

# Mass Responses & Prayers

For use during the YouTube Mass on May 16, 2021—The Ascension of the Lord

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### SIGN OF THE CROSS

### GREETINGS

### PENITENTIAL ACT

*Priest:* You were sent to heal the contrite of heart.

*People:* Lord, have mercy.

*Priest:* You came to call sinners.

*People:* Christ, have mercy.

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

*People:* Lord, have mercy.

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Response:* God mounts his throne to shout of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

*Lector:* All you peoples, clap your hands,  
shout to God with cries of gladness;  
for the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,  
is the great king over all the earth.

*Response:* God mounts his throne to shout of joy: a blare  
of trumpets for the Lord.

*Lector:* God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;  
the LORD, amid trumpets blasts.  
Sing praise to God, sing praise;  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

*Response:* God mounts his throne to shout of joy: a blare  
of trumpets for the Lord.

*Lector:* For king of all the earth is God;  
sing hymns of praise.  
God reigns over the nations,  
God sits upon his holy throne.

*Response:* God mounts his throne to shout of joy: a blare  
of trumpets for the Lord.

### SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

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*People:* Thanks be to God.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## HOMILY

*Please see Monsignor's homily in today's bulletin.*

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### INVITATION TO PRAYER

**Priest:** Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **PREFACE DIALOGUE**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them up to the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right and just.

### **PREFACE ACCLAMATION**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH**

*Priest:* The mystery of faith.

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

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*People:*

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.

*Priest:* Deliver us, Lord,

we pray, from every evil,

graciously grant peace in our days,

that, by the help of your mercy,

we may be always free from sin

and safe from all distress,

as we await the blessed hope

and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*People:* For the kingdom,

the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever.

### **SIGN OF PEACE**

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*People:* And with your spirit.

## **LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

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have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Priest:* Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*People:* Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word,

and my soul shall be healed.

## **A PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus Christ, you promised to be with your church  
always, until the end of time.

We long to experience your presence more deeply and  
more intimately, even when we cannot gather in person as  
church to celebrate Eucharist.

We believe that you are present when we gather to  
worship.

We believe you are present in your ordained minister  
and in your sacred word when the Scriptures are  
proclaimed.

And we believe you are present when your sacred body  
and blood become our food and drink.

Our relationship with you is truly grace.

When I am not able to be physically present at the  
Eucharist with the community, help me to strengthen and  
deepen my relationship with you as I seek to encounter  
and serve you, not only in prayer but all I meet, especially  
in the poor and needy of our world.

Amen.

## **CONCLUDING RITES (& BLESSINGS)**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Priest:* And may Almighty God bless us in the name of the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Go in peace,  
glorifying the Lord by your lives.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

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