

Thus the tempter was outwitted
By a wisdom deeper still:
Remedy and ailment fitted,
Means to cure and means to kill;
That the world might be acquitted,
Christ would do his Father's will.

All:

Faithful Cross the Saints rely on,
Noble tree beyond compare!
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Cantors:

So the Father, out of pity
For our self-inflicted doom,
Sent him from the heavenly city
When the holy time had come:

He, the Son and the Almighty,
Took our flesh in Mary's womb.

All:

Sweet the timber, sweet the iron,
Sweet the burden that they bear!

Cantors:

Hear a tiny baby crying,
Founder of the seas and strands:
See his virgin Mother trying
Cloth around his feet and hands:
Find him in a manger lying
Tightly wrapped in swaddling-bands!

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Cantors:

So he came, the long-expected,
Not in glory, not to reign;
Only born to be rejected,
Choosing hunger, toil and pain,
Till the gibbet was erected
And the Paschal Lamb was slain.

All:

Sweet the timber, sweet the iron,
Sweet the burden that they bear!

Cantors:

No disgrace was too abhorrent:
Nailed and mocked and parched he died;
Blood and water, double warrant,
Issue from his wounded side,
Washing in a mighty torrent
Earth and starts and ocean-tide.

All:

Faithful Cross the Saints rely on,
Noble tree beyond compare!
Never was there such a scion,
Never leaf or flower so rare.

Cantors:

Lofty timber, smooth your roughness,
Flex your boughs for blossoming:
Let your fibers lose their toughness,
Gently let your tendrils cling;
Lay aside your native gruffness,
Clasp the body of your King!

All:

Sweet the timber, sweet the iron,
Sweet the burden that they bear!

Cantors:

Noblest tree of all created,
Richly jeweled and embossed:
Post by Lamb's blood consecrated;
Spar that saves the tempest-tossed;
Scaffold-beam which, elevated,
Carries what the world has cost!

All:

Faithful Cross the Saints rely on,
Noble tree beyond compare!
Never was there such a scion,
Never leaf or flower so rare.

The conclusion is never to be omitted:

All:

Wisdom, power, and adoration
To the blessed Trinity
For redemption and salvation
Through the Paschal Mystery,
Now, in every generation,
And for all eternity. Amen.

In accordance with local circumstances or traditions of the people and if it is pastorally appropriate, the *Stabat Mater* may be sung, as presented in the *Graduale Romanum*, or another suitable chant in memory of the compassion of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

21. When the adoration is finished, the Cross is carried by the Deacon or a minister to its place at the altar. Lighted candles are placed around or on the altar or near the Cross.

THIRD PART: HOLY COMMUNION

22. A cloth is spread on the altar, and a corporal and the missal are placed there. Meanwhile the Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself, assuming a humeral veil, brings the Blessed Sacrament back from the place of reposition to the altar by a short route, while all stand in silence. Two ministers with lighted candles accompany the Blessed Sacrament and place their candlesticks around or upon the altar.

When the Deacon, if the Deacon is present, has placed the Blessed Sacrament upon the altar and uncovered the ciborium, the Priest goes to the altar and genuflects.

23. Then the Priest, with hands joined, says aloud:

Taught by the Savior's command,
and formed by word of God,
we have the courage to say:

The Priest, with hands extended, and all present continue:

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.

Text with chant, p. 000.

24. With hands extended, the Priest continues alone:

Delivers us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, sustained by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we wait the blessed hope,
the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

He joins his hands.

The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:

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

Text with change, p. 000.

25. Then the Priest, with hands joined, says quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ,
may the receiving of your Body
not bring me to judgment and condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
let it be my protection in mind and body,
and a healing remedy.

26. The Priest then genuflects, taking a particle, and, holding it slightly raised over the ciborium, facing the people, says aloud:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the banquet of the Lamb.

And together with the people he adds once:

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

27. And facing the altar, he reverently receives the Body of Christ, saying quietly, The Body of Christ.

28. He then proceeds to distribute Communion to the faithful. During Communion, Psalm 21 or another appropriate chant may be sung.

29. When the distribution of Communion has been completed, the ciborium is taken by the Deacon or another suitable minister to a place prepared outside the church or, if the circumstances so require, it is placed in the tabernacle.

30. Then the Priest says: Let us pray, and, after a period of sacred silence, if the circumstances so suggest, has been observed, he says the Prayer after Communion.

Almighty everlasting God,
who have restored us to life
by the blessed Death and Resurrection of your Christ,
safeguard within us the work of your mercy,
that through participation in this mystery
we may live in unceasing devotion to you.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

31. For the Dismissal the Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself may say the invitation: Bow for the blessing.
Then the Priest, standing facing the people and extending his hands over them, says this Prayer over the People:

May abundant blessing,
Lord, we pray,
descend upon your people,
who have recalled the Death of your Son
in the hope of their resurrection:
let pardon come,
comfort be given,
holy faith increase,
and everlasting redemption be made secure.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

32. And all, after genuflecting to the Cross, depart in silence.

33. After the celebration, the altar is stripped, but the Cross remains on the altar with two of four candlesticks.

34. Evening Prayer is not celebrated by those who have been present at the solemn afternoon liturgical action.

HOLY SATURDAY

1. On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and on his Decent into Hell, and awaiting his Resurrection.
2. The Church abstains from the sacrifice of the Mass, with the sacred table left bare, until, after the solemn Vigil, that is, the nocturnal anticipation of the Resurrection, there is room for paschal joys, the abundance of which overflows into fifty days.
3. On this day Holy Communion may be given only as Viaticum.

THE SEASON OF EASTER

EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

THE PASCHAL VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

1. In accord with very ancient tradition, this is the night of keeping vigil for the Lord (Exodus 12, 42) in which, following the Gospel admonition (Luke 12, 35-37), the faithful, carrying burning lamps in their hands, should be like people looking for the Lord when he returns, so that at his coming he may find them awake and have them recline at his table.
2. In each church, there is to be only one Vigil on this night, which is the greatest and most noble of all solemnities. It is arranged, moreover, in such a way that after the lucernarium and paschal proclamation (which constitutes the first part of this Vigil), holy Church meditates on the wonders the Lord God has done for his people from the beginning, trusting in his word and promise (the second part, that is, the Liturgy of the Word) until, with day approaching, with new members reborn in Baptism (the third part), the Church is called to the table the Lord has prepared for his people, the memorial of his Death and Resurrection until he comes (the fourth part).
3. The entire celebration of the Paschal Vigil must take place during the night, so that it neither begins before nightfall nor ends before daybreak on Sunday.
4. The Mass of the Vigil, even if it is celebrated before midnight, is a paschal Mass of the Sunday of the Resurrection.
5. Anyone who participates in the Mass of the night may receive Communion again at Mass during the day. Anyone who celebrates or concelebrates the Mass of the night may again celebrate or concelebrate Mass during the day.
The Paschal Vigil takes the place of the Office of Readings.
6. A Deacon customarily assists the Priest. If, however, there is no Deacon, the duties of his Order, except those indicated below, are assumed by the Priest Celebrant or by a concelebrant.
The Priest and Deacon vest as at Mass, in white vestments.
7. Candles should be prepared for all who participate in the Vigil. The lights of the church are extinguished.

FIRST PART:
THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR LUCERNARIUM

The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle

8. A burning fire is prepared in a suitable place outside the church. When the people are gathered there, the Priest approaches with the ministers, one of whom carries the paschal candle. The processional cross and candles are not carried. Where, however, the fire cannot be lit outside the church, the rite is carried out as in no. 13, below.

9. The Priest and the faithful sign themselves while the Priest says: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and then he greets the assembled people in the usual way and briefly instructs them about the nocturnal vigil in these or similar words:

Dear brothers and sisters, on this most sacred night
in which our Lord Jesus Christ
passed from death to life,
the Church invites her children in every place on earth
to come together to watch and pray.
If we keep the memorial of the Lord's Passover in this way,
listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries,
then we shall have the sure hope
of sharing his triumph over death
and living with him in God.

10. Then the Priest blesses the fire, saying with hands extended:

Let us pray.

O God, who through your Son
bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your bright glory,
make this new fire + holy,
and grant that,
throughout this paschal feast,
we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires,
that with minds made pure we may succeed in reaching
the feast of endless glory.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

11. After the blessing of the new fire, one of the ministers brings the paschal candle to the Priest, who cuts a cross into the candle with a stylus. Then he makes the Greek letter Alpha above the cross, the letter Omega below, and the four numbers of the current year between the arms of the cross, saying in the meantime:

1. Christ yesterday and today (he cuts a vertical line);
2. the Beginning and the End (he cuts a horizontal line);
3. the Alpha (he cuts the letter Alpha above the vertical line);
4. and the Omega (he cuts the letter Omega below the vertical line).
5. All time belongs to him (he cuts the first numeral of the current year in the upper left corner of the cross);
6. and all the ages (he cuts the second numeral of the current year in the upper right corner of the cross).
7. To him be glory and power (he cuts the third numeral of the current year in the lower left corner of the cross);
8. through every age and for ever. Amen. (he cuts the fourth numeral of the current year in the lower right corner of the cross).

12. When the cutting of the cross and of the other signs has been completed, the Priest may insert five grains of incense into the candle in the form of a cross, meanwhile saying:

1. By his holy wounds,
2. by his glorious wounds,
3. may he guard us,
4. may he protect us,
5. Christ the Lord! Amen.

13. Where, because of difficulties that may occur, a fire is not lit, the blessing of the fire is adapted to the circumstances. When the people are gathered in the church as on other occasions, the Priest comes to the door of the church with the ministers who carry the paschal candle. The people, in so far as is possible, turn to face the Priest.

The greeting and instruction take place as in no. 9 above; then the fire is blessed and the candle is prepared, as above in nos. 1-12.

14. The Priest lights the paschal candle from the new fire, saying:

Let the light of Christ rising in glory
dispel the darkness of heart and mind.

With respect to the preceding elements, the Conferences of Bishops may also establish other forms more suited to the culture of the peoples.

Procession

15. When the candle has been lit, one of the ministers takes the burning coals from the fire and places them in the thurible, and the Priest puts incense into it in the usual way. The Deacon, or if there is no Deacon, another suitable minister, receives the paschal candle and a procession is formed. The thurifer with the smoking thurible precedes the Deacon or other minister who carries the paschal candle. The Priest with the ministers and the people follow, all holding in their hands unlit candles.

At the door of the church the Deacon, standing and raising the candles, sings:

The Light of Christ.

And all respond:

Thanks be to God.

The Priest lights his candle from the flame of the paschal candle.

16. Then the Deacon proceeds to the middle of the church, and standing and raising the candle, sings a second time:

The Light of Christ.

And all respond:

Thanks be to God.

All light their candles from the flame of the paschal candle and continue in procession.

17. The Deacon, when he arrives before the altar, standing facing the people, raises the candle and sings a third time:

The Light of Christ.

And all respond:

Thanks be to God.

Then the Deacon places the paschal candle on a large candlestand prepared next to the ambo or in the middle of the sanctuary.

Ad lights a lit throughout the church, except for the altar candles.

The Paschal Proclamation

18. When he has arrived at the altar, the Priest goes to his chair, gives his candle to a minister, puts incense into the thurible and blesses it as at the Gospel at Mass. The Deacon goes to the Priest and saying: Pray, Father, your blessing, asks for and receives a blessing from the Priest, who says in a low voice:

The Lord be in your heart and on your lips
the you may proclaim his Easter praise
worthily and well:
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

The Deacon responds: Amen.

This blessing is omitted if the Proclamation is made by someone who is not a Deacon.

19. The Deacon, after incensing the book and the candle, proclaims the Paschal Proclamation at the ambo or at a lectern, with all standing and holding lighted candles in their hands.

The Paschal Proclamation may be proclaimed, in the absence of a Deacon, by the Priest himself or by another concelebrating Priest. If, however, because of necessity, a lay cantor sings the Proclamation, the words Therefore, dearest brothers and sisters up to the end of the invitation are omitted, along with the greeting The Lord be with you.

The Proclamation may also be sung in the shorter form (pp. 000-000).

Longer form of the Paschal Proclamation

Text without chant:

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Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,
exult, the Angel ministers of God exult,
let the trumpet of salvation
sound our mighty King's triumph!
Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
ablaze with light from her eternal King,
let all corners of the earth be glad,
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.
Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,
let this holy building shake with joy,
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.
(Therefore, dearest friends,
standing in the awesome glory of this holy night,
invoke with me, I ask you,
the mercy of God almighty,
that he who has been pleased to number me,
through unworthy, among the Levites,
may pour into me his light unshadowed,
that I may sing this candle's perfect praises.)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.)

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
with ardent love of mind and heart,
and with devoted service of our voice,
to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father,
and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only-Begotten.

Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father,
and pouring out his own dear Blood
wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These them are the feasts of Passover,
in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,
whose blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night,
when once you led our forebears, Israel's children,
from slavery in Egypt
and made them pass dryshod through the Red Sea.

This is the night
that with a pillar of fire
banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night
that even now, throughout the world,
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices
and from the gloom of sin,
leading them to grace,
and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night
when Christ broke the prisonbars of death,
and rose victorious from the underworld.

Our birth would have been no gain,
had we not been redeemed.
O wonder of your humble care for us!
O love, O charity beyond all telling,
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

O truly necessary sin of Adam,
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!

O happy fault
that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

O truly blessed night,
worthy alone to know the time and hour
when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night
of which it is written:
The night shall be as bright as day,
dazzling is the night for me,
and full of gladness.

The sanctifying power of this night
dispels all wickedness, washed faults away,

restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners,
drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,
accept this candle, a solemn offering,
the work of bees and of your servants' hands,
an evening sacrifice of praise,
the gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar,
which glowing fire ignites for God's honor,
a fire into many flames divided,
yet never dimmed by sharing of its light,
for it is fed by melting wax,
drawn out by mother bees
to build a torch so precious.

O truly blessed night,
when things of heaven are wed to those of earth,
and divine to the human.

Therefore, O Lord,
we pray you that this candle,
hallowed to the honor of your name,
may persevere undimmed,
to overcome the darkness of this night.
Receiving it as a pleasing fragrance,
and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.
May this flame be found still burning
by the Morning Star:
the one Morning Star who never sets,
Christ your Son,
who coming back from death's dominion
has shed his peaceful light on humankind,
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R. Amen.

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has shed his peaceful light on humankind,
and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

SECOND PART: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

20. In this Vigil, the mother of all Vigils, nine readings are provided, namely seven from the Old Testament and two from the New (the Epistle and Gospel), all of which should be read whenever this can be done, so that the character of the Vigil, which demands an extended period of time, may be preserved.

21. Nevertheless, here more serious pastoral circumstances demand it, the number of readings from the Old Testament may be reduced, but it must always be borne in mind that the reading of the Word of God is a fundamental part of this Paschal Vigil. At least three readings should be taken from the Old Testament, both from the Law and from the Prophets, and the respective Responsorial Psalms should be sung. However, the reading of chapter 14 of Exodus with its canticle should never be omitted.

22. After setting aside the candles, all sit. Before the readings begin, the Priest instructs the people in these or similar words:

Dear brothers and sisters,
now that we have begun our solemn vigil,
let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God.
Let us ponder how God in times past saved his people,
and in this final age sent us his Son as Redeemer.

Let us pray that our God will complete this paschal work of salvation in the fullness of redemption.

23. Then the readings follow. A lector goes to the ambo and proclaims the reading. Afterwards a psalmist or a cantor sings or says the Psalm with the people making the response. Then all rise, the Priest says Let us pray and, after all have prayer for a while in silence, he says the prayer corresponding to the reading. In place of the Responsorial Psalm a period of sacred silence may be observed, in which case the pause after Let us pray is omitted.

Prayers after the Readings

24. After the first reading (about creation: Gn 1, 1-2, 2 or 1, 1.26-31a) and the Psalm (104 or 33).

Let us pray.

Almighty everlasting God,
who are marvelous in ordering all your works,
let those you have redeemed
understand that still more wonderful
than the world's creation in the beginning
is that, at the end of the ages,
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

Or, about the creation of man:

O God, who wonderfully created the human race
and still more wonderfully redeemed it,
grant us, we pray,
to set our minds against the enticements of sin,
that we may be worthy to enter eternal joys.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

25. After the second reading (about Abraham's sacrifice: Gn 22, 1-18 or 1-2.9a.10-13.15-18) and the Psalm (16).

Let us pray.

O God, supreme Father of the faithful,
who by pouring out the grace of adoption
throughout the whole world
multiply the children of your promise,
and through the Paschal Sacrament
make your servant Abraham father of all nations
as once you swore:
grant that your people may enter worthily
into the grace of your calling.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

26. After the third reading (about the passage through the Red Sea: Ex 14, 15 – 15, 1) and its canticle (Ex 15).

Let us pray.

O God, the splendor of your ancient wonders
remains undimmed before our eyes today,
since what you bestowed on a single people,
freeing them from Pharaoh's persecution
by the power of your right hand,
you now perform for the salvations of the nations
through the water of rebirth:
grant that all the people of the world
may become children of Abraham
and pass over into the dignity of Israel.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Or:

O God, who by the light of the New Testament
have unlocked the meaning
of wonders worked in former times,
so that the Red Sea foreshadows the sacred font
and the nation delivered from slavery
is a sign of the Christian people,
grant that all nations,
obtaining the privilege of Israel by the merit of faith,
may be reborn by sharing in your Spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

27. **After the fourth reading (about the new Jerusalem: Is 54, 514) and the Psalm (30).**

Let us pray.

Almighty everlasting God,
for the honor of your name,
surpass what you pledge to the faith of the Patriarchs,
and by sacred adoption increase the children of the promise,
so that your Church may now see abundantly fulfilled
what the holy ones of old never doubted would come to pass.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Or other prayers from those which follow the readings that have been omitted.

28. **After the fifth reading (about salvation freely offered to all: Is 55, 1-11) and the canticle (Is 12).**

Let us pray.

Almighty everlasting God,
the world's only hope,
who in the preaching of your Prophets
declared the mysteries of this present age,
graciously deepen the desires of your people,
for only by your inspiration
do believers progress in every kind of virtue.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

29. After the sixth reading (about the fountain of wisdom: Bar 3, 9-15.31-4, 4) and the Psalm (19).

Let us pray.

O God, who constantly enlarge your Church
by the calling of the nations,
kindly grant your unfailing protection
to guard those you wash clean in the water of Baptism.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

30. After the seventh reading (about a new heart and new spirit: Ez 36, 16-28) and the Psalm (42-43).

Let us pray.

O God, unchanging power and eternal light,
look with favor on the wonderful sacrament of the whole Church,
and serenely accomplish the work of human salvation
which you had planned for all eternity;
let the whole world know and see
what is cast down raised up,
what is old made new
and all things restored to wholeness through Christ himself,
by whom they came to be.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Or:

O God, who in the pages of each Testament
teach us to celebrate the Easter Sacrament,
grant that we may understand your mercy,
so that receiving the gifts of this night
may strengthen our hope for the gifts to come.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

31. After the last reading from the Old Testament with its Responsorial Psalm and its prayer, the altar candles are lit, and the Priest intones the hymn Gloria in excelsis Deo, with is taken up by all, while bells are rung, according to local custom.
The complete musical setting is found in the Graduale Romanum.

32. When the hymn is finished, the Priest says the Collect in the usual way.

Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night
radiant with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection,
stir up in your Church
the spirit of adoption,
so that, renewed in body and mind,
we may render you undivided service.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

33. Then the lector proclaims the reading from the Apostle.

34. After the Epistle has been read, all rise, and the Priest three times, raising his voice by a step each time, solemnly intones Alleluia, with all repeat. If necessary, the psalmist intones the Alleluia.

Then the psalmist or cantor proclaims Psalm 118 with the people responding Alleluia.

35. The Priest, in the usual way, puts incense in the thurible and blesses the Deacon. At the Gospel lights are not carried, but only incense.

36. After the Gospel, the Homily, even if brief, is not to be omitted.

THIRD PART: BAPTISMAL LITURGY

37. After the Homily the Baptismal Liturgy begins. The Priest goes with the ministers to the baptismal font, if this can be seen by the faithful. Otherwise a vessel with water is placed in the sanctuary.

38. Catechumens, if there are any, are called forward and presented by their godparents in front of the assembled Church or, if they are small children, are carried by their parents and godparents.

39. Then, if a procession to the baptistery or to the font is to take place, it is formed immediately. A minister with the paschal candles leads the procession, and those to be baptized follow him with their godparents, then the ministers, the Deacon, and the Priest. During the procession, the litany (no. 43) is sung. When the litany is completed, the Priest gives the instruction (no. 40).

40. If, however, the baptismal Liturgy takes place in the sanctuary, the Priest immediately makes an introductory statement in these or similar words.

If there are candidates to be baptized:

Dearly beloved,
let us unite in prayer
to support our brothers and sisters in their blessed hope,
so that, as they approach the waters or rebirth,
the almighty Father will bestow on them
all the help of his mercy.

If the font is to be blessed, but there is no one to be baptized:

Dearly beloved,
let us humbly invoke upon this font
the grace of God the almighty Father,
that those who will be born anew from it
may be united with the children of adoption in Christ.

41. And the Litany is sung by two cantors, with all standing (because it is the Easter Season) and responding.

If, however, there is to be a procession of some length to the baptistery, the Litany is sung during the procession; in this case, those to be baptized are called forward before the procession begins, and the procession takes place led by the paschal candle, which is followed by the catechumens with their godparents, then the ministers, the Deacon, and the Priest. The instruction should occur before the Blessing of Water.

42. If there is no one to be baptized and the font is not to be blessed, the Litany is omitted, and the Blessing of Water (no. 54) takes place at once.

Christ, graciously hear us.

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If there are candidates to be baptized, the Priest, with hands extended, says this prayer:

Almighty everlasting God,
be present in the Sacraments of your great love,
and send forth the spirit of adoption
to create new peoples
brought to birth for you in the font of Baptism,
so that what is to be enacted by our humble service
may be brought to fulfillment by your might power.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Blessing of Baptismal Water

44. The Priest then blesses the baptismal water, saying this prayer with hands extended:

And, if the occasion so suggest, lowering the paschal candle into the water once or three times, he continues:

and, holding the candle in the water, he continues:

45. Then the candle is lifted out of the water, as the people acclaim:

Text without chant:

46. The Priest then blesses the baptismal water, saying this prayer with hands extended:

O God, who by invisible power
accomplished a wondrous effect
through Sacramental signs,
and who in many ways have prepared water, your creation,
to show forth the grace of Baptism;

O God, whose Spirit
at the first moment of creation
moved over the waters,
so that the very substance of water
would even then conceive the power to sanctify;

O God, who by the outpouring of the flood
prefigured regeneration,
so that from the mystery of the one same element of water
would come both an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;

O God, who made the children of Abraham
pass dry-shod through the Red Sea,
so that the chosen people,
set free from slavery to Pharaoh,
would prefigure the community of the baptized;

O God, whose Son,
baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan,
was anointed with the Holy Spirit,
and, as he hung upon the Cross,
poured forth water with blood from his side,
and then, after his Resurrection, commanded his disciples:
“Go forth, teach all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”
look upon the face of your Church
and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism.

Let this water receive from the Holy Spirit
the grace of your Only-Begotten Son,
so that human beings, created in your image,
and washed clean through Baptism
from all the filth of the life of old,
may be found worthy to rise as newborn children
from water and the Holy Spirit.

And, if the occasion so suggests, lowering the paschal candle into the water once or three times, he continues:

Let the power of the Holy Spirit,
O Lord, we pray,
come down through your Son
into this teeming font,

and, holding the candle in the water, he continues:

so that all who have been buried with Christ
by Baptism into death
may rise to life with him.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

47. *Then the candle is lifted out of the water, as the people acclaim:*

Springs of water, bless the Lord;
praise and exalt him above all for ever.

48. *After the blessing of the baptismal water and the acclamation of the people the Priest, standing, questions the adults and the parents or godparents of the children, as is set out in the respective Orders of the Roman Ritual, in order for them to make the renunciation.*

If the anointing of the adults with the Oil of Catechumens has not taken place beforehand, as part of the immediately preparatory rites, it occurs at this moment.

49. *Then the Priest questions the adults individually about the faith and, if there are children to be baptized, he requests the triple profession of faith from the parents and godparents together as is indicated in the respective Orders.*

Where there are many to be baptized on this night, it is possible to arrange the rite so that, immediately after the response of those to be baptized and of the godparents and the parents, the Celebrant asks for and receives the renewal of baptismal promises of all present.

50. *When the interrogation has been finished, the Priest baptizes the adult elect and the children.*

51. After the Baptism, the Priest anoints the infants with chrism. A white garment is given to all, whether adults or children. Then the Priest or Deacon receives the paschal candle from the hand of the minister and the candles of the neophytes are lighted. The rite of Ephphetha for infants is omitted.

52. Afterwards, unless the baptismal washing and the other explanatory rites have occurred in the sanctuary, a procession takes place returning to the sanctuary, formed as before, with the neophytes or the godparents or parents carrying lighted candles. During this procession, the baptismal canticle I saw water or another appropriate chant is sung (no. 56).

53. If adults have been baptized, the Bishop or, in his absence, the Priest who has conferred Baptism, should at once administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to them in the sanctuary, as is indicated in the Roman Pontifical or Ritual.

The Blessing of Water

54. If no one present is to be baptized and the font is not to be blessed, the Priest introduces the faithful to the blessing of water, saying:

And after a brief pause in silence, he proclaims this prayer, with hands extended:

Text without chant:

Dear brothers and sisters,
let us humbly beg the Lord our God
to bless this water he had created,
which will be sprinkled on us
as a memorial of our Baptism.
May he help us by his grace
to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

And after a brief pause in silence, he proclaims this prayer, with hands extended:

Lord our God,
in your mercy be present to your people
who keep vigil on this most holy night,
and for us who recall the wondrous work of our creation
and the still more wondrous work of our redemption,
graciously bless + this water.
For you created water to make the fields fruitful
and to refresh and cleanse our bodies.
You also made water a minister of your mercy:
for through water you freed your people from slavery
and quenched their thirst in the desert;
through water the Prophets proclaimed the new covenant
you were to enter upon with humankind;
and last of all,
through water, which Christ made holy in the Jordan,
you have renewed our corrupted nature
in the bath of regeneration.
Therefore, make this water for us
a memorial of the Baptism we have received,
and grant that we may share
in the joy of our brothers and sisters
baptized on this Paschal Feast.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

55. When the Rite of Baptism (and Confirmation) has been completed or, if this has not taken place, after the blessing of water, all stand, holding lighted candles in their hands, and renew the promise of baptismal faith with those to be baptized, unless this has already taken place (cf. no. 48).

The Priest addresses the faithful in these or similar words:

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism so that we may walk with him in newness of life. Therefore, now that our Lenten observance is at an end, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

Priest: Do you renounce Satan?

All: I do.

Priest: And all his works?

All: I do.

Priest: And all his empty show?

All: I do.

Or:

Priest: Do you renounce sin,
so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you renounce the allure of evil,
so that sin may have no mastery over you?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you renounce Satan,
the author and prince of sin?

All: I do.

If the situation warrants, this second formula may be adapted by the Conferences of Bishops according to local needs.

Then the Priest continues:

Priest: Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the Communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?

All: I do.

And the Priest concludes:

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has brought us to new life through water and the Holy Spirit
and given us the forgiveness of sins,
keep us by his grace in Christ Jesus our Lord
unto eternal life.

All: Amen.

56. The Priest sprinkles the people with the blessed water, while all sing:

Antiphon

I saw water flowing from the Temple,
from its right-hand side, alleluia:
and all to whom this water came
were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.

Another song that is baptismal in character may also be sung.

57. Meanwhile the neophytes are led to their place among the faithful.

If the blessing of baptismal water has not taken place in the baptistery, the Deacon and the ministers reverently carry the vessel of water to the font.

If the blessing of the font has not occurred, the blessed water is put aside in an appropriate place.

58. After the sprinkling, the Priest returns to the chair where, omitting the Creed, he directs the Universal Prayer, in which the neophytes participates for the first time.

FOURTH PART: THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

59. The Priest goes to the altar and begins the Liturgy of the Eucharist in the usual way.

60. It is desirable that the bread and wine be brought forward by the neophytes or, if they are children, by their parents or godparents.

61. Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we ask, O Lord,
the prayers of your people
with the sacrificial offerings,
that what has begun in the paschal mysteries

may by your power lead us to eternal healing.
Through Christ our Lord.

62. **Preface I of Easter: The Paschal Mystery** (. . . on this night above all . . .), p. 000.

63. In the Eucharistic Prayer, a commemoration is made of the baptized and their godparents in accord with the formulas which are found in the Roman Missal and Ritual for each of the Eucharistic Prayers.

64. Before Behold the Lamb of God, the Priest may briefly address the neophytes about receiving their first Communion and about the excellence of this great mystery, which is the climax of Initiation and the center of the entire Christian life.

65. It is desirable that the neophytes receive Holy Communion under both kinds, together with their godfathers, godmothers, parents, and Catholic spouses, as well as their lay catechists. It is also appropriate, with the consent of the Diocesan Bishop, where the occasion suggests this, all the faithful be admitted to Holy Communion under both kinds.

66. **Communion Antiphon**

1 Cor 5,7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed;
therefore let us keep the Feast
with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.

Psalm, 118 may appropriately be sung.

67. **Prayer after Communion**

Pour into us, O Lord, the Spirit of your charity,
and in your faithfulness made one in mind and heart
those you have fully satisfied with Paschal Sacraments.
Through Christ our Lord.

68. **Solemn Blessing**

May almighty God bless you
through today's Easter Solemnity
and, in his compassion,
defend you from every attack of sin.

R. Amen.

And may he, who restores you to eternal life
in the Resurrection of his Only-Begotten,
fill you with the rewards of immortality.

R. Amen.

And with the days of the Lord's passion drawn to a close,
may you, who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast,
come with his help, exultant in spirit,
to those feasts that are celebrated with eternal joy.

R. Amen.

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

R. Amen.

The final blessing formula from the Order of Baptism of Adults or of Children may also be used, according to circumstances.

69. To dismiss the people the Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself sings or says:

Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

Or:

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

All respond:

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

This is observed throughout the Octave of Easter.

70. The paschal candle is lit in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of this season.

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

The Mass during the Day

71. Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 138, 18.5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
How marvelous your knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Or:

Lk 24, 34; cf. Rv 1, 6

The Lord is truly risen alleluia.
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

72. Collect

O God, who on this day, through your Only-Begotten Son,
conquered death
and unlocked for us the gates of eternity,
grant, we pray,
that we who keep the solemn feast of the Lord's Resurrection
may, by the renewed action of your Spirit,
rise in the light of life.
Though our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

73. Prayer over the Offerings

Exultant with the joys of Easter, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice
by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord.

74. Preface: The Paschal Mystery.

Solemn Tone

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
at all times to praise you, O Lord,
but [on this night / on this day / in this season] above all

to proclaim you yet more gloriously,
since Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For he is the true Lamb
who has taken away the sins of the world,
who by dying has destroyed our death,
and by rising has restored out life.

Therefore, overflowing with Paschal joy,
the whole world exults with your praises;
the heavenly powers also and the angelic hosts
sing together the hymn of your glory
and acclaim without end:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

In the Mass of the Paschal Vigil, on this night above all **is said**; **within the Octave**, on this day above all; **after the Octave**, in this season above all.

Text without chant: Preface I of Easter (. . . on this day above all . . .), p. 000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper forms of In communion with the whole Church **and of** Therefore, Lord, we pray **are said**.

75. **Communion Antiphon**

1 Cor 5, 7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the Feast
with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

76. **Prayer after Communion**

With unfailing love and care, O God,
watch over your Church,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may reach the bright glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

77. **To impart the blessing at the end of Mass, the Priest may appropriately use the Solemn Blessing formula for the Mass of the Paschal Vigil**, p. 000.

78. **For the dismissal of the people, there is sung (as above no. 69) or said:**

Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Ex 13, 5.9

The Lord has led you into a land
flowing with milk and honey,
that the Law of the Lord
may be always on your lips, alleluia.

Or:

The Lord is risen from the dead
as he promised.
Let us all exult and be glad,
for he rules eternally, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

O God,
who give constant increase to your Church with new offspring,
grant to your servants that by their lives
they may hold fast to the Sacrament
they have received in faith.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be gracious, Lord, we pray,
and accept the gifts of your peoples,
that, renewed in confession of your name and in Baptism,
they may attain unending bliss.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of Easter, p. 000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper forms of In communion with the whole Church and of Therefore, Lord, we pray are said.

Communion Antiphon

Rom 6, 9

Christ rising from the dead now dies no more;
death will have no more dominion over him.

Prayer after Communion

Let the grace of the Paschal Sacrament
overflow our minds, we pray, O Lord,
and make worthy of your gifts
those you have set
on the way of perpetual salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 15, 3-4

He gave them the water of wisdom to drink;
he will be strong in them and will not be moved;
he will raise them up for ever, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

O God,
who have bestowed on us paschal healing,
accompany your people with the heavenly gift,
so that, possessed of perfect freedom,
they may rejoice in heaven
over what gladdens them now on earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept in mercy, Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your family,
that beneath the help of your protection
it may never lose what it has received,
and may attain the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of Easter, p. 000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper forms of In communion with the whole Church and of Therefore, Lord, we pray are said.

Communion Antiphon

Col 3, 1-2

If you have risen with Christ,
seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God;
set your minds on what is above, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Give ear to us, almighty God,
and as you have bestowed on your family
the perfect grace of Baptism,
so prepare their hearts
for the reward of eternal bliss.
Through Christ our Lord.

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mt 25, 34

Come, you blessed of my Father;
receive the Kingdom prepared for you
from the beginning of the world, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

O God, who gladden us year by year
with the Solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection,
mercifully grant,
that through the feasts we keep in time
we may be worthy to reach eternal joys.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, we pray, O Lord,
the sacrifice of human redemption,
and be pleased to accomplish within us
salvation of mind and body.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of Easter, p. 000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper forms of In communion with the whole Church and of Therefore, Lord, we pray are said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 24, 35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

We pray, O Lord:
let the awesome reception of the Sacrament of your Son
bring us, cleansed from our old ways,
into a new creation.
Through Christ our Lord.

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 10. 20-21

They sang with one voice
of your conquering hand, O Lord,
for wisdom opened mouths that were dumb
and gave eloquence to the tongues of infants, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

O God, who have united the various nations
in confessing your name,
grant that those reborn in the font of Baptism
may be one in the faith of their hearts
and the loyalty of their deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, we pray,
to accept the sacrifices we gratefully offer
for those who have been reborn,
and for the hastening of aid from heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of Easter, p. 000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper forms of In communion with the whole Church and of Therefore, Lord, we pray are said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Pt 2, 9

Chosen people,
proclaim the mighty works of his
who called you out of darkness,
into his wonderful light, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers,
that the most holy exchange which redeems us
may bring your help in this present life
and gain us the joys that last for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 77, 53

The Lord has led his people out in hope,
and the sea has overwhelmed their enemies, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
who gave us the Paschal Sacrament
as a covenant of reconciliation with the human race,
so dispose our minds
that what we celebrate in professing the faith
we may imitate in action.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

In your kindness, O Lord, perfect within us
the solemn exchange of the paschal gifts,
that we may be drawn from earthly desires
to a longing for the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of Easter, p. 000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper forms of In communion with the whole Church and of Therefore, Lord, we pray are said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 21, 12-13

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.
And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

In your steadfast loyalty, Lord, we pray,
watch over those you have saved,
that, redeemed by the Passion of your Son,
they may rejoice in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 104, 43

The Lord has led his people out in joy,
and his chosen ones with rejoicing, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

O God, who by the abundance of your grace
give increase to the peoples who believe in you,
look with favor on your elect
and clothe with blessed immortality
those reborn through the Sacrament of Baptism.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find joy through these paschal mysteries,
so that the restoration constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of Easter, p. 000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper forms of In communion with the whole Church and of Therefore, Lord, we pray are said.

Communion Antiphon

Gal 3, 27

All of you who have been baptized in Christ
have put on Christ, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, Lord, we pray,
and grant that those you were pleased to renew
by eternal mysteries
may, in flesh destined for glory,
attain incorruptibility at the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

or Sunday of the Divine Mercy

Entrance Antiphon

1 Pt 2, 2

Like new-born infants,
long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Or:

4 Esdr 2, 36-37

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,
who has called you into the heavenly Kingdom, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the return of the Paschal Feast
kindle the faith of the people consecrated as your own,
increase the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in whose font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
through whose blood they have been redeemed.
Though our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people
(and of those you have brought to new birth),
that renewed in confession of your name and in Baptism,
they may attain unending bless.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of Easter, p. 000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper forms of In communion with the whole Church and of Therefore, Lord, we pray are said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 20, 19

Reach out your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and be no longer doubtful but believe, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of the paschal Sacrament
may live for ever in our minds and hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

For the dismissal of the people, there is sung (as above, p. 000) or said: Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia. The response to this is: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Rom 6, 9

Christ rising from the dead now dies no more;
death will have no more dominion over him.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we who have been renewed by the paschal remedies
and have shed the likeness of our earthly parent
may be transformed into the image of our heavenly maker.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great rejoicing,
so grant her the fruit of perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 20, 19

Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples
and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, Lord, we pray,
and grant that those you were pleased to renew
by eternal mysteries,
may, in flesh destined for glory,
attain incorruptibility at the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 19, 7.6

Let us rejoice and be glad
and give glory to God,
for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

Collect

Lead us, we pray, almighty God,
to proclaim the power of the Lord in his rising,
that we who have received the pledge of his gift
may be able to possess all he gives
when it is fully revealed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find joy through these paschal mysteries,
so that the regeneration constantly at work within us
may be the source of our unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 24, 46.26

It was necessary that the Christ should suffer
and rise from the dead,
and so enter into his glory, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers,
that the most holy exchange which redeems us
may bring your help in this present life
and gain us the joys that last for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 17, 50; 21, 23

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations,
and tell of your name to my brethren, alleluia.

Collect

As we recall the yearly mysteries
by which human nature
has received the hope of resurrection
through the restoration of original dignity,
we humbly beg your clemency, Lord,
that what we recall in faith
we may possess in love unending.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the awesome exchange of this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,
grant, we pray, that as we have come to know your truth,
so we may attain it be a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15, 16.19

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
and have appointed you to go out and bear fruit
and for your fruit to abide, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously abide with your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have steeped in heavenly mysteries
to pass from the old to a new way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67, 8-9.20

O God, when you went forth before your people,
leading them and dwelling among them,
the earth was shaken and the heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who brought about the Paschal Sacrifice
for the salvation of the world,
favor the supplications of your people,
so that Christ our High Priest, interceding on our behalf,
may by his likeness to ourselves
bring us reconciliation,
and by his equality with you
grant us pardon.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your gracious kindness,
we may be fitted for the Sacraments of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28, 20

Behold! I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty everlasting God,
who restore us to eternal life
in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us the fruit of the Paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of the saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 5, 9-10

You have redeemed us, Lord, by your Blood,
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
and have made us a Kingdom and Priests for our God, alleluia.

Collect

O God, the hope and clear light of our minds,
we humbly beg you,
dispose our hearts,
both to offer you worthy prayer
and to extol you always
with due proclamation of your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept in mercy, Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your family,
that beneath the help of your protection
they may never lose what they have received
and may attain the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Rom 4, 25

Christ our Lord was handed over for our sins,
and rose again for our justification, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

In your steadfast loyalty, Lord, we pray,
watch over those you have saved,
that, redeemed by the Passion of your Son,
they may rejoice in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 1 Pt 2, 9

Chosen people,
proclaim the mighty works of him
who called you out of darkness,
into his wonderful light, alleluia.

Collect

Cast aside, O Lord,
the bond written by the law of sin,
which in the Paschal Mystery
you cancelled for us through the Resurrection of Christ your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Or:

O God, who willed that through the paschal mysteries
the gate of mercy should stand open for your faithful,
look upon us and have mercy on us,
that we who by your gift
are following the way of your will
may never stray from the paths of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Mercifully sanctify these gifts,
O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of the spiritual sacrifice,
bring us also to perfection as an eternal gift to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 17, 24

Father, it is my will that those you have given me
may be with me where I am,
that they may see the glory you have given me, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

We have received the gifts of the sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may lead to our growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 65, 1-2

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,
sing a psalm to his name,
give him glorious praise, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Let your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
that those who now rejoice
in the restored glory of their adoption
may look forward to the day of resurrection
in the hope of the joy that is sure to come.
Though our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of your exultant Church,
and, as you have, given her cause for such great rejoicing,
so grant her the fruit of perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 24, 35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Optional for Year B:

Lk 24, 46-47

It was necessary that the Christ suffer
and on the third day rise from the dead,
and that in his name repentance and remission of sins
be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

Optional for Year C:

Cf. Jn 21, 12-13

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.
And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, Lord, we pray,
and grant that those you were pleased to renew
by eternal mysteries,
may, in flesh destined for glory,
attain incorruptibility at the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep,
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, putting off the old self
with all its ways,
we may live as Christ lived,
since you have refashioned us according to his nature
through the healing mysteries of Easter.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your gracious condescension,
we may be fitted for the Sacraments of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 14, 27

Peace I leave you,
my peace I give you;
not as the world gives, I give to you,
says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty everlasting God,
who restore us to eternal life
in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us the fruit of the Paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of the saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 19, 5; 12, 10

Sing praise to our God,
all you who fear God, both small and great,
for now salvation and strength have come,
and the power of his Christ, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who throw open the gates of the heavenly Kingdom
to those reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
increase for your servants the grace you have bestowed,
that those who have been purged of all sins
may lack nothing that you in your constancy have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great rejoicing,
so grant her the fruit of perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Rom 6, 8

If we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with Christ, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, Lord, we pray,
and grant that those you were pleased to renew
by eternal mysteries,
may, in flesh destined for glory,
attain incorruptibility at the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 70, 8.23

Let my mouth be filled with your praise that I may sing;
my lips will rejoice when I sing to you, alleluia.

Collect

Be present to your family, Lord, we pray,
and graciously ensure
to those you have endowed with the grace of faith
an eternal share in the Resurrection of your Only-Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find joy through these paschal mysteries,
so that the restoration constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord has risen and shone his light upon us,
whom he had redeemed by his Blood, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers,
that the most holy exchange which redeems us
may bring your help in this present life
and gain us the joys that last for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ex 15, 1-2

Let us sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed with glory;
the Lord is my strength and my praise
and has become my salvation, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
let us receive your devoted love more readily
during these days when, by your gift,
we know it more fully,
and so ensure that those you have freed
from the darkness of error,
may cling more firmly to the signs of your truth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the tremendous exchange of this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,
grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth,
so we may attain it by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

2 Cor 5, 15

Christ has died for all,
that those who live may live no longer for themselves
but for him who died for them and is risen, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously abide with your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have steeped in heavenly mysteries
to pass to a new way of life from the old.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 5, 12

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and Godhead,
and wisdom and strength and honor, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we who have come to know
the grace of the Lord's rising
may ourselves rise
through the love of the Spirit
into newness of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Mercifully sanctify these gifts,
O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of the spiritual sacrifice,
bring us also to perfection as an eternal gift to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 17, 20-21

Father, I pray, for them, that they may be one in us,
so that the world may believe it was you who sent me,
says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

We have received the gifts of the sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may lead to our growth in charity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Col 2, 12

You have been buried with Christ in Baptism,
in which also you rose again
through faith in the working of God,
who raised him from the dead, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who in the font of Baptism
have renewed those who believe in you,
grant such protection to those reborn in Christ
that, overcoming every onslaught of error,
they may faithfully preserve
the grace of your blessing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept in mercy, Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your family,
that beneath the help of your protection
they may never lose what they have received,
and may attain the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 17, 20-21

Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,
so that the world may believe it was you who sent me,
says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

In your steadfast loyalty, Lord, we pray,
watch over those you have saved,
that, redeemed by the Passion of your Son,
they may rejoice in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32, 5-6

The mercy of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were established, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
lead us to companionship in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may come
to where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Though our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find joy through these paschal mysteries,
so that the restoration constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep,
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look peaceably, Good Shepherd, upon your flock,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Rom 6, 9

Christ rising from the dead now dies no more;
death will have no more dominion over him.

Collect

O God, perfect light of the blessed,
by whose gift we celebrate the paschal mysteries on earth,
bring us, we pray,
to rejoice in the full measure of your grace
for ages unending.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great rejoicing,
so grant her the fruit of perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 20, 19

Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples
and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, Lord, we pray,
and grant that those you were pleased to renew
by eternal mysteries,
may, in flesh destined for glory,
attain incorruptibility at the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 19, 7.6

Let us rejoice and be glad
and give glory to God,
for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we, who celebrate the mysteries of the Lord's Resurrection,
may be worthy to receive the joy of our redemption.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find joy through these paschal mysteries,
so that the regeneration constantly at work within us
may be the source of our unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

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It was necessary that the Christ should suffer
and rise from the dead,
and so enter into his glory, alleluia.

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Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers,
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may bring your help in this present life
and gain us the joys that last for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 17, 50; 21, 23

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations,
and tell of your name to my brethren, alleluia.

Collect

O God, life of the faithful,
glory to the humble, bliss to the just,
listen kindly
to the prayers of those who call on you,
that they who thirst for what you magnificently promise
may always be filled from your abundance.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the awesome exchange of this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,
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so we may attain it be a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

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and for your fruit to abide, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

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and lead those you have steeped in heavenly mysteries
to pass from the old to a new way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67, 8-9.20

O God, when you went forth before your people,
leading them and dwelling among them,
the earth was shaken and the heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who restore human nature
to yet greater dignity than at its beginnings,
look upon the ineffable Sacrament of your love,
and in those you have chose to create anew
through the mystery of rebirth
preserve the gifts of your enduring grace and blessing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your gracious kindness,
we may be fitted for the Sacraments of your mighty love.
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who restore us to eternal life
in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us the fruit of the Paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of the saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 5, 9-10

You have redeemed us, Lord, by your Blood,
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
and have made us a Kingdom and Priests for our God, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who are the author
both of our freedom and our salvation,
listen to the voices of all who cry to you,
and grant that those you have redeemed
by the outpouring of your Son's Blood,
may have life through you
and rejoice safely in you for ever.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept in mercy, Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your family,
that beneath the help of your protection
they may never lose what they have received
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Rom 4, 25

Christ our Lord was handed over for our sins,
and rose again for our justification, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

In your steadfast loyalty, Lord, we pray,
watch over those you have saved,
that, redeemed by the Passion of your Son,
they may rejoice in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 1 Pt 2, 9

Chosen people,
proclaim the mighty works of him
who called you out of darkness,
into his wonderful light, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who at the Paschal Feast
graciously apply to the world a heavenly cure,
grant pardon to your Church,
so that temporal observance
may avail for eternal life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Mercifully sanctify these gifts,
O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of the spiritual sacrifice,
bring us also to perfection as an eternal gift to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 17, 24

Father, it is my will that those you have given me
may be with me where I am,
that they may see the glory you have given me, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

We have received the gifts of the sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may lead to our growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97, 1-2

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
constantly perfect the Paschal Sacrament within us,
that under your protective care
those you were pleased to create anew in Holy Baptism
may bear much fruit
and come by your gift to the joys of life eternal.
Though our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the tremendous exchange of this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,
grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth,
so we may attain it by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 15, 1.5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord;
whoever remains in me, and I in them,
bears much fruit, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously abide with your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have steeped in heavenly mysteries
to pass to a new way of life from the old.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep,
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Collect

Let your right hand, O Lord, we pray,
encompass your family with unfailing help,
so that, defended from all wickedness
by the Resurrection of your Only-Begotten Son,
they may forge ahead by the power of heavenly gifts.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your gracious condescension,
we may be fitted for the Sacraments of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 14, 27

Peace I leave you,
my peace I give you;
not as the world gives, I give to you,
says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty everlasting God,
who restore us to eternal life
in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us the fruit of the Paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of the saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 19, 5; 12, 10

Sing praise to our God,
all you who fear God, both small and great,
for now salvation and strength have come,
and the power of his Christ, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who restore us to eternal life
in the Resurrection of Christ,
grant your people constancy in faith and hope,
that we may never doubt you will keep
the promises we know you have made.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great rejoicing,
so grant her the fruit of perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Rom 6, 8

If we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with Christ, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, Lord, we pray,
and grant that those you were pleased to renew
by eternal mysteries,
may, in flesh destined for glory,
attain incorruptibility at the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 70, 8.23

Let my mouth be filled with your praise that I may sing;
my lips will rejoice when I sing to you, alleluia.

Collect

O God, restorer and lover of innocence,
direct the hearts of your servants towards yourself,
that those you have set free from the darkness of unbelief
may never stray from the light of your truth.
Though our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find joy through these paschal mysteries,
so that the restoration constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord has risen and shone his light upon us,
whom he had redeemed by his Blood, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers,
that the most holy exchange which redeems us
may bring your help in this present life
and gain us the joys that last for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ex 15, 1-2

Let us sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed with glory;
the Lord is my strength and my praise
and has become my salvation, alleluia.

Collect

O God, by whose grace we sinners are made just
and from our misery made blessed
stand by your works,
stand by your gifts,
that those in whom there is the justification of faith
may not lack the strength of perseverance.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the tremendous exchange of this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,
grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth,
so we may attain it by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

2 Cor 5, 15

Christ has died for all,
that those who live may live no longer for themselves
but for him who died for them and is risen, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously abide with your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have steeped in heavenly mysteries
to pass to a new way of life from the old.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 5, 12

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and Godhead,
and wisdom and strength and honor, alleluia.

Collect

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
to be rightly conformed to the paschal mysteries,
that what we celebrate in joy
may protect and save us with unfailing power.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Mercifully sanctify these gifts,
O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of the spiritual sacrifice,
bring us also to perfection as an eternal gift to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

The Crucified is risen from the dead
and has redeemed us, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

We have received the gifts of the sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may lead to our growth in charity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Col 2, 12

You have been buried with Christ in Baptism,
in which also you rose again
through faith in the working of God,
who raised him from the dead, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty eternal God,
who have been pleased to confer on us heavenly life
through our rebirth in Baptism,
grant, we pray,
that those you render capable of immortality
by justifying them
may with your guidance
come into the fullness of glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept in mercy, Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your family,
that beneath the help of your protection
they may never lose what they have received,
and may attain the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 17, 20-21

Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,
so that the world may believe it was you who sent me,
says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

In your steadfast loyalty, Lord, we pray,
watch over those you have saved,
that, redeemed by the Passion of your Son,
they may rejoice in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 48, 20

Proclaim a joyful sounds and let is be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
the Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Almighty God,
make us celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honor of the rising Lord,
that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in action.
Though our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your gracious kindness,
we may be fitted for the Sacraments of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 14, 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty everlasting God,
who restore us to eternal life
in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us the fruit of the Paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of the saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Rom 6, 9

Christ rising from the dead now dies no more;
death will have no more dominion over him.

Collect

Merciful God,
grant that what we celebrate in the paschal rites
we may experience as fruitful
in every season.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great rejoicing,
so grant her the fruit of perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 20, 19

Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples
and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, Lord, we pray,
and grant that those you were pleased to renew
by eternal mysteries,
may, in flesh destined for glory,
attain incorruptibility at the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 19, 7.6

Let us rejoice and be glad
and give glory to God,
for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

Collect

Grant to us, almighty and merciful God,
that we may truly receive a share
in the Resurrection of Christ your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find joy through these paschal mysteries,
so that the regeneration constantly at work within us
may be the source of our unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 24, 46.26

It was necessary that the Christ should suffer
and rise from the dead,
and so enter into his glory, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers,
that the most holy exchange which redeems us
may bring your help in this present life
and gain us the joys that last for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Wednesday

The Morning Mass

In regions where the Solemnity of the Ascension occurs on the following Sunday, this Mass is also used in the evening.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 17, 50; 21, 23

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations,
and tell of your name to my brethren, alleluia.

Collect

Grant to use, we pray, O Lord,
that, as we celebrate in mystery
the solemnities of your Son's Resurrection,
so too we may be worthy
to rejoice at his coming with all the Saints.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the awesome exchange of this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,
grant, we pray, that as we have come to know your truth,
so we may attain it by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15, 16.19

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
and have appointed you to go out and bear fruit
and for your fruit to abide, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously abide with your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have steeped in heavenly mysteries
to pass from the old to a new way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Solemnity

Where the Solemnity of the Ascension is not to be observed as a Holyday of Obligation, it is assigned to the Seventh Sunday of Easter as its proper day.

The Vigil Mass

This Mass is used in the evening of the day before the Solemnity, either before or after Evening Prayer I of the Ascension.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 67, 33.35

Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God,
sing a hymn to the Lord,
who has ascended above the heavens,
whose majesty and power are among the clouds, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens
as the Apostles stood watching,
grant us, we pray,
that in accord with his promise
we may be worthy
that he abide with us always on earth,
and we with him in heaven.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, whose Only-Begotten Son, our High Priest,
is seated at your right hand,
living always to intercede for us,
grant us to approach with confidence the throne of grace,
that we may obtain your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord

Preface of the Ascension, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of In communion with the whole Church is said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Heb 10, 12

Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins,
is seated for ever at God's right hand, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

May the gifts we have received from your altar, Lord,
kindle in our hearts a longing for the heavenly homeland,
and may they make us press forward in the Savior's footsteps
to where he has entered before us on our behalf.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 000 may be used.

The Mass during the Day

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1, 11

You men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
Just as you saw him ascending into heaven,
so he will come, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exultation,
and where the Head has gone before in glory
the Body is called to follow in hope.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Or:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we who believe that your Only-Begotten Son, our Redeemer,
ascended this day to the heavens,
may also dwell in the heavenly places in mind and heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Humbly we offer sacrifice now, O Lord,
to honor the wondrous Ascension of your Son:
grant, we pray,
that through this most holy exchange
we too may rise to the heavenly places.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The mystery of the Ascension.

Solemn Tone

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory,
conqueror of sin and death,
has ascended [today] into highest heaven
as Angels gazed in wonder;
Mediator between God and humanity,
Judge of the world and Lord of hosts,
he ascended, not to abandon our lowly state
but that we, his members, might confidently hope to follow
where he, our Head and origin, has gone before.

Therefore, overflowing with paschal joy,
the whole world exults with your praises;
the heavenly powers also and the angelic hosts
sing together the hymn of your glory
and acclaim without end:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Text without chant: Preface of the Ascension, p. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of In communion with the whole Church is said.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28, 20

Behold! I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty everlasting God,
who allow those on earth
to touch things that are divine,
grant, we pray, that the zeal of Christian devotion
may lead to the place
where our nature is united to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 000 may be used.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE ASCENSION OR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thursday

In regions where the Solemnity of the Ascension occurs on the following Sunday.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67, 8-9.20

O God, when you went forth before your people,
leading them and dwelling among them,
the earth was shaken and the heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who made your people
sharers in your redemption,
grant us, we pray,
that we may perpetually render thanks
for the Resurrection of the Lord.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your gracious kindness,
we may be fitted for the Sacraments of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28, 20

Behold! I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty everlasting God,
who restore us to eternal life
in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us the fruit of the Paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of the saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 5, 9-10

You have redeemed us, Lord, by your Blood,
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
and have made us a Kingdom and Priests for our God, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who restore us to eternal life
in the Resurrection of Christ,
raise us up to the author of our salvation,
who is seated at your right hand,
so that when our Savior comes again in his majesty
you will clothe with blessed immortality
those to whom you have given new birth in Baptism.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

In regions where the Solemnity of the Ascension is celebrated on the following Sunday:

Heed our prayers, O Lord,
so that what was promised
by the sanctification of your Word
may everywhere be accomplished
through the preaching of the Gospel
and that all your adopted children may receive
what the witness to truth has foretold.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept in mercy, Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your family,
that beneath the help of your protection
they may never lose what they have received
and may attain the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, or of the Ascension pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Rom 4, 25

Christ our Lord was handed over for our sins,
and rose again for our justification, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

In your steadfast loyalty, Lord, we pray,
watch over those you have saved,
that, redeemed by the Passion of your Son,
they may rejoice in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE ASCENSION OR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 1 Pt 2, 9

Chosen people,
proclaim the mighty works of him
who called you out of darkness,
into his wonderful light, alleluia.

Collect

O God, whose Son at his Ascension to the heavens
graciously promised the Holy Spirit to his Apostles,
grant, we pray,
that, as they receive the manifold gifts of heavenly teaching,
so you will bestow also on us
the gifts of the Spirit.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

In regions where the Solemnity of the Ascension is celebrated on the following Sunday:

Shape our minds constantly, we pray, O Lord,
by the practice of good works,
that, striving without pause for what is better,
we may take care always
to hold fast to the Paschal Mystery.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Mercifully sanctify these gifts,
O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of the spiritual sacrifice,
bring us also to perfection as an eternal gift to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, or of the Ascension, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 17, 24

Father, it is my will that those you have given me
may be with me where I am,
that they may see the glory you have given me, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

We have received the gifts of the sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may lead to our growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26, 7-9

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry to you.
To you my heart has said:
I have sought your face.
Your face will I seek;
do not turn your face from me, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Graciously attend to our petitions, Lord,
so that we who believe that the Savior of the human race
is with you in your majesty
may know that he abides with us as he promised,
even to the end of time.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful people,
with their sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of loyal devotion
we may pass to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, or of the Ascension, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 17, 22

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Hear us, O God our salvation:
let us trust that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the Body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1, 8

You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you,
and you will be my witnesses
even to the ends of the earth, alleluia.

Collect

Let the power of the Holy Spirit
come to us, we pray, O Lord,
that we may keep you will faithfully in mind
and express it in a godly way of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

May these unblemished offerings purify us, O Lord,
and give our minds
the vigor of grace from on high.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, or of the Ascension, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 14, 18; 16, 22

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come to you again,
and your heart will rejoice, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously abide with your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have steeped in heavenly mysteries
to pass from the old to a new way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 1, 17-18

I am the First and the Last;
I am alive and was dead.
Behold! I am alive for ever and ever, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God,
that the Holy Spirit, coming near
and dwelling graciously within us,
may perfect us as a temple of his glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful people
with their sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of loyal devotion
we may pass to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, or of the Ascension, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 14, 26

The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,
he it is who will teach you all things
and remind you of all I have told you,
says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

We humbly receive the gifts of the sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may lead to our growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 46, 2

All you nations, clap your hands,
shout to God with a cry of joy, alleluia.

Collect

In your good grace, O merciful God,
grant to your Church
that, gathered by the Holy Spirit,
she may be devoted to you with all her heart
and united in purity of will.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands,
and through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate as our dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, or of the Ascension, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 15, 26-27

When the Paraclete comes, whom I will send you,
the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father,
he will bear witness to me,
and you also will bear witness, says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Let the partaking of the Divine Sacrament, O Lord,
constantly increase your grace within us,
and, by cleansing us with its power,
make us always worthy of so great a gift.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Heb 4, 16

With boldness let us approach the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy
and find grace as a timely help, alleluia.

Collect

Let your Spirit, O Lord, we pray,
imbue us powerfully with spiritual gifts,
that he may give us a mind pleasing to you,
and graciously conform us to your will.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Mercifully sanctify these gifts,
O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of the spiritual sacrifice,
bring us also to perfection as an eternal gift to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, or of the Ascension, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 16, 7

I tell you the truth,
it is for your good that I go,
for if I do not go away,
the Paraclete will not come to you, says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

May the mysteries we have received, O Lord, we pray,
enlighten us by their instruction
and restore us through our participation,
that we may be worthy to attain the things of the Spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 1, 5-6

Christ loved us,
and washed us of our sins in his own blood,
and has made us a Kingdom and Priests for his God and Father, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who by the glorification of your Christ
and the illumination of the Holy Spirit
have unlocked for us the gates of eternity,
grant, we pray,
that, partaking of so great a gift,
our devotion may grow deeper
and our faith stronger.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let your merciful gaze, O Lord, we pray,
rest upon the sacrificial gifts of your people,
and that these may be rendered acceptable to you,
let the coming of the Holy Spirit
cleanse our consciences.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, or of the Ascension pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 16, 13

When the Spirit of truth comes,
he will teach you all truth, says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

O God, by whose mysteries we are cleansed and fed,
grant, we pray,
that the nourishment you allow us to draw from them
will impart everlasting life.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE EASTER SEASON, WEEKDAYS AFTER THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday

The Morning Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1, 14

The disciples were persevering with one mind in prayer,
with the women and Mary the Mother of Jesus
and his brothers, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we who have celebrated the paschal feasts
may through your generosity hold fast to them
in the way we live our lives.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let the Holy Spirit coming near,
O Lord, we pray,
prepare our minds for divine Sacraments,
for he himself is the remission of all sins.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter, or of the Ascension, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 16, 14

The Holy Spirit will glorify me,
for he will take from what is mine
and declare it to you, says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

In mercy, Lord,
accede to our requests,
so that as we have been brought out
from things of the past to new Sacraments,
we may, with former ways left behind,
be created anew in holiness of spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Solemnity

The Vigil Mass

This Mass is used on Saturday evening either before or after Evening Prayer I of Pentecost Sunday.

Entrance Antiphon

Rom 5, 5; cf. 8, 11

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
who willed the Paschal Sacrament to be encompassed
in the mystery of the fifty days,
grant that the different tongues of the scattered nations,
may be gathered by the heavenly gift
into one confession of your name.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Or:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that your radiant splendor
may shine forth upon us,
and that, by the Holy Spirit's illumination,
the light of your Light may strengthen the hearts
of those born again by your grace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Flood these gifts with the blessing of your Spirit,
O Lord, we pray,
so that through them your Church may be imbued with such love
that the truth of your saving mystery
will shine forth in every place on earth.
Through Christ our Lord

Preface of Pentecost as in the following Mass, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of In communion with the whole Church is said.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 7, 37

On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out:
Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

May these gifts we have received enrich us, O Lord,
that we may always be fervent with the Spirit
whom you wondrously poured into your Apostles.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 000 may be used.

The Mass during the Day

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 1, 7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

Or:

Rom 5, 5; cf. 8, 11

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

O God, by the mystery of today's Feast
you sanctify your universal Church
in every race and nation;
pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
now fill the hearts of believers once more.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, in accordance with your Son's promise,
the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more richly
the hidden mystery of this sacrifice
and graciously disclose all truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Mystery of Pentecost.

Solemn Tone

Text without chant:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you brought the Paschal Mystery to completion
when on this day you bestowed the Holy Spirit
upon those you made your adopted children
by uniting them to your Only-Begotten Son.

As the Church first came to birth,
the same Spirit imparted to all peoples the knowledge of God
and united the many languages of earth
in the profession of one faith.

Therefore, overflowing with paschal joy,
the whole world exults with your praises;
the heavenly powers also and the angelic hosts
sing together the hymn of your glory
and acclaim without end:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of In Communion with the whole Church is said.

Communion Antiphon

Acts 2, 4.11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,
speaking of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who lavish heavenly gifts upon your Church,
safeguard the grace you have given,
that the gift of the Holy Spirit, poured into her,
may flourish always
and that the spiritual food
may build her up for eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 000 may be used.

To dismiss the people the Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself sings or says:

Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

With the Season of Easter now concluded, the paschal candle is extinguished. It is desirable to keep the paschal candle in the baptistery with due honor so that it is lit at the celebration of Baptism and the candles of those baptized are lit from it.

When the Monday or Tuesday after Pentecost are days on which the faithful are obliged or accustomed to attend Mass, the Mass of Pentecost may be repeated, or a Mass of the Holy Spirit, pp. 0000-0000, may be said.

THE SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME

1. The Season of Ordinary Time contains thirty-three or thirty-four weeks. It begins on Monday following the Sunday after 6 January and continues until the beginning of Lent; it begins again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent.
2. The numbering of Sundays and weeks in Ordinary Time is computed as follows:
 - a) The Sunday on which the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord occurs takes the place of the first Sunday in Ordinary Time; the week that follows is counted as the first week in Ordinary Time. The remaining Sundays and weeks are numbered in order until the beginning of Lent.
 - b) If there are thirty-four weeks in Ordinary Time, after Pentecost the series is resumed with the week that follows immediately the last week celebrated before Lent; it should be noted, however, that the Masses of Pentecost Sunday and of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity take the place of the Sunday Masses. If, however, there are thirty-three weeks in Ordinary Time, the first week that would otherwise follow Pentecost is omitted.
3. Thus, in the Missal, thirty-four Masses for the Sundays and weekdays in this season are found. They are used in this way:
 - a) On Sundays the Mass corresponding to the number of the Sunday in Ordinary Time is ordinarily used, unless there occurs a Solemnity of a Feast of the Lord which takes the place of the Sunday.
 - b) On ferias, however, any of the thirty-four Masses may be used, provided the pastoral benefit of the faithful is considered.
4. The Gloria and the Creed are said on Sundays; one ferias, however, both the angelic hymn and the symbol of faith are omitted.
5. Unless a Eucharistic Prayer is used that has a proper Preface, on Sundays one of the Prefaces for Sundays in Ordinary Time is said, pp. 000-000; but on ferias, a Common Preface is said, pp. 000-000.

6. Two antiphons are provided for Communion, the first from the Psalms, and the second for the most part from the Gospel. One or the other may be selected, as circumstances suggest, but preference should be given to an antiphon that is in harmony with the Gospel of the Mass.

MASSES FOR SUNDAYS AND WEEKDAYS

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

On the first Sunday in Ordinary Time there occurs the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, pp. 000-000.

Entrance Antiphon

On a high throne, I saw a man seated
whom hosts of Angels adore,
as they sing with one voice:
Behold the One whose royal name endures for ever!

Collect

In your heavenly care, O Lord, we beg you,
attend to the pleas of your people at prayer,
that they may both see what must be done,
and grow in strength to do what they have seen.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let the offering of your people, O Lord,
find favor with you, we pray,
that it may both restore them to holiness
and obtain what they devoutly pray for.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 35, 10

With you is the fountain of life, O Lord,
and in your light we shall see light.

Or:

Jn 10, 10

I have come that they may have life,
and have it more abundantly, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Humbly we ask you, almighty God, to grant in your mercy
that those you refresh with your Sacraments
may also serve with lives acceptable to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 65, 4

Let all the earth adore you,
and sing to you, O God,
sing a psalm to your name, O Most High.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
who order all things both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
to enter these mysteries worthily,
for whenever the memorial of the Victim is celebrated
the work of our redemption is being accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22, 5

You have spread a table in my sight;
how precious the cup that quenches my thirst!

Or:

1 Jn 4, 16

We have come to know
and to believe in the love
that God has for us.

Prayer after Communion

Pour into us, O Lord, the Spirit of your charity,
and in your faithfulness make one in mind and heart
those you have fully satisfied with the one Bread from heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 95, 1.6

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Praise and beauty are in his sight;
holiness and majesty in his holy place.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may be made rich in good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to receive our gifts,
and by sanctifying them
grant, we pray,
that they will be for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33, 6

Come to the Lord and be radiant,
and your faces will not be ashamed.

Or:

Jn 8, 12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me does not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, we pray, almighty God,
that, receiving the grace
through which you bring us to new life
we may always glory in your gift.
Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 105, 47

Save us, Lord our God,
and gather us from the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.

Collect

Grant to us, Lord, our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

We bring to your altars, O Lord,
gifts owed by our service:
as you receive them in your good pleasure,
make them the Sacrament of our redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30, 17-18

Make your face shine on your servant
and save me in your mercy.
Lord, let me not be put to shame,
for I have called upon you.

Or:

Mt 5, 3-4

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are the gentle,
for they will possess the earth.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by the gift that redeems us,
we pray, O Lord,
that through this help to eternal salvation
true faith may always grow stronger.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 94, 6-7

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the Lord who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Collect

We pray, O Lord,
watch over your household with unfailing care,
that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace,
it may be sheltered always by your protection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, our God,
who first established these created things
to sustain us in our weakness,
grant, we pray,
that they may now be become for us the Sacrament of eternity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 106, 8-9

Let the Lord's works of mercy give him thanks,
the wonders he had done for the children of men.
For he has satisfied the empty soul
and filled the hungry with good things.

Or:

Mt 5, 5-6

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be consoled.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice,
for they will have their fill.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who willed that we share
in the one Bread and the one Cup,
grant us, we pray, so to live
that, made one in Christ,
we may joyfully bear fruit for the world's salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30, 3-4

Be my protector, O God, a place of shelter to save me.
You are my stronghold and refuge;
because of your name you will guide me and feed me.

Collect

O God, who declare that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that by your grace
we may be people in who you are pleased to dwell.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let this offering, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse and renew us
and become for those who follow your will
the source of eternal reward.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 77, 29-30

They ate and were well satisfied,
and the Lord gave them what they desired;
they were not cheated of what they craved.

Or:

Jn 3, 16

God so loved the world
that he gave his Only-Begotten Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but have eternal life.

Prayer after Communion

Having feasted on heaven's delights,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may always hunger
for the food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 12, 6

O Lord, I have hoped in your mercy.
My heart has exulted in your salvation;
I will sing to the Lord for his goodness to me.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, pondering always what is true and right,
we may accomplish what is pleasing to you
in both word and deed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we enter your mysteries, O Lord,
with the observance that is your due,
we humbly ask you
that what we offer to the honor of your divine majesty
may lead us to salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 9, 2-3

I will tell of all your wonders.
I will rejoice and exult in you.
I will sing to your name, O Most High.

Or:

Jn 11, 27

Lord, I have come to believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of the living God,
who have come into this world.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we may experience
the effect of that salvation,
a pledge of which we have received
through these mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 17, 19-20

The Lord became my protector
and led me forth in freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

Collect

Grant to us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world
may be guided by your peaceful rule
and your Church rejoice in tranquil devotion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who provide the gifts to be offered to your name
and reckon our oblations a sign of devoted service,
we ask your mercy,
that what you grant as the source of merit
you will also bestow as the means to our reward.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 12, 6

I will sing to the Lord for his goodness to me;
I will praise the name of the Lord Most High.

Or:

Mt 28, 20

Behold! I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Filled with the saving gift,
we beg your mercy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament
with which you nourish us in the present age
you will graciously make us partakers of life unending.
Through Christ our Lord.

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 24, 16.18

Look on me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.
See my lowliness and my toil,
and pardon all my sins, O my God.

Collect

O God, whose providence never fails in its design,
humbly we implore you
to banish all that would harm us
and to grant that all works for our good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Trusting in your mercy, O Lord,
we gather eagerly with gifts at the sacred altar,
so that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries
with which we render you service.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16, 6

I have cried out, for you have answered me, O God:
turn your ear and hear my words.

Or:

Mk 11, 23.24

Amen, I say to you:
Whatever you ask for in prayer,
believe you will receive it,
and it will be yours, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

By your Spirit, O Lord,
govern us whom you feed
with the Body and Blood of your Son,
that, professing you not just in word or in speech
but also in works and in truth,
we may be fit to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26, 1-2

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the defender of my life, who will make me tremble?
My enemies who trouble me have lost their strength.

Collect

O God, from whom all good things come,
grant that we who pray in our need
may by your inspiration discern what is right,
and by your guidance do what we discern.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look kindly upon our service, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer
may be an acceptable gift to you
and lead to our growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 17, 3

The Lord is my stronghold, my refuge, me deliverer;
my God is my help.

Or:

1 Jn 4, 16

God is love,
and whoever abides in love
abides in God, and God in them.

Prayer after Communion

Let your healing work, O Lord,
lead us gently from our crooked paths
and set us on those that are right.
Through Christ our Lord.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26, 7.9

Hear me voice, O Lord, for I have cried to you.
Be my helper, do not abandon me,
do not despise me, O God my Savior.

Collect

O God, the strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and since without you mortal frailty can do nothing
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you in purpose and action.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the gifts presented here
nourish with food and renew with Sacrament
the twofold nature of the human race,
grant, we pray,
that the sustenance of these
may not fail us in body or in mind.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 26, 4

One thing I have asked of the Lord,
this I will seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

Or:

Jn 17, 11

Holy Father, keep in your name
those you have given me,
that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 27, 8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people
and the protector of the saving work of his Christ.
Save your people, O Lord,
and bless your inheritance,
and rule over them for ever.

Collect

Grant us, O Lord,
fear and love of your holy name
always and in equal measure,
for you never cease to guide
those you fix firm in love of you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise
and grant that, cleansed by its action,
we may offer the desire of our heart pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 144, 15

The eyes of all look in hope to you, O Lord,
and you give them food in due season.

Or:

Jn 10, 11.15

I am the Good Shepherd,
and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by the nourishment
of the Sacred Body and the Precious Blood,
we ask your clemency, Lord,
that what we celebrate with constant devotion
we may attain with redemption assured.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 46, 2

All you nations, clap your hands,
shout to God with a cry of joy.

Collect

O God, who through adoption by grace
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be shrouded in the darkness of error
but be seen to stand always in the splendor of truth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who graciously work the effects of your mysteries,
grant, we pray,
that our service may be fitting for these sacred gifts.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 102, 1

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and let all that is within me bless his holy name.

Or:

Jn 17, 20-21

Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,
so that the world may believe it was you who sent me,
says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the divine Victim we have offered and received
gave us life, O Lord, we pray,
so that, joined to you in unending charity,
we may bear fruit that will last for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 47, 10-11

We have received your mercy, O God,
in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
resounds to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with justice.

Collect

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
raised up a fallen world,
grant that those you have snatched from the slavery of sin
you will bring to enjoy eternal happiness.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the offering dedicated to your name
purify us, O Lord,
and day by day draw our life closer
to the life of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 33, 9

Taste and see how sweet the Lord is;
blessed is the man who hopes in him.

Or:

Mt 11, 28

Come to me, all who labor and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Filled with blessings so great,
we pray, O Lord,
grant that we may hold fast to the saving gifts
and never falter in your praise.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16, 15

As for me, with justice I shall appear before you,
and have my fill when your glory is revealed.

Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who wander
that they may regain the way,
grant that all who are counted as Christian for the faith they profess
may reject whatever opposes this name
and follow whatever accords with it.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look upon the gifts of the Church at prayer, O Lord,
and grant that they be received
for the greater sanctification of believers.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 83, 4-5

The sparrow finds herself a home,
and the turtle-dove a nest to place her brood:
your altars, Lord of Hosts, my King and my God!
Blessed are those who live in your house;
they will praise you from age to age.

Or:

Jn 6, 57

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
remains in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the gifts, we pray, O Lord,
that as often as the mystery is celebrated,
its saving effect may grow within us.
Through Christ our Lord.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 53, 6.8

Behold, God is my help
and the Lord is the upholder of my soul.
Freely I will offer you sacrifice
and give thanks to your name, O Lord,
for it is good.

Collect

Look kindly, O Lord, on your servants,
and mercifully shower gifts of your grace upon them,
so that, fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may always be vigilant in keeping your commandments.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in one perfect sacrifice
completed the varied offerings of the Law,
accept the sacrifice from your faithful servants
and hallow it as you blessed the gifts of Abel,
so that what each has offered to the honor of your majesty
may serve the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 110, 4-5

The Lord, compassionate and gracious,
has remembered his wonderful deeds.
He had given food to those who fear him.

Or:

Rv 3, 20

Behold! I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him,
and he with me.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously abide with your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have steeped in heavenly mysteries
to pass from the old to a new way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67, 6-7.36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites in spirit those who dwell in the house;
he will give strength and courage to his people.

Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
lavish your mercy upon us:
with you as ruler and guide
may we so use the good things that pass away,
that we may even now hold fast to those that endure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the gifts we bring you from your bounty
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries
may both sanctify us in the way we live now
and lead us to everlasting joys.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 102, 2

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and do not forget all God has done for you.

Or:

Mt 5, 7-8

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Prayer after Communion

We have received, O Lord, the Divine Sacrament,
the abiding memorial of your Son's Passion;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with charity beyond all telling,
may lead to our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 69, 2.6

O God, come to my aid;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
You are my helper and my deliverer,
O Lord, do not delay.

Collect

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and never cease to welcome their prayers,
that, for those who glory in you as Creator and guide,
you will restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Mercifully sanctify these gifts,
O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of the spiritual sacrifice,
bring us also to perfection as an eternal gift to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Wis 16, 20

O Lord, you gave us the bread from heaven,
containing all that is delicious
and tasting of all delight.

Or:

Jn 6, 35

I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
whoever comes to me will not hunger,
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

Prayer after Communion

Accompany with unfailing care, O Lord,
those you refresh with the heavenly gift,
and grant that those you never cease to cherish
may become worthy of everlasting redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 73, 20.19.22.23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and do not abandon for ever the souls of your poor.
Arise, O Lord, and judge your case;
forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
whom we dare to invoke by the name Father
at the prompting of the Holy Spirit,
bring to fullness in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as sons and daughters,
that we may be fit to enter the promised inheritance.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the gifts of your Church,
which in your mercy you have given to be offered
and which by your power
you draw into the mystery of our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 147, 12.14

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem,
who fills you with the finest wheat.

Or:

Cf. Jn 6, 51

The bread that I shall give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.

Prayer after Communion

May the communion in your Sacraments
that we have received
save us, O Lord,
and make us strong in the light of your truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 83, 10-11

Look down, O God, our protector;
look on the face of your Anointed,
for one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Collect

O God, who have prepared for those who love you
good things no eye can see,
fill our hearts with longing for you,
so that, loving you in all things and above all things,
we may attain your promises,
which surpass every desire.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, receive our gifts,
by which is wrought a glorious exchange,
that we who offer what you have given
may be made worthy to receive your very self.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 129, 7

With the Lord there is mercy,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

Or:

Jn 6, 51-52

I am the living bread who came down from heaven, says the Lord.
Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,
that, conformed to his image on earth,
we may also be made worthy
of communion with him in heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85, 1-3

Turn your ear to me, O Lord, and answer me.
Save your servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, Lord,
for I have cried to you all the day long.

Collect

O God, who shape the minds of the faithful to a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord,
who gained for yourself an adopted people
by the one sacrifice offered once for all,
graciously bestow on us
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 103, 13-15

Earth will have its fill
of the fruit of your works, O Lord:
you will bring forth bread from the earth,
and wine to cheer the human heart.

Or:

Jn 6, 55

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

Prayer after Communion

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy,
and graciously bring us to such wholeness
and so nurture us,
that in all things we may have strength to please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 85, 3.5

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I have cried to you all the day long;
for you, O Lord, are kind and gentle,
and rich in mercy to all who call upon you.

Collect

God of power,
source of all that is best,
implant in our hearts a love for your name,
and grant that, as you deepen devotion in us,
you will nurture what is good
and, in your careful keeping,
protect what you have nurtured.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Let the sacred offerings, O Lord,
confer on us always the blessings of salvation,
that what it enacts in mystery
it may accomplish in power.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 30, 20

How great your many delights, O Lord,
that you have stored away for those who fear you!

Or:

Mt 5, 9-10

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who suffer persecution for justice,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Prayer after Communion

Restored by the Bread from heaven's table,
we entreat you, Lord,
that this nourishment of charity may strengthen our hearts,
stirring us to serve you in our brothers and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 118, 137.124

O God, you are just, and your judgment is true.
Deal with your servant according to your mercy.

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and adopted,
look tenderly upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may be granted true freedom
and the inheritance that never fades.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, author of true worship and peace,
grant, we pray,
that with this gift
we may offer due homage to your divine majesty
and by partaking of the sacred mystery
be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 41, 2-3

As a deer longs for springs of water,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul is thirsting for the strong and living God.

Or:

Jn 8, 12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me does not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful people, Lord,
whom you nourish and enliven
with the heavenly food of your Word and Sacrament,
may be so enriched by such great gifts from your beloved Son
that we may be made worthy sharers of his life for ever.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 36, 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you
that your prophets be found worthy of belief.
Hear the prayers of your servants,
and of your people Israel.

Collect

Look up us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things,
and lead us to serve you with all our heart
so that we may know what your atonement has accomplished.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor on our supplications, Lord,
and in your kindness accept these offerings of your servants,
that what each has offered to the honor of your name
may serve the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 35, 8

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men will seek refuge
under the shadow of your wings.

Or:

1 Cor 10, 16

The cup of blessing that we bless
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;
and the bread we break
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the working of heaven's gift, we pray, O Lord,
take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its power, and not our own will,
may always prevail within us.
Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

I am the people's salvation, says the Lord.
From whatever suffering they cry to me,
I shall heed them,
and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law
upon love of you and of neighbor,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may be brought to attain unending life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favor, Lord, we pray,
the gifts of your people,
that what they profess in devout faith
they may possess in heavenly Sacraments.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118, 4-5

You have commanded that your laws be kept with care;
let my ways be directed towards keeping your statutes.

Or:

Jn 10, 14

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know me sheep and my sheep know me.

Prayer after Communion

With unfailing help, O Lord, gently uphold
those you refresh with your Sacraments,
that we may obtain the effect of redemption
both in the mysteries and in our manner of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Dn 3, 31.29.30.43.43

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgment,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name,
and deal with us according to the richness of your mercy.

Collect

O God, who make known your omnipotence
above all in pardon and mercy,
increase your grace within us,
and so make those who run towards your promises
sharers in the good things of heaven.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O God of mercy,
that this our offering
may find acceptance with you
and that through it
the wellspring of all blessing
may be unsealed for us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118, 49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope;
this was my comfort when I was brought low.

Or:

1 Jn 3, 16

This is how we know God's love:
that Christ laid down his life for us.
So we too should lay down our lives for one another.

Prayer after Communion

Let the heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be co-heirs in glory with him
to whose suffering we are joined
when we proclaim his Death.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Est 4, 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are set
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things,
the heavens and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
who in your overflowing compassion
surpass the merits and desires of those who pray,
pour out your mercy upon us,
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to add what prayer does not venture to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands,
and through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate as our dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Lam 3, 25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

Or:

Cf. 1 Cor 10, 17

One bread, one body are we, though many,
all we who share the one bread and one cup.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and fed to the full
by the Sacraments we have received,
so that we may become what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 129, 3-4

If you keep account of sins, O Lord,
Lord, who will endure?
For with you there is forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Collect

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after,
and make us always firm in the resolve
to do what is good.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful people
with their sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of loyal devotion
we may pass to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33, 11

The rich have suffered want and gone hungry;
those who seek the Lord will lack no good thing.

Or:

1 Jn 3, 2

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him;
for we shall see him as he is.

Prayer after Communion

Humbly we entreat your majesty, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
of the most holy Body and Blood,
so you will make us sharers of the divine nature.
Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16, 6.8

I have cried out, O God, for you have answered me;
turn your ear and hear my words.
Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of an eye;
shelter me under the shadow of your wings.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
grant that we may always direct our will in obedience to you
and serve your divine majesty in sincerity of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
to be generous in our service of your gifts,
so that with your purifying grace
we may be cleansed through the mysteries
by which we render you service.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32, 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
and on those who hope in his mercy,
to deliver their souls from death,
and feed them in time of famine.

Or:

Mk 10, 45

The Son of Man came
to give his life as a ransom for many.

Prayer after Communion

Enable us, O Lord, we pray,
to make progress by recourse to heavenly things,
that we may be aided by temporal gifts
and schooled in what is eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104, 3-4

Let the heart of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and be strengthened;
always seek his face.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what your command,
so that we may be fit to attain what you promise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Turn your eyes, we pray, O Lord,
to the gifts we offer your majesty,
that what is done by our service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 19, 6

We shall rejoice in your salvation
and in the name of our God we shall be exulted.

Or:

Eph 5, 2

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant sacrifice to God.

Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
complete in us what they contain,
that the things we now celebrate in signs
we may grasp in their true reality.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 37, 22-23

Do not abandon me, Lord my God;
do not depart from me;
come quickly to my help, O Lord,
may mighty Savior.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
whose gift it is
that your faithful offer you fitting and praiseworthy service,
grant us, we pray,
to run without stumbling towards what you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord,
become for you a pure offering,
and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 15, 11

Do not abandon me, Lord my God;
do not depart from me;
come quickly to my help, O Lord,
may mighty Savior.

Or:

Jn 6, 58

Just as the living father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so whoever feeds on me
will have life because of me, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the working of your power, we pray, O Lord,
grow stronger within us,
so that, refreshed by the heavenly Sacraments,
we may be prepared by your gift
to grasp what they promise.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 87, 3

Let my prayer come into your presence;
turn your ear to my pleading, O Lord.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously banish all that would harm us,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue with minds set free
the things that are yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts presented here,
that what we celebrate in the mystery of your Son's Passion
we may attain in devotion of heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22, 1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall lack nothing.
He has placed me in a pasture,
brought me up on refreshing water.

Or:

Cf. Lk 24, 35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by the sacred gift,
we give you thanks, O Lord,
even as we beg your mercy,
that by the infusion of your Spirit
the grace of sincerity may endure
in those whom the strength of heaven has entered.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Jer 29, 11.12.14

Thus says the Lord:
My thoughts are thoughts of peace and not affliction.
You will call on me and I shall answer you
and lead back your captives from every place.

Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
always to rejoice in devotion to you,
since happiness is full and lasting
if we constantly serve the author of all that is good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that the gifts we offer in the sight of your majesty
may gain for us the grace of devotion
and win the happiness that last for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 72, 78

For me it is good to hold fast to God,
to put my hope in God the Lord.

Or:

Mk 11, 23.24

Amen, I say to you:
Whatever you ask for in prayer,
believe you will receive it,
and it will be yours, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

We have received the gifts of the sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may lead to our growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

On the last Sunday in Ordinary Time there occurs the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, pp. 000-000.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 84, 9

The Lord will speak peace to his people,
and to his holy ones
and to those who turn to him.

Collect

Stir up the will of your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
that, seeking more eagerly the fruit of your divine work,
they may find in greater measure
the healing effects of your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the sacred gifts
which you charged us to dedicate to your name
and keep us always obedient to your commands,
so that through these gifts
we may be accepted by your faithful love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 116, 1.2

Praise the Lord, all you nations,
for strong is his mercy upon us.

Or:

Mt 28, 20

Behold! I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God,
that you will never allow to be parted from you
those to whom you grant the joy
of sharing in what is divine.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE SOLEMNITIES OF THE LORD
DURING ORDINARY TIME

First Sunday after Pentecost

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Solemnity

Entrance Antiphon

Blessed be God the Father
and the Only-Begotten Son of God
and also the Holy Spirit
for he has shown up his merciful love.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

God our Father,
by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification
you made known to humankind your awesome mystery;
grant us, in professing the true faith,
to acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory,
and adore the Unity, powerful in majesty.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Through the invocation of your name, O Lord our God,
sanctify these gifts of our service, we pray,
and by their power make our very selves
a perfect and eternal gift to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.

Solemn Tone

Text without chant:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,

our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God;
Who with your Only-Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
are one God and one Lord,
not in the unity of a single person,
but in a Trinity of one substance.

For what you have revealed to us of your glory
we believe equally of your Son
and of the Holy Spirit,
so that, in confessing the true and eternal Godhead,
we adore the uniqueness of each Person,
their oneness in being,
and their equality in majesty.

Which Angels and Archangels praise,
Cherubim too and Seraphim,
who never cease to cry out each day,
and acclaim with one voice:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Communion Antiphon

Gal 4, 6

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts
the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries:
Abba, Father.

Prayer after Communion

By receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God,
and confessing the eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity,
may we come to health of body and soul.
Through Christ our Lord.

Thursday after the Most Holy Trinity

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Solemnity

Where the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is not a Holyday of Obligation, it is assigned to the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity as its proper day.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 80, 17

God fed them with the finest wheat
and filled them with honey from the rock.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray,
so to venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood
that we may constantly know within ourselves
the fruit of your redemption.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Through the invocation of your name, O Lord our God,
sanctify these gifts of our service, we pray,
and by their power make our very selves
a perfect and eternal gift to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Fruits of the Most Holy Eucharist..

Solemn Tone

Text without chant: Preface II or I of the Most Holy Eucharist, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 6, 57

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
remains in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that we may be filled with the eternal enjoyment of your divinity,
foreshadowed in the present age
by the reception of your precious Body and Blood.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

It is desirable that a procession take place after the Mass in which the Host to be carried in the procession is consecrated. However, nothing prohibits a procession from taking place ever after a public and lengthy period of adoration following the Mass. If a procession takes place after Mass, when the Communion of the faithful is completed, the monstrance in which the consecrated host has been placed is set on the altar. When the Prayer after Communion has been said, the concluding rites are omitted and the procession is formed.

Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Solemnity

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 32, 11.19

The thoughts of his Heart
stand firm from age to age,
to deliver their souls from death
and feed them in time of famine.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son
and recall the supreme blessings of his charity towards us,
may be made worthy to receive the grace
overflowing from that heavenly fount of gifts.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Or:

O God, who in the Heart of your Son,
wounded by our sins,
are pleased in mercy to bestow on us
that boundless treasures of your love,
grant, we pray,
that in paying him our devout and loyal homage
we may also offer due and fitting reparation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, O Lord, we pray, upon the ineffable charity
of the Heart of your beloved Son,
that what we offer may be a gift acceptable to you
and an expiation of our offenses.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Boundless Charity of Christ.

Solemn Tone

Text without chant:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

Who, lifted high on the Cross,
gave himself up for us with a wonderful love
and poured out blood and water from his pierced side,
the wellspring of the Church's Sacraments,
so that, drawn to the open heart of the Savior,
all might draw water joyfully from the wells of salvation.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we praise you and acclaim without end:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 7, 37-38

Thus says the Lord:
if anyone is thirsty,
let them come to me and drink.
Streams of living water
will flow from the heart
of the one who believes in me.

Or:

Jn 19, 34

One of the soldiers opened his side with a spear,
and at once there came forth blood and water.

Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament of charity, O Lord,
make us burn with the fire of holy love,
so that, drawn always to your Son,
we may learn to recognize him in our brothers and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord.

Last Sunday in Ordinary Rime

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Solemnity

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 5, 12; 1, 6

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and Godhead
and wisdom and strength and honor.
To him be glory and power for ever and ever.

The Gloria is said.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
you have willed to restore all things
in your beloved Son, King of the universe;
be pleased to grant that the whole creation,
freed from slavery,
may serve your majesty
and join in praising you without ceasing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we offer to you, O Lord,
the Victim who reconciles the human race,
we humbly pray
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations
the gifts of unity and peace.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface: Christ the King of the Universe.

Solemn Tone

Text without chant:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you anointed your Only-Begotten Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
with the oil of gladness
as eternal Priest and King of all creation,
so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross
as a spotless Victim to bring us peace,
he might accomplish the wonderful work of human redemption
and, when all created things had been made subject to his rule,
he might present to your infinite majesty
an eternal and universal kingdom,
a kingdom of truth and life,
and kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And therefore, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory
and acclaim without end:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 28, 10-11

The Lord will sit as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Prayer after Communion

Now that we have received the food of immortality,
we ask, O Lord,
that we who glory in obeying the commands of Christ,
King of the universe,
may come to unending life with him in the Kingdom of Heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.