



BLESSING OF A HOME

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THE MAKING OF HOLY WATER

The priest, vested in purple stole, says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who hath made heaven and earth.

THE EXORCISM OF SALT

God's creature, salt, I cast out the demon from you by the living + God, by the true + God, by the holy + God, by God who ordered you to be thrown into the water-spring by Eliseus to heal it of its barrenness. May you be a purified salt, a means of health for those who believe, a medicine for body and soul for all who make use of you. May all evil fancies of the foul fiend, his malice and cunning, be driven afar from the place where you are sprinkled. And let every unclean spirit be repulsed by Him who is coming to judge both the living and the dead and the world by fire.

Amen.

THE BLESSING OF SALT

Let us pray.

Almighty everlasting God, we humbly appeal to your mercy and goodness to graciously bless + this creature, salt, which you have given for mankind's use. May all who use it find in it a remedy for body and mind. And may everything that it touches or sprinkles be freed from uncleanness and any influence of the evil spirit; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE EXORCISM OF WATER

God's creature, water, I cast out the demon from you in the name of God + the Father almighty, in the name of Jesus + Christ, His Son, our Lord, and in the power of the Holy + Spirit. May you be a purified water, empowered to drive afar all power of the enemy, in fact, to root out and banish the enemy himself, along with his fallen angels. We ask this

through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is coming to judge both the living and the dead and the world by fire.

Amen.

THE BLESSING OF WATER

Let us pray.

O God, who for man's welfare established the most wonderful mysteries in the substance of water, hearken to our prayer, and pour forth your blessing + on this element now being prepared with various purifying rites. May this creature of yours, when used in your mysteries and endowed with your grace, serve to cast out demons and to banish disease. May everything that this water sprinkles in the homes and gatherings of the faithful be delivered from all that is unclean and hurtful; let no breath of contagion hover there, no taint of corruption; let all the wiles of the lurking enemy come to nothing. By the sprinkling of this water may everything opposed to the safety and peace of the occupants of these homes be banished, so that in calling on your holy name they may know the well-being they desire, and be protected from every peril; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE MINGLING OF THE SALT AND WATER

Now the priest pours the salt into the water in the form of a cross, saying:

May this salt and water be mixed together; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE MAKING OF HOLY WATER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

God, source of irresistible might and king of an invincible realm, the ever-glorious conqueror; who restrains the force of the adversary, silencing the uproar of his rage, and valiantly subduing his wickedness; in awe and humility we beg you, Lord, to regard with favor this creature thing of salt and water, to let the light of your kindness shine upon it, and to hallow it with the dew of your mercy; so that wherever it is sprinkled and your holy name is invoked, every assault of the unclean spirit may be baffled, and all dread of the serpent's venom be cast out. To us who entreat your mercy grant that the Holy Spirit may be with us wherever we may be; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE EXORCISM OF A HOME

The term "exorcism" does not always denote a solemn exorcism involving a person possessed by the devil. In general, the term denotes prayers to curb the power of the devil and prevent him from doing harm. As St. Peter had written in Holy Scripture, "your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, goes about seeking whom he may devour." [1 Pet. 5:8]

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all other evil spirits, who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

THE EXORCISM

Holy water and salt may be sprinkled throughout this prayer.

In the Name of Jesus Christ our God and Lord, strengthened by the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of Blessed Michael the Archangel, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul and all the Saints, and powerful in the holy authority of our ministry, we confidently undertake to repulse the attacks and deceits of the devil. God arises; His enemies are scattered and those who hate Him flee before Him.

As smoke is driven away, so are they driven; as wax melts before the fire, so the wicked perish at the presence of God.

Behold the Cross of the Lord, flee bands of enemies:

He has conquered, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the offspring of David.

May Thy mercy, Lord, descend upon us:

As great as our hope in Thee.

We drive you from us, whoever you may be, unclean spirits, all satanic posers, all infernal invaders, all wicked legions, assemblies and sects; in the Name and by the power of Our Lord Jesus Christ, + may you be snatched away and driven from the Church of God and from the souls made to the image and likeness of God and redeemed by the Precious Blood of the Divine Lamb. + Most cunning serpent, you shall no more dare to deceive the human race, persecute the Church, torment God's elect and sift them as wheat.

+ The Most High God commands you, + He with whom, in your great insolence, you still claim to be equal, he who wants all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

+ God the Father commands you.

+ God the Son commands you

+ God the Holy Spirit commands you.

+ Christ, God's Word made flesh, commands you; He who to save our race outdone through your envy, "humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death;" He who has built His Church on the firm rock and declared that the gates of hell shall not prevail against Her, because He will dwell with Her "all days even to the end of the world."

+ The sacred Sign of the Cross commands you,

+ As does also the power of the mysteries of the Christian Faith.

+ The glorious Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, commands you; she who by Her humility and from the first moment of Her Immaculate Conception, crushed your proud head.

+ The faith of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul and the other Apostles commands you.

+ The blood of the Martyrs and the pious intercession of all the Saints command you.

Thus cursed dragon, and you, diabolical legions, we adjure you by the living God, + by the true God, + by the holy God, + by the God “who so loved the world that He gave up His only Son, that every soul believing in Him might not perish but have life everlasting;” stop deceiving man and pouring out to them the poison of eternal damnation; stop harming the Church and hindering Her liberty. Begone, Satan, inventor and master of all deceit, enemy of man’s salvation. Give place to Christ in whom you have found none of your works; give place to the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church acquired by Christ at the price of His Blood. Stoop beneath the all-powerful Hand of God; tremble and flee when we invoke the Holy and terrible Name of Jesus, this Name which causes hell to tremble, this Name to which the Virtues, Powers and Dominations of Heaven are humbly submissive, this Name which the Cherubim and Seraphim praise unceasingly repeating: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord, the God of Armies.

O Lord, hear my prayer:

And let my cry come unto Thee.

The Lord be with you:

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.— God of Heaven, God of Earth, God of Angels, God of Archangels, God of Patriarchs, God of Prophets, God of Apostles, God of Martyrs, God of Confessors, God of Virgins, God who has power to give life after death and rest after work: because there is no other god than Thee and there can be no other, for Thou art the Creator of all things, visible and invisible, of whose reign there shall be no end. We humbly prostrate ourselves before Thy glorious Majesty, and we beseech Thee to deliver us by Thy power from all the tyranny of the infernal spirits, from their snares, their lies and their furious wickedness; Deign, O Lord, to grant us Thy powerful protection and to keep us safe and sound. We beseech Thee through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

From the snares of the devil:

Deliver us, O Lord.

That Thy Church and home may serve Thee in peace and liberty:

We beseech Thee to hear us.

Holy water is sprinkled.

THE BLESSING OF A HOME

The priest vests now in a white stole and makes incense saying:

Be blessed in whose name though art to be burnt.

God's peace be in this home.

And in all who live here.

Lord, hear my prayer

And let my cry come unto thee

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit

Let the mighty power of the Holy God be present in this place to banish from it every unclean spirit, to cleanse it from every residue of evil, and to make it a secure habitation for those who dwell in it; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PROCESSION AND BLESSING OF ROOMS

A procession forms at the entrance of the house led by a member of the household carrying a lit candle. After the officiant says the prayer in each room, the room is sprinkled with Holy Water and blessed with incense.

AT THE ENTRANCE

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into the house, and eat with you, and you with me.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray.

Sovereign Lord, you are Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end: Send your servants out from this place on many errands, be their constant companion in the way, and welcome them upon their return, so that coming and going they may be sustained by your presence, O Christ our Lord.

Amen.

AT THE OFFICE AND GUEST ROOM

Teach us, O Lord, where wisdom is to be found, and show us the place of understanding.

Seek the Lord your God, and you will find him:

Search for him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Let us pray.

O God of truth, eternal ground of all that is, beyond space and time yet within them, transcending all things yet pervading them: Show yourself to us, for we go about in ignorance; reveal yourself to us, for it is you that we seek, O Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Do not neglect to show hospitality, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Open your homes to each other without complaining:

Use the gifts you have received from God for the good of others.

Let us pray.

Loving God, you have taught us to welcome one another as Christ welcomed us: Bless those who from time to time share the hospitality of this home. May your fatherly care shield them, the love of your dear Son preserve them from all evil, and the guidance of your Holy Spirit keep them in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IN PETER'S ROOM

Jesus said, Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to those like them belongs the kingdom of heaven.

Praise the Lord, you children of the Lord

Praise the Name of the Lord

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, your Son our Savior took young children into his arms and blessed them: Embrace the child whose room this is with your unfailing love, protect him from all danger, and bring him in safety to each new day, until he greets with joy the great day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IN THE HALL BATHROOM

I will sprinkle you with clean water, and you will be cleansed.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering:

Having our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us pray.

O holy God, in the incarnation of your Son our Lord you made our flesh the instrument of your self-revelation: Give us a proper respect and reverence for our mortal bodies, keeping them clean and fair, whole and sound; that, glorifying you in them, we may confidently await our being clothed upon with spiritual bodies, when that which is mortal is transformed by life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IN THE NURSERY

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, your Son our Savior took young children into his arms and blessed them: Embrace the child whose room this is with your unfailing love, protect her from all danger, and bring her in safety to each new day, until she greets with joy the great day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IN MARY'S ROOM

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, your Son our Savior took young children into his arms and blessed them: Embrace the child whose room this is with your unfailing love, protect her from all danger, and bring her in safety to each new day, until she greets with joy the great day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IN THE MASTER BEDROOM

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

I lie down and go to sleep:

I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

Let us pray.

O God of life and love, the true rest of your people: Sanctify to your servants their hours of rest and refreshment, their sleeping and their waking; and grant that, strengthened by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, they may rise to serve you all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IN THE MASTER BATHROOM

Let us pray.

O holy God, in the incarnation of your Son our Lord you made our flesh the instrument of your self-revelation: Give us a proper respect and reverence for our mortal bodies, keeping them clean and fair, whole and sound; that, glorifying you in them, we may confidently await our being clothed upon with spiritual bodies, when that which is mortal is transformed by life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IN THE POWDER ROOM

Let us pray.

O holy God, in the incarnation of your Son our Lord you made our flesh the instrument of your self-revelation: Give us a proper respect and reverence for our mortal bodies, keeping them clean and fair, whole and sound; that, glorifying you in them, we may confidently await our being clothed upon with spiritual bodies, when that which is mortal is transformed by life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IN THE PLAY ROOM

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when God's people live together in unity!

Above everything, love one another earnestly:

For love covers many sins.

Let us pray.

Give your blessing, Lord, to all who share this room, that they may be knit together in fellowship here on earth, and joined with the communion of your saints in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ON THE PATIO

As the earth puts forth its blossom, or bushes in a garden burst into flower, so shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise blossom before all the nations.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land:

Indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

Let us pray.

Jesus, our good Companion, on many occasions you withdrew with your friends for quiet and refreshment: Be present with your servants in this place, to which they come for fellowship and recreation; and make of it, we pray, a place of serenity and peace; in your Name we ask it.

Amen.

IN THE KITCHEN

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the Name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord:

And you give them their food in due season.

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, you supply every need of ours according to your great riches: Bless the hands that work in this place, and give us grateful hearts for daily bread; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IN THE BASEMENT

Many there are who rely upon their hands and are skillful in their own work.

Prosper, O Lord, the work of our hands:

Prosper our handiwork.

Let us pray.

O God, your blessed Son worked with his hands in the carpenter shop in Nazareth: Be present, we pray, with those who work in this place, that, laboring as workers together with you, they may share the joy of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IN THE GARAGE

Our help is in the name of the Lord:

Who hath made heaven and earth

Let us pray.

Lord God, be well disposed to our prayers, and bless + this garage and these vehicles with your holy hand. Appoint your holy angels as an escort over them, who will always shield its passengers and keep them safe from accidents. And as once by your deacon, Philip, you bestowed faith and grace upon the Ethiopian seated in his carriage and reading Holy Writ, so also now show the way of salvation to your servants, in order that, strengthened by your grace and ever intent upon good works, they may attain, after all the successes and failures of this life, the certain happiness of everlasting life; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IN THE DINING ROOM

The living God gave you from heaven rain and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.

He brings forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden our hearts:

Oil to make a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen the heart.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe, for you give us food and drink to sustain our lives: Make us grateful for all your mercies, and mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IN THE LIVING ROOM

Let us pray.

Give your blessing, Lord, to all who share this room, that they may be knit together in fellowship here on earth and joined with the communion of your saints in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE BLESSING OF THE HOME

The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness tranquility and trust forever. My people will abide in secure dwellings and in quiet resting places.

Unless the Lord builds the house:

Their labor is in vain who build it.

Let us pray.

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live here with the gift of your love; and grant that they may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives they touch. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen them; and preserve them in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Hear us, holy Lord and Father, almighty everlasting God, and in your goodness send your holy angel from heaven to watch over and protect all who live in this home, to be with them and give them comfort and encouragement; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Lord God almighty, bless + this home, that it be the shelter of health, purity, and self-control; that there prevails here a spirit of humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the commandments, and gratitude to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May this blessing remain on this place and on those who live here now and always.

Amen.

VOTIVE MASS FOR THE BLESSING OF A HOME

PRAYERS AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR (PREPARATORY PRAYERS)

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

I will go unto the altar of God:
Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.
For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou put me from thee: and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.
And that I may go unto the altar of God, even the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?
O put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

I will go unto the altar of God:
Even unto the God of my Joy and gladness.

+ Our help is in the Name of the Lord:
Who hath made heaven and earth.

I confess to God Almighty, to Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, *(strike breast)* by my fault, *(strike breast)* by my own fault, *(strike breast)* by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

God Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.

Amen.

I confess to God Almighty, to Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to thee, Mother, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, *(strike breast)* by my fault, *(strike breast)* by my own fault, *(strike breast)* by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and thee, Mother, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

God Almighty have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

Amen.

+ The Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins.

Amen.

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O God?

That thy people may rejoice in thee.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, hear my prayer.
And let my cry come unto thee.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Take away from us we beseech thee, O Lord, our iniquities: that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amen

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison. (*Lord have mercy*)

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison. (*Christ have mercy*)

Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,**

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, grant to this home the grace of thy presence, that thou may be known to be the inhabitant of this dwelling, and the defender of this household; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE PROPHECY

The Lesson from the Book of Genesis

1 And the Lord appeared unto Abraham in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

Genesis 18: 1-8, KJV

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE EPISTLE

A Reading from the Third Epistle of S. John

1 The elder unto the well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;

6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church:

11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

14 But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face.

15 Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

3 John 1-6a,11,13-15, KJV

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL

1 BLESSED is the man that feareth the LORD; * he hath great delight in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth; * the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

3 Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; * and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness; * he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

5 A good man is merciful, and lendeth; * and will guide his words with discretion.

6 For he shall never be moved: * and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

7 He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; * for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the LORD.

Psalm 112 1-7, Beatus vir., Coverdale Psalter

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia

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I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth; for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word, above all things.

Psalm 138:2, Coverdale

Alleluia

Alleluia

THE GOSPEL

The Lord be in my heart and on my lips: that I may worthily and fitly proclaim his Gospel: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

+ The continuation of the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:25-33, KJV

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
(all kneel)
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;
(all rise)
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to Judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;

who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
+ and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy

upon you, + pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE OFFERTORY AND LAVABO

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Priest himself takes the Paten with the Host, which he offers, saying:

RECEIVE, O holy Father, almighty everlasting God, this spotless host, which I, thine unworthy servant, offer unto thee, my living and true God, for my numberless sins, offences and negligences; and for all who stand here around, as also for all faithful Christians, both living and departed, that to me and to them it may avail for salvation unto life everlasting. Amen.

Then making a cross with the same Paten, he places the Host upon the Corporal. The Priest pours in both the water and wine, and blesses with the sign of the Cross the water to be mixed in the Chalice saying:

O God, + who didst wondrously create, and yet more wondrously renew the dignity of human nature: grant that by the mystery of this water and wine we may be made co-heirs of his divinity, who vouchsafed to be made partaker of our humanity, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God: world without end. Amen.

Then he offers the Chalice saying:

We offer unto thee, O Lord, the cup of salvation, humbly beseeching thy mercy: that in the sight of thy divine majesty it may ascend as a sweet-smelling savour for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. Amen.

Then he makes the sign of the cross with the Chalice and places it upon the Corporal, and covers it with the Pall: then with hands joined upon the Altar, he says, bowing slightly:

In a humble spirit, and with a contrite heart, may we be accepted of thee, O Lord: and so let our sacrifice be offered in thy sight this day, that it may be pleasing unto thee, O Lord God.

Come, O Sanctifier, Almighty and Eternal God, and bless, + this sacrifice prepared for the glory of Your holy Name.

Washing his hands, the priest says

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord: and so will I go to thine altar:

That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

O shut not up my soul with the sinners, nor my life with the blood-thirsty:

In whose hands is wickedness: and their right hand is full of gifts.

But as for me, I will walk innocently: O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.
My foot standeth right: I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

Psalm 26:6-12

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant then faces the people and says

Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God through Jesus Christ our Lord, who grew to perfect manhood in his parents' home at Nazareth, and in the home of friends in Bethany revealed himself as Life and Resurrection.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

 Holy,  holy,  holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

+ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

CANON MISSAE

This Eucharistic Prayer is the most used Eucharist Prayer in the history of Christianity. It was in this final form by at latest 600 A.D. This English translation of the original Latin was completed by Miles Coverdale (translator of the traditional BCP Psalter) around the time of the English Reformation..

The people kneel.

Therefore, most gracious Father, through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, we humbly beseech thee, and we desire, that thou accept, and bless, these + gifts, these + presents,

these holy + and unspotted sacrifices, which, first of all, we offer unto thee for thy holy Catholic Church: that thou vouchsafe to pacify, keep, unite and govern it throughout the whole world: with our bishops, and all true believers, and such as have the Catholic and Apostolic faith in due estimation. Remember, Lord, thy servants and handmaids, *silence is keep during which the priest and communicants may silently offer prayer intentions*] those who live in this house, those absent and present, and all who stand here round about, whose faith and devotion unto thee is known and manifest: for whom we offer unto thee, or who themselves do offer unto thee, this sacrifice of praise (for them and theirs, for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their salvation and health) and render their vows unto thee, the eternal, living, and true God:

In communion with and in worshipful remembrance of the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ: and also of thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter, Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus: Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian: and of all thy Saints; by whose merits and prayers grant thou that in all things we may be defended with the help of thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord Amen.

Therefore, Lord, we beseech thee, that thou wilt graciously receive this oblation of our bounden service, and of all thy household:

And do thou order our days in thy peace, and command us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered in the flock of thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Which oblation, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, in all things to make + blessed, + appointed, + ratified, + reasonable and + acceptable, that unto us it may be the + Body and + Blood of thy most dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.



Who the next day afore he suffered, took bread into his holy and reverent hands, and his eyes being lifted into heaven unto thee, God almighty his Father, rendering thanks unto thee, he + blessed, he brake, and gave unto his disciples, saying: Take and eat this, ye all. For this is my body.



Likewise after they had supped, he taking this excellent Cup into his holy and reverent hands, rendering thanks also unto thee, + blessed, and gave unto his disciples, saying, Take and drink of this, ye all.



For this is the cup of my blood of the new and everlasting testament: the mystery of faith: which for you and for many shall be shed to the remission of sins. As oft as ye do these things, ye shall do them in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord, we also, thy servants, and thy holy people, being mindful as well of the blessed passion and resurrection, as of the glorious ascension of the same Christ thy Son, our Lord God, do offer unto thy excellent Majesty of thy own rewards and gifts, a + pure host, a + holy host, an + undefiled host, the holy + bread of eternal life, and the + cup of eternal salvation.

Vouchsafe thou also, with a merciful and pleasant countenance, to have respect hereunto: and to accept the same, as thou didst vouchsafe to accept the gifts of thy righteous servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham, and the holy sacrifice, the undefiled host, that the high priest Melchisedek did offer unto thee.

We humbly beseech thee, O Almighty God, command thou these to be brought by the hand of thy holy Angel unto thy high Altar in the presence of thy Divine Majesty, that as many of us as of this partaking of the Altar shall receive thy Son's holy + Body and + Blood may be replenished with all heavenly benediction and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember, Lord, also the souls of thy servants and handmaidens, [*silence is kept during which the priest and communicants may silently offer prayer intentions for those who have died,*] which are gone before us with the mark of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace. We beseech thee, O Lord, that unto them, and unto all such as rest in Christ, thou wilt grant a place of refreshing, of light, and of peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Unto us sinners also, thy servants, hoping of the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to give some portion and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and Martyrs; with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucia, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and with all thy Saints: within whose fellowship we beseech thee to admit us, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses. Through Christ our Lord.

By whom, O Lord, all these good things thou dost ever create, thou sanctifiest, thou + quickenest, thou + blessest, and + givest unto us.

Through him + , and + with him, and + in him, is unto thee, God the Father + Almighty, in the unity of the+ Holy Ghost, all honor and glory. World without end.

Amen.

PATER NOSTER

Commanded by saving precepts, and taught by divine example, we are bold to say:

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever.

Amen.

PAX

The Body of Christ is broken. A period of silence is kept.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
(strike breast) **Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
(strike breast) **Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
(strike breast) **Grant us thy peace.**

ECCE AGNUS DEI

+ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

🔔 (strike breast) **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized and believing Christians, regardless of denominational affiliation, are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Those not able or not wishing to receive for any reason are invited to receive a blessing instead.

In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained under the species of bread and wine.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. (1 Corinthians 11:26-29, KJV)

The Body and the Blood are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

THE ABLUTIONS

The remaining elements are consumed, and the vessels are purified.

THE POST-COMMUNION

All kneel

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

How wonderful art thou, O gracious God, in all thy dealings with thy people! We praise thee now, and give thee thanks, because in the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ thou hast visited this house and hallowed it by thy presence. Stay among us, we beseech thee, to bind us together in thy love and peace. May we serve thee, and others in thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

All remain kneeling

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The blessing of God Almighty, the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

All stand

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

