The Order of Mass

The Introductory Rites

The Introductory Rites help the faithful come together as one, establish communion and prepare themselves to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

All stand. The Priest approaches the altar with the ministers and venerates it while the Entrance Song is sung.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

The Communion Rite

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

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You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.

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You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

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The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

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Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

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The Gloria

When indicated this hymn is either sung or said:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

The Concluding Rites

The Concluding Rites send the people forth to put into effect in their lives what they have received.

Blessing

The blessing of the people.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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Amen.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Only Begotten Son of God,
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the first-born of the dead, and the Son of the Father, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

The Creed
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed
At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, and died; he descended into hell; he was trodden under foot by hell; he ascended into heaven; he sits at the right hand of the Father; he will come again in glory, and will judge all nations; He will judge all the dead, both small and great.

The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from death; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

The Liturgy of the Word
By hearing the word proclaimed in worship, the faithful again enter into the unending dialogue between God and the covenant people, a dialogue sealed in the sharing of the Eucharistic food and drink.

First Reading
To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM
After the First Reading the psalmist or cantor sings or says the Psalm, with the people making the response.

Second Reading
On Sundays and certain other days there is a second reading. It concludes with the same response as above.

Gospel
The assembly stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation to welcome the Gospel. They remain standing in honour of the Gospel reading, the high point of the Liturgy of the Word.

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist
For Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. It is the vital centre of all that the Church is and does, because at its heart is the real presence of the crucified, risen and glorified Lord, continuing and making available his saving work among us.

During the Offertory Song the gifts of bread and wine are brought in procession. The Priest offers the prayers of blessing quietly at the altar. If the priest says the prayers aloud the assembly's acclamation each time is:

Blessed be God for ever.

The Priest completes additional personal preparatory rites, and the people rise as he says:

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The Mystery of Faith
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

The Priest concludes the Preface with the people, singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration the priest says:

The prayer of the faithful.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

At the conclusion of the prayer the Priest takes the chalice and paten with the host and, raising both, he says:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect
When this hymn is concluded, the Priest says:
Let us pray.
And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.

Then the Priest says the Collect prayer, at the end of which the people acclaim:
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

Then the Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:
Amen.

The Prayer of the Faithful
After each intention there is a pause while the faithful pray.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

The Priest concludes with a collect. When the Liturgy of the Word has been completed, the people sit.