

Shorter Form Holy Eucharist

The people stand. The Priest intones:

THE INVOCATION

1 **P. In the Name of the Father ☩ and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. ☩. Amen.**

ASPERGES

Receiving the aspergill, the Priest makes the sign of the cross over himself with it, saying:

P. May the Lord purify me that I may worthily perform His service.

Sprinkling the altar in the middle, then the chancel to his left and to his right, he continues:

In the strength of the Lord do I repel all evil from this His holy altar and sanctuary,

Turning to the people and sprinkling them with the same triple motion:

and from this House, wherein we worship Him;

Turning back to the altar and resigning the aspergill:

2 **and I pray our heavenly Father that He will send His holy Angel to build for us a spiritual Temple through which His strength and blessing may be poured forth upon His people; through Christ our Lord. ☩. Amen.**

Turning to the people, the Priest says:

Brethren, let us now lay the foundation of our Temple.

THE CANTICLE

He turns to the altar and all sing this Canticle, except that the Priest alone chants the first half of the first verse.

Antiphon

**Christ is our foundation:
And our chief corner-stone.**

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1. **We are no more strangers and foreigners: but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God;**
 2. **And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets: Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone.**
 3. **In whom all the building fitly framed together: groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord;**

4. In whom ye also are builded together: for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

5. Except the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it.

6. The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal: let everyone that nameth the Name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Antiphon

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And our chief corner-stone.**

CONFITEOR

All kneel, and say together:

O Lord, Thou hast created us to be immortal and made us to be an image of Thine own eternity; yet often we forget the glory of our heritage and wander from the path which leads to righteousness. But Thou, O Lord, hast made us for Thyself and our hearts are ever restless till they find their rest in Thee. Look with the eyes of Thy love upon our manifold imperfections and pardon all our shortcomings, that we may be filled with the brightness of the everlasting light, and become the unspotted mirror of Thy power and the image of Thy goodness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

P. God the Father, God the ☩ Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve and sanctify you; the Lord in His lovingkindness look down upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord ✠ absolve you from all your sins and grant you the grace and comfort of the
4 Holy Spirit. *℟*. Amen.

The people rise.
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P. *(turning to the altar)*. With praise and with prayer shall our Temple be built.

6 C. To God alone be the glory.

THE CENSING

The Priest blesses the incense, censens the altar in due and ancient form and is himself censured, the people being seated.

7 P. The Lord be with you.
C. And with thy spirit.

THE INTROIT

8 ✠ Blessed be the Holy Trinity, the undivided Unity, eternal, immortal, invisible, to whom be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. O Lord our God, how excellent is Thy Name in all the world. 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. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, the undivided Unity, eternal, immortal, invisible, to whom be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

KYRIE

The Kyrie is sung by all together, the people kneeling.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(The Gloria is omitted during the Lent and Advent seasons.)

This is sung by all together, the people standing. The head is bowed at the words 'we worship Thee', 'we give thanks to Thee' and 'receive our prayer.'

Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill. 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 Christ, alone-born {the only-begotten Son} of the Father; O Lord God, In-dwelling Light, Son of the Father, whose wisdom mightily and sweetly ordereth all things, pour forth Thy love; Thou whose strength upholdeth and sustaineth all creation, receive our prayer; Thou whose beauty shineth through the whole universe, unveil Thy glory.

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.

P. The Lord be with you.

9 C. And with thy spirit.

THE COLLECTS

P. Let us pray.

The Priest intones the Collect of the Day and other Collects, if any, and finally the following Collect for peace:

P. Teach us, O Lord, to see Thy life [in all men and] in all the peoples of Thine earth, and so guide the nations into the understanding of Thy laws that peace and good-will may reign upon earth; through Christ our Lord. ✠. Amen.

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[THE EPISTLE

The people are seated. At High Celebration the Epistle is read by the Subdeacon (or a separate Epistoler may be appointed).

The Epistle ended, all stand and sing:

13 **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

All sing the Gradual, after the Priest alone has chanted the first half of the first verse.

14 **He that loveth wisdom loveth life: and they that seek her early shall be filled with joy.**

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

The path of the just is as the shining light: shining more and more unto the perfect day.

MUNDA COR MEUM

At High Celebration the Gospel is read by the Deacon (or a separate Gospeller may be appointed). He kneels before the centre of the altar and intones the following prayer:

15 **Cleanse my heart and my lips, O God, who by the hand of Thy Seraph didst cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaiah with a burning coal from Thine altar, and in Thy loving-kindness so purify me that I may worthily proclaim Thy holy Gospel; through Christ our Lord. R̄. Amen.**

The Celebrant blesses him in the following words.

May the Lord be in thy ✙ heart and on thy ✙ lips, that through thy heart the love of God may shine forth and through thy lips His power be made manifest. R̄. Amen.

If the Celebrant be without assistants, he himself intones both the prayer and the blessing, substituting 'my' for 'thy' in the latter.

THE GOSPEL

The Deacon or Gospeller sings:

16 **The Lord be with you.
C. And with thy spirit.**

As soon as the Gospel is announced all sing the following, making the sign of the cross with the right thumb upon the forehead, lips and breast successively:

17 **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel ended, all sing:

18 **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.]**

THE SERMON

If there be a sermon, it follows here, preceded by the Invocation. In the Name of the Father ☩ and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. ℞. Amen, and followed by this ascription of glory to the Blessed Trinity:

And now to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost, Three Persons in one God, be ascribed, as is most justly due, all honour, might, majesty, power and dominion, now, henceforth and for evermore. ℞. Amen.

THE ACT OF FAITH

Any other approved Creed or Act of Faith as shown on pages 10 and 11 may be used instead of the following, if preferred.

19 **All. We believe that God is Love, and Power, and Truth, and Light; that perfect justice rules the world; that all His children shall one day reach His feet, however far they stray. We hold the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man; we know that we do serve Him best when best we serve our brother man. So shall His blessing rest on us ☩ and peace for evermore. Amen.**

Or

CREDO

We 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 {alone-born} Son of God; begotten of His Father before all ages, 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 (here all genuflect in reverence for the mystery of the Incarnation) and was incarnate of the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (All rise again.) 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 we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead ☩ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit.

A hymn may be sung here and the offerings taken.

OFFERTORIUM

The people are seated. The Priest offers the host, saying.:

P. We adore Thee, O God, who art the source of all life and goodness, and with true and thankful hearts we offer unto Thee this token of Thine own life-giving gifts bestowed upon us, Thou who art the giver of all.

He pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying:

According to immemorial custom, we now mix water with this wine, praying Thee, O Lord, that we may evermore abide in Christ and He in us.

He offers the chalice, saying:

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, this chalice with joy and gladness; may the worship which we offer ascend before Thy Divine Majesty as a sacrifice, pure and acceptable in Thy sight; through Christ our Lord. R̄. Amen.

THE SECOND CENSING

A hymn may be sung here (if not after the Act of Faith) while the offertory alms are being collected, and during that hymn the Priest censes the oblations and the altar in due and ancient form. The Priest holds up the censer before the centre of the altar, saying:

As this incense rises before Thee, O Lord, so let our prayer be set forth in Thy sight. Let Thy holy Angels encompass Thy people and breathe forth upon them the spirit of Thy blessing.

As he returns the censer to the thurifer or Deacon, he says:

May the Lord enkindle within us the fire of His love and the flame of everlasting charity.

He is himself censed, as are afterwards the choir and people, who stand for this ceremony, bowing before and after. The Priest cleanses his fingers and says, turning towards the people:

ORATE FRATRES

P. Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

C. May the Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands and sanctify our lives in His service.

P. [Let us pray.]

We lay before Thee, O Lord, these Thy creatures of bread and wine, in ☩ token of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for here we offer and present unto Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and continual sacrifice unto Thee. May our strength be spent in Thy service, and our love poured forth upon Thy people, Thou who
22 **livest for ever and ever. ℟̄. Amen.**

The people rise.

P. The Lord be with you.
23 **C. And with thy spirit.**

SURSUM CORDA

P. Lift up your hearts.
24 **C. We lift them up unto the Lord.**
P. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
25 **C. It is meet and right so to do.**

PREFACE

P. 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. (Here follows the proper Preface, if any.) Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones, Dominations, Princedoms, Virtues, Powers, with Cherubim and Seraphim, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

The people kneel and all sing:

26 **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.**

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Priest continues:

P. O Lord, these our oblations have served as tokens and channels of our love and devotion towards Thee; but now we pray Thee to receive, to ✠ purify and to ✠ hallow them as earthly channels of Thy wondrous power. We desire to offer this holy Sacrifice especially for Thy holy catholic Church, for N.¹ and all that are put in authority under him, N. our Presiding Bishop, N. our Bishop, for all our Bishops, clergy and faithful, for those here present, and for all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity (especially . . .). Likewise do we offer it for all those Thy children whom it hath pleased Thee to deliver from the burden of the flesh (especially for . . .), that, freed from earthly toil and care, they may enjoy the felicity of Thy Presence, evermore praising Thee in word and deed, O God, everlasting, living and true.

With hands spread over the offerings, he continues:

Wherefore, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, we pray Thee to look down on and accept as a channel these offerings, and with Thy Holy Spirit and Word to ✠ bless, ✠ approve and ✠ ratify them that they may become for us His most precious ✠ Body and ✠ Blood.

Who the day before He suffered took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and with His eyes lifted up to heaven unto Thee, God, His Almighty Father, giving thanks to Thee, He ✠ blessed, brake, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat ye all of this, for

THIS IS MY BODY.

In like manner, after He had supped, taking also this noble chalice into His holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to Thee, He ✠ blessed it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and drink ye all of this, for

THIS IS MY BLOOD.

As oft as ye shall do these things, ye shall do them in remembrance of Me.

After some moments of silent adoration, the following verse shall be sung very softly, all devoutly kneeling:

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**Thee we adore, O hidden Splendour, Thee,
Who in Thy Sacrament dost deign to be;
We worship Thee beneath this earthly veil,
And here Thy presence we devoutly hail.**

¹ Here shall reference be made to the head of the State.

[After a short pause all stand and sing the Adeste Fideles, as under:

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, Monarch of the Angels;
O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, thronéd on Thine altar;
Ever to Thee be highest glory given.
Word of the Father, Splendour everlasting;
O come, let us adore Him; etc. Amen.**

The people again kneel.]

P. Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we Thy humble servants, bearing in mind the ineffable sacrifice of Thy Son, do offer unto Thee this, the most precious gift which Thou hast bestowed upon us, in token of our ✝ love, and of the perfect ✝ devotion and ✝ sacrifice of our ✝ minds and ✝ hearts to Thee; and we pray that Thou wouldst command Thy holy Angel to bear our oblation to Thine altar on high, there to be offered by Him who, as the eternal High Priest, for ever offers Himself as the eternal Sacrifice.

And we do pray for Thy servant who ministers at this altar, that, meetly celebrating the mysteries of the most holy ✝ Body and ✝ Blood of Thy Son, he may be ✝ filled with Thy mighty power and blessing.

He makes this last cross upon himself.

Likewise we pray Thee to sanctify Thy people here present with these Thy heavenly gifts and through these mysteries do Thou ✝ hallow, ✝ quicken and ✝ bless them, that both in their hearts and in their lives they may show forth Thy praise and glorify Thy holy Name.

He makes with the Host the sign of the cross three times over the Chalice.

All these things do we ask, O Father, in the Name and through the mediation of Thy most blessed Son, for we acknowledge and confess with our hearts and lips that ✝ by Him were all things made, yea, all things both in heaven and earth; ✝ with Him as the indwelling Life do all things exist, and ✝ in Him as the transcendent Glory all things live and move and have their being:

Then horizontally twice between the Chalice and the breast.

To whom with Thee, O mighty ✝ Father, in the unity of the Holy ✝ Spirit, be ascribed all honour and glory, throughout the ages of ages. ℞. Amen.

The Priest here holds the Host directly over the Chalice and raises both to the level of the eyes.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS

P. Here do we give unto Thee, O Lord, most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in the holy Lady Mary and in all Thy glorious Saints from the beginning of the world, who have been the choice vessels of Thy grace and a shining light unto many generations.

Here the Priest crosses himself with the paten.

And we ✙ join with them in worship before Thy great white throne, whence flow all love and light and blessing through all the worlds which Thou hast made.

O Son of God, who showest Thyself this day upon a thousand altars and yet art one and indivisible, in token of Thy great Sacrifice we break this Thy Body,

Here the Celebrant breaks the Host in half over the Chalice and with a small Particle thereof makes the sign of the cross thrice over the Chalice and finally at the words 'one in Thee' drops the Particle into the Chalice.

praying that by this action, ordained from of old, Thy ✙ strength, Thy ✙ peace and Thy ✙ blessing, which Thou dost give us in this holy Sacrament, may be spread abroad upon Thy world; and as Thou, O Lord Christ, wast made known to Thy disciples in the breaking of bread, so may Thy many children know themselves to be one in Thee, even as Thou art one with the Father. R̄. Amen.

THE SALUTATION OF PEACE

The Priest faces the people and, with outstretched arms, says or sings:

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

P. O Thou who in this adorable Sacrament hast left us a living memorial and pledge of Thy marvellous love for mankind, and dost therein graciously draw us into wondrous and mystic communion with Thee, grant us so to receive the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that our souls may be lifted into the immensity of Thy love, and that, being filled with a high endeavour, we may ever be mindful of Thine indwelling Presence and breathe forth the fragrance of a holy life. R̄. Amen.

The Priest communicates in both kinds and administers to the clergy and servers. He blesses the people saying:

✙ Ye that desire to partake of the Body [and Blood] of the Lord, draw nigh and receive this most holy Sacrament.

As he administers the Holy Communion to each, the Priest says:

The Body [and Blood] ✚ of our Lord Christ keep thee unto life eternal.

When all who wish have communicated he performs the ablutions in the usual form and then says:

Under the veil of earthly things now have we communion with our Lord Jesus Christ; soon with open face shall we behold Him, and rejoicing in His glory be made like unto Him. Then shall His true disciples be brought by Him with exceeding joy before the presence of His Father's glory.

COMMUNIO

All stand and sing:

32 **Amen. Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

POSTCOMMUNIO

P. Let us pray.

The people kneel.

33 **P. We who have been refreshed with Thy heavenly gifts do pray Thee, O Lord, that Thy grace may be so grafted inwardly in our hearts that it may continually be made manifest in our lives; through Christ our Lord. ℞. Amen.**

P. The Lord be with you.

34 **C. And with thy spirit.**

P. Ite, missa est.

35 **C. Deo gratias.**

THE BENEDICTION

36 **P. The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. ℞. Amen.**