



THE LORD'S DAY IN CHURCH

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 13th May 2021

**THIS SHEET IS SINGLE USE ONLY
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT IN CHURCH AFTER MASS**

Please remember social distancing, remaining at least two metres away from each other person at all times. **Masks or face coverings are mandatory (for all who are not exempt).** There will be no singing at Mass and certain other elements are omitted or abbreviated, in order to minimise the amount of time spent inside.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1: 11

A: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

P: Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

A: For we have sinned against you.

P: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

A: And grant us your salvation.

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

A: Amen.

P: Lord, have mercy.

A: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

A: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

A: Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria

A: 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. 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 Collect

P: Let us pray.

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

A: Amen.

All sit for the readings

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A Reading from the book of Acts of the Apostles.

(1:1-11: He was lifted up while they looked on.)

R: The word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 46(47):2-3,6-9*

R. **God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

1 All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. R.

2 God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. R.

3 God is king of all the earth, sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. R.

Second Reading

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

(1:17-23: He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.)

(or 4:1-13: Fully mature with the fullness of Christ.)

R: The word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Gospel:

The Gospel

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And with your spirit.

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Mark 16:15-20: He was taken up into heaven; there at the right hand of God he took his place.)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

All sit

Profession of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)*

All stand

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.

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 the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

All sit. The Prayer of the Faithful (Intercessions) are omitted, so you may wish to use the time while the priest prepares the gifts at the altar to think of your prayers for the Church and the world, and for your own particular intentions for this Mass.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

There will be no procession of gifts or collection at Mass today: your

REMEMBER—KEEP 2 METRES APART WHEREVER POSSIBLE

donations to Church may be made online, or placed safely in the boxes.

All stand when the priest says:

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

A: **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.**

Prayer over the Gifts

P: We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. Through Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

A: **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: **It is right and just.**

The priest says the Preface, praising God and leading to the song of the hoist of heaven, in which we join:

A: **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.**

All kneel

The priest says the Eucharistic Prayer, remembering the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Bread and Wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus for us.

P: The mystery of faith.

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

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, as we pray for the Church and the World, and ask that this holy sacrifice may help us be an offering to God.

The prayer concludes:

P: 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.

A: Amen.

All stand

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

P: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

A: **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.

P: 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 Saviour, Jesus Christ.

A: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

A: Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A: **And with your spirit.**

P: *(In these or similar words)* Though we do not exchange a sign of peace, we pause for a moment to fill our minds and hearts with thoughts of peace for our families, our neighbours, our enemies and our friends.

Breaking of the Bread

A: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

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

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

All kneel

Invitation to Communion

P: 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.

A: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

P: *(In these or similar words)* We will not say the words we usually say when receiving communion today: instead in a moment I will hold up the host and chalice, and we will acclaim the presence of Jesus by saying "Amen" all together.

The priest holds up the Host to the Congregation and says "The Body of Christ" to which the people respond "Amen." In the same way, he elevates the chalice and says, "The Blood of Christ" and again the people respond "Amen."

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28: 20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Holy Communion

Communion is given silently in the hand only, with the communicant standing, and avoiding any physical contact. Please wait in your place until invited to move forward for Holy Communion by the Stewards, always being aware of social distancing and remaining at least two metres away from the person in front of you. When you approach the priest or minister, do so with arms at "full stretch" so that there is a good distance between you. Your hands, palms upwards, one of top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible.

Having received Holy Communion, return to your place in an orderly manner as directed.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. *All stand*
Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. Through Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing and Dismissal

P: The Lord be with you.

A: **And with your spirit.**

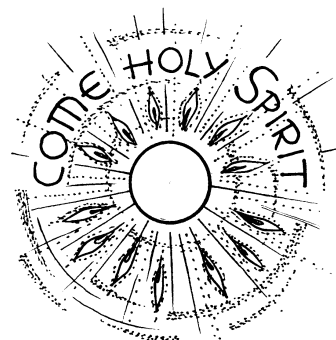
P: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: Go forth, the Mass is ended!

A: **Thanks be to God!**

Please leave church promptly, following any one way system, so that stewards can thoroughly clean the church after Mass. Thank you.



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