

Solemn Mass

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Preparation

Ministers

1. Celebrant (C) vested in chasuble.
2. Deacon (D) vested in dalmatic.
3. Subdeacon (SD) vested in tunic.
4. D and SD are in folded chasubles...

Servers

1. Master of Ceremonies (MC)
2. Thurifer (TH)
3. Two Acolytes (ACs)
4. Crossbearer (CB)
5. Maximum of eight torchbearers (TBs)

Altar

1. Missal on the Epistle side open to the Introit.
2. Antependium and tabernacle veil the color of the office.
3. Altar cards.

Epistle Credence

1. Chalice, covered in humeral veil the color of the Mass, rather than the chalice veil as in low Mass.
2. Chalice veil behind the chalice.

3. Cruets.

4. Small dish and finger towel for Lavabo.

Procession

Sacristy

1. After ministers are vested, TH receives incense from C, D ministering, asking for the blessing.
2. Once all is prepared MC says *Proce damus*, and the procession begins.

Order of the Procession

1. TH
2. CB, flanked by ACs
3. TBs
4. Choir, in ascending order
5. SD
6. D
7. C
8. B (if present)

Introibo – Introit

Arrival and Prayers at the Foot of the Altar

1. All servers/choir members genuflect upon arriving at the altar. Choir members, if they be

processing two by two, bow slightly to each other after reverencing the cross, and then turning towards one another, go to their places in choir.

2. SD and D flank C at the foot of the altar. SD and D remove their birettas before C, D taking C's biretta.
3. MC takes birettas from D, then from SD, not genuflecting as he crosses the center.
4. MC signals a genuflection for the ministers only, genuflecting with them. MC signals for all to kneel, except for the ministers, who begin the prayers at the foot of the altar.
5. MC places the birettas at the sedillia, then joins the ministers for the prayers, kneeling at the right a slightly behind D, responding with the SD and D. Meanwhile an AC should close the sanctuary gates.
6. After *Orémus* C ascends the altar, SD and D helping with his alb, themselves ascending with him. MC signals for all to rise.

Incensation

1. C kisses the altar. Meanwhile, MC signals the TH to receive incense from C, D assisting and asking for the blessing in the usual manner.
2. As incense is being imposed, MC takes the missal from the altar and holds it, standing to the Epistle side.
3. After the imposition, TH hands thurible to D, takes the boat from D and joins MC, standing to his left.
4. C incenses the altar, D to his right and SD to his left.
5. When C arrives at the Epistle side, completing the incensation, D and SD stand before him, facing the Gospel side; D receives the thurible, then both descend to the floor, turning towards one another while descending. MC stands behind D, TH stands behind SD.

6. D incenses C with three doubles, D, SD, MC and TH bowing profoundly before and after.

Introit

1. C stands before the missale with MC to his right; D is behind and to the right of C; SD behind and to the right of D.

Kyrie – Gospel

Offertory – Secrets

Preface – Canon

Post-Canon

Communion

Ablutions

Postcommunions – Last Gospel

Conclusion

Asperges

Sermon

Communion of the Faithful

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