

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Twoⁱ

The Word of God

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

Everyone who is able will stand and the Celebrant will say:

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, Spirit,

All: And blessed be God's realm of love, now and for ever. Amen.

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

A hymn or other song of praise may be sung

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Lessons

The people sit for the readings. One, two, or three lessons are read. At least one of the three normally will be from extra-canonical sources, and one will be from Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John.

Psalms, hymns, other music, or silence may be shared between the readings.

Before each reading, the reader will say

A reading from _____

After each reading, the reader will say

The Word of God
All: Thanks be to God.

or the reader will say

Here ends the reading.

Before the reading from the Gospel, the appointed person will say,

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to _____

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Sermon or Homily normally will be shared by the people following a brief reflection/meditation by the Priest or appointed person.

Following the Sermon and sharing, there will be a period of silence.

Prayers and Concerns of the People

Various forms of prayers are found on pp. . They can also be spontaneous.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with an invitational sentence.

During the Offertory, a hymn or some other song may be sung. Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, juice, wine, and money or other gifts, to the Celebrant. The people gather round the Altar while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The Great Thanksgiving (one of the rites in the St. Clare's Worship Book will be used)

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or other songs may be sung.

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, Father and Mother,
You have graciously accepted us as living members of Christ's Body,
And you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve
you with gladness and singleness of heart. Through Jesus our Brother and Christ, we
pray. Amen.

A closing hymn or song may be sung.

The Passing of the Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of God be always with you.

All: And also with you.

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