

## The 1979 Rite I Mass How to Follow Our Liturgy

NOTE: There is no music at the 8:00am Mass, please disregard music directions.

The Order of the Mass is in three parts: The Entrance Rite, The Liturgy of Word and The Liturgy of the Sacrament.

### I. The Entrance Rite

A Sacristy bell rings as the opening hymn begins. All stand. Hymns are found in the blue hymnal located in the pew rack, or if the hymn is marked with an “L”, use the “Lift Every Voice & Sing” hymnal located on the pew seat.

After the opening hymn, the choir sings an Introit. This is a chant which expresses the theme of the Sunday Mass. The priest then faces the people and says, “Blessed be God, Father...” The people respond, “Amen”. Page 323 in the red prayerbook on pew seat.

The Entrance Rite continues with the priest praying the Collect of the Purity on pg. 323. All remain standing. It is followed by the Summary of the Law, pg. 324 and Kyrie Eleison (“Lord have mercy...” ) sung 9 fold from a Mass setting (noted in the Bulletin) or from the words on pg. 324 in the red prayerbook. The Gloria in Excelsis (“Glory be to God on high)...” follows the Kyrie. It can

be found in the Mass setting noted in the bulletin or on page 324 in the red prayerbook. The Entrance Rite ends with the Collect of the Day – a prayer the priest begins with the salutation: “The Lord be with you”, and to which the people respond, “And with thy spirit” on pg. 325. The prayer is printed on the Scripture insert in your Sunday bulletin.

### II. The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for the first two readings and psalm from Scripture. These are read by a Lector from the Lectern and are found on your Scripture insert in the Bulletin.

After the Epistle reading and Gradual/Alleluia (once a month this is replaced by a canticle noted in the bulletin and found in the blue hymnal), the Gospel is announced by the priest with the salutation, “The Lord be with you”, and the people again respond “And with thy spirit”. Once announced, the choir and people sing: “Glory be to thee, O Lord” (red prayer book pg.325).

All sit for the homily (sermon). Then we stand for the Nicene Creed (pg. 327 in the red prayerbook). All remain standing for “The Prayer for the Whole State of Christ’s Church & the World” (pg. 328). Then the priest invites the people to kneel and make a General Confession (pg. 330) and while kneeling the priest turns and pronounces the Absolution (pg. 332). Then all stand as the priest greets the people with the “Peace”. It is the ancient sign that we forgive our brothers and sisters and are one with God. Scripture requires this for those who will come to God’s Altar, see St.Matt.5:23-24.

### III. The Liturgy of the Sacrament

After the peace we sit while the priest makes general announcements and words of welcome. He begins the Offertory (preparing the Altar with bread and wine and an offering from the people for the work of God’s Church) with a sentence of Scripture. The choir sings a verse called the Offertory and we either stand to sing a hymn (noted in bulletin) or sit if there is a solo or the choir sings an anthem. We stand for the presentation of the offering. The priest then makes a Mass Intention, which reminds us of the reason we are here and what we are praying for. The priest begins the Canon or Prayer of Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum Corda (pg. 333). It begins with another “The Lord be with you” and response: “And with thy spirit”.

This part of the Mass, along with what follows: the Sanctus and Benedictus, is often sung from the Mass setting noted in the bulletin, the words are found on pg. 334. We kneel at the end of the Sanctus (Hosanna in the highest) and the priest prays the “Canon” or Prayer of Consecration on pg. 334-336. This prayer ends with a sung “Amen” and the chanting of the Lord’s Prayer (music found in blue hymnal #722) or pg. 336. After the Lord’s Prayer, silence is kept while the priest breaks the Host (“the Fraction”) and proclaims “Christ our Passover is...” The people respond: “Therefore let us keep the Feast.” The Choir and people sing the Agnus Dei (“Lamb of God”) from the Mass setting noted in the bulletin and the priest leads us together saying the Prayer of Humble Access on pg. 337.

After the priest invites us to come to Holy Communion with the words, "The Gifts of God for the people of God", a bell rings to signify we may begin to come forward. Note: On occasion all baptized persons who have been admitted to Communion in their own church, are repentant of their sins, and believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, are invited to make their Communion in the Episcopal Church. (1979 Resolutions A43 on Canon 1.16 sec.1.)

In this parish you may receive the Host directly on the tongue or in the right hand, placing the left hand under the right hand to make a throne for Jesus. Keep it on your palm, lower your head to the palm to pick it up with your tongue. When the Chalice comes to you, guide it with your thumb and first finger as the priest or chalice bearer guides it to your lips. (Do not take hold of the cup itself; merely guide it using the base.)

If you do not want to receive the chalice, cross your arms over your chest until the chalice bearer skips over you. If you wish to receive by intinction, leave the Host on your palm and the chalice bearer will pick it up, dip it and place it on your tongue (which you must slightly extend). If you wish the priest to bless you instead of receiving Communion, cross your arms as you come to the rail. Children are welcome if they have been through instruction and admitted to communion. In this parish we hold classes for 7-8 year olds every May to instruct and admit children to Holy Communion. (1970 Resolution of General Convention, section 2.)

During the Communion of the people, the choir leads hymns and the people are encouraged to join in singing before and after going to the Altar Rail. The communion hymn is noted in the bulletin and found in the blue hymnal in the pew rack (or if an "L" precedes the hymn, it is found in the hymnal on the pew seat.

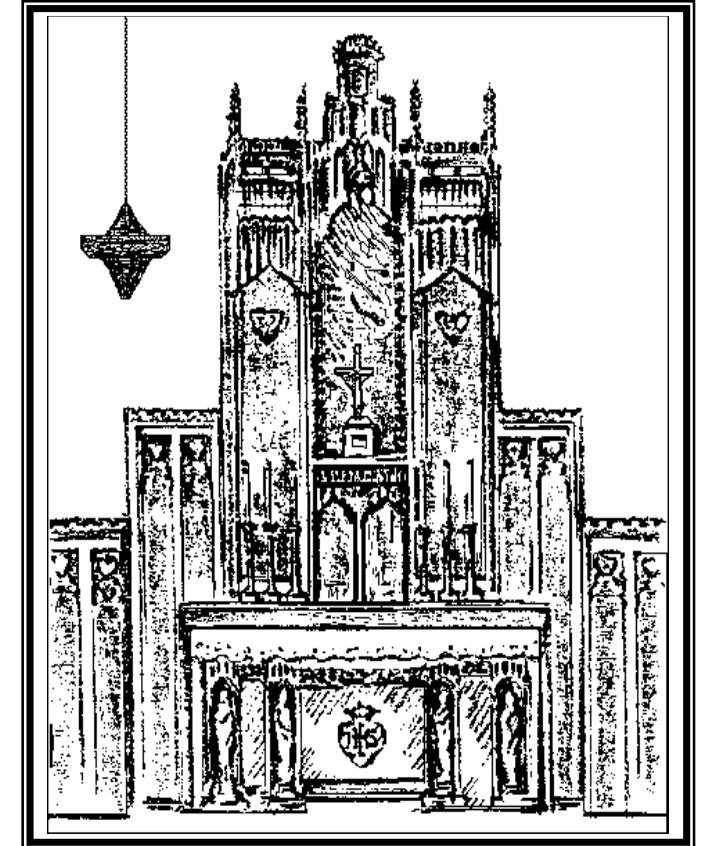
After Holy Communion the priest leads the people (kneeling) in praying together the Postcommunion prayer on pg. 339 of the red prayerbook on the pew seat.

The priest then blesses the assembly with the Blessing (prayer) on pg. 339 of the red prayerbook.

Then the closing hymn begins and we stand to sing it together. The hymn is noted in your bulletin and is found in the blue hymnal or if preceded by an "L", use the hymnal located on the pew seat. After the hymn ends, remain standing for the dismissal (pg.339-340). The priest or a deacon announces, "The Mass is ended" and the people respond with "Thanks be to God". The organ postlude begins. We do not wait for the candles to be put out, but we may kneel down again to say a private prayer of thanks to God for allowing us to be here and worship Him once again.

The priest greets the people in the narthax after Mass. Coffee hour follows both Sunday Masses. All are welcome and encouraged to share in our parish fellowship and activities.

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