

HOLY LAND MISSAL



THE ORDER FOR MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Entrance Antiphon

After the *Entrance Antiphon* the priest makes the sign of the cross, and says:

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

S/He says:

Priest: The Lord be with you *or*
Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
All: and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

Which the priest introduces with suitable words. After a pause for reflection:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name

Or see PENITENTIAL RITES (p.12)

Priest: May Almighty God have mercy upon us, ✠
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. *Amen.*

The Gloria in Excelsis may be said:

Priest: Glory to God in the highest,
All: and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
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 Opening Prayer

The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words "Let us pray". The Collect is then offered and all respond: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Responsorial Psalm is said followed by the Alleluia verse

Gospel Reading

Priest: **The Lord be with you**

All: and also with you.

After the gospel is announced:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Creed is said on Sundays and Holy Days:

All: **We believe in one God,**
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven (*all bow*);
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again 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.
We 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 worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Gifts

The priest, standing at the altar, takes the paten with the bread and, holding it slightly, raises it above the altar, saying:

**Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.**

All: Blessed be God for ever.

As s/he adds a little water to the wine s/he says:

Priest: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Then, taking the chalice holding it slightly, raises it above the altar, saying:

**Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.**

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The priest bows and says quietly:

**Lord God, we ask you to receive us
and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you
with humble and contrite hearts.**

Next the priest stands at the side of the altar and washes his hands, saying quietly:

Lord, wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Standing at the centre of the altar, facing the people, (s)he extends and then joins his hands, saying:

Priest: Pray, brethren, *(or other, suitable, words)* that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: 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 Church.

*With hands extended, the priest now says the **Prayer over the Gifts.***

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

With hands extended, the priest sings or says:

Priest: **The Lord be with you**

All: *and also with you.*

The priest raises his/her hands:

Priest: **Lift up your hearts.**

All: *We lift them to the Lord.*

With joined hands:

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

All: *It is right to give thanks and praise.*

With extended hands, the priest uses this or another of the **Eucharistic Prefaces**

**Priest: Father, we give you thanks and praise
 through Jesus Christ, your living Word,
 through whom you have created all things;
 who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.**

**By the power of the Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin.,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms to us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:**

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 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 A

With extended hands, the priest continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,

The priest joins his hands and holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

(S)he joins his hands and, making the sign of the cross once over both bread and chalice
says:

these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
his body ✠ and blood;

(S)he joins his hands. The following is said in a normal voice, as the meaning requires:
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

(S)he takes the bread and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

(S)he bows slightly.

**Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.**

(S)he shows the consecrated host to the people, places it on the paten, and genuflects in
adoration. (S)he then continues:

In the same way, after supper he took the cup

(S)he takes the chalice and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:
and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

(S)he bows slightly.

**Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.**

(S)he shows the consecrated Chalice to the people, places it on the paten, and genuflects in

adoration. (S)he then continues:

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

*or: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory*

*or: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory*

*or: Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the saviour of the world*

Then, with hands extended, the priest says:

Accept through him our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these Holy Gifts
in the presence of your Divine Majesty,
renew us by your Spirit ✠
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

So that we, in the company of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,
the apostles, martyrs *[N]* and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,

The priest joins his hands.

through Jesus Christ our Lord;

(S)he takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, lifting them up, says or sings:
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

After a period of silence and with closed hands, and suitable words, the priest invites the people to join in the Our Father. As (s)he begins the prayer, the priest slightly opens his hands:

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

With extended hands, the priest continues:

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

The priest joins his hands and holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,

(S)he joins his hands and, making the sign of the cross once over both bread and chalice
says:

these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body ✠ and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

(S)he joins his hands. The following is said in a normal voice, as the meaning requires:
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

(S)he takes the bread and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

(S)he bows slightly.

**Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.**

(S)he shows the consecrated host to the people, places it on the paten, and genuflects in
adoration. (S)he then continues:

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and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

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**Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.**

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we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory*

*or: Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the saviour of the world*

Then, with hands extended, the priest says:

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,
the apostles, martyrs *[N]* and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,

The priest joins his hands.
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

(S)he takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, lifting them up, says or sings:
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

After a period of silence and with closed hands, and suitable words, the priest invites the people to join in the Our Father. As (s)he begins the prayer, the priest slightly opens his hands:

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

- Priest:**
- A. Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us.**
 - B. Jesus taught us to call God our Father and so we have the courage to say:**
 - C. Let us ask our Father to forgive our sins and to bring us to forgive those who sin against us.**
 - D. Let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom as Jesus taught us.**

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.

With extended hands, the priest continues alone:

**Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin
and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ**

The priest closes his hands.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

With extended hands, the priest continues alone:

**Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles;
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever. *Amen.***

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

All: And also with you.

All now exchange the sign of peace. The priest breaks the Sacred Host as the *Agnus Dei* is said or sung:

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us. (2)
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Meanwhile the priest takes the host and breaks it over the paten. (S)he places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:

**May the co-mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.**

Private Preparation of the Priest.

The priest joins his hands and says quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ, with faith in your love and mercy I eat your body and drink your blood. Let it not bring me condemnation, but health in mind and body.

The priest genuflects. Taking the Host, (s)he raises it slightly over the paten and, facing the people, says aloud:

**Priest: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are they who are called to his supper.**

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

An appropriate Sentence is said.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

After a period of silence, the priest invites the people to stand. (S)he goes to the altar and says: **Let us pray.** The priest then extends his hands and says the **Post-Communion Prayer**. After the Proper Prayer, the priest joins his hands and all may say:

**All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The priest extends his/her hands and says:

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

(S)he joins her hands and blesses them, saying:

**Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

With joined hands the priest says:

**The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
(Alleluia, alleluia!)**

All: Thanks be to God. (Alleluia, alleluia!)

PENITENTIAL RITES

ANNUNCIATION

You sent your Holy Angel to the Virgin Mary.
Forgive our blindness
at your presence amongst us:
Lord, have mercy; *Lord, have mercy.*

You sought a dwelling in earth.
Forgive our lack of hospitality
to those in need:
Christ, have mercy; *Christ, have mercy.*

The Holy Virgin accepted your call
To be your Mother on earth.
Forgive our disobedience to your will:
Lord, have mercy; *Lord, have mercy.*

GALILEE

Your creation reveals your glory
Yet we have abused and misused it:
Lord, have mercy; *Lord, have mercy.*

Your call echoes in our hearts
yet we close our ears to your word:
Christ, have mercy; *Christ, have mercy.*

We have heard the good news of Christ
yet we have failed to share it with others:
Lord, have mercy; *Lord, have mercy.*

TRANSFIGURATION

We have lived by our own strength
and not by the power of your resurrection:
Lord, have mercy; *Lord, have mercy.*

We have lived by the light of our own eyes
and not recognised your glory
shining through the world:
Christ, have mercy; *Christ, have mercy.*

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
Lord, have mercy; *Lord, have mercy.*

THE PASSION

Our selfishness betrays you:
Lord, have mercy; *Lord, have mercy.*

We turn from the pain
of your abuse and suffering:
Christ, have mercy; *Christ, have mercy.*

We are afraid of being called your disciples:
Lord, have mercy; *Lord, have mercy.*

BETHLEHAM

Your Son, our Saviour,
was born in the poverty of a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways:
Lord, have mercy; *Lord, have mercy.*

The Shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem:
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.
Christ, have mercy; *Christ, have mercy.*

The Wise Men followed the star
to find the new-born King:
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
Lord, have mercy; *Lord, have mercy.*

THE RESURRECTION

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy; *Lord, have mercy.*

You bring pardon and peace
to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy; *Christ, have mercy.*

You reveal yourself in Word and Sacrament:
Lord, have mercy; *Lord, have mercy.*

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HOLY LAND MISSAL



**PROPERS FOR
THE HOLY PLACES**

NAZARETH

MASS OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Entrance Antiphon:

As Christ came into the world, he said:
Behold! I have come to do your will, O God. (*Heb. 10:5,7*)

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray that the Word may be formed in our hearts;

God most high,
you extended your gracious mercy
to the whole human race through your Son, Jesus Christ,
who took flesh of the Virgin Mary.
You gave him to the world as your servant,
whose delight was to do your will.

Keep the Church, which is his body, faithful to your purpose,
that all the ends of the earth may know your saving power.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Offertory prayer:

Almighty Father,
as we recall the beginning of the Church
when your Son became flesh,
may we celebrate with joy today this sacrament of your love.
Amen.

Preface:

Father, all holy and ever-loving God,
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Virgin Mary heard with faith the message of the angel,
and by the power of your Holy Spirit
conceived and bore the Word made flesh.
From the warmth of her womb to the stillness of the grave
he shared our life in human form.
In him new light has dawned upon the world
and you have become one with us
that we might become one with you in your glorious kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end: *Holy, holy, holy ...*

Communion Antiphon:

The Virgin is with child and shall bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel

Post-communion Prayer:

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AT THE SEA OF GALLILEE

MASS OF THE LOAVES AND FISHES

Entrance Antiphon:

When Jesus went ashore he saw a great crowd;
and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. *(Matt. 14: 14)*

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray that we may be nourished by Christ:

God, our hearts desire,
your Son was moved with compassion
by those who sought to be fed.
May we, whose hunger can never be satisfied,
look to Jesus, the Bread of Heaven,
and sit at his feet, who is the source of life,
even Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one eternal God. *Amen.*

Offertory prayer:

Merciful Lord, as you fed the hungry who sat before your Son,
may these gifts we offer sustain all who are fed by them. *Amen.*

Preface:

Father, all holy and ever-loving God,
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord.
He promised the disciples
that he would give them his flesh and blood
for their spiritual food and, as a foretaste,
fed those who sat at his feet.
As he raised his eyes to you, his most holy Father,
said the blessing and broke the bread
this miraculous multiplication of loaves and fishes
provided for the needs of the multitudes gathered here.
May we who gather here marvel at the glorious gift
of Christ's body and blood as we celebrate this Eucharist
and join angels and saints in their great song of praise: *Holy....*

Communion Antiphon:

Jesus sent the crowds away and went to the territory of Magdalan.
(Matt. 15:39)

Post-communion Prayer:

God of yearnings,
your Son built his Church upon the rock of love,
and fed all who came to him.
May we who have celebrated his presence here
be fortified in our faith
that we may be a source of nourishment to all whom we meet,
through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MOUNT TABOR

MASS OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Entrance Antiphon:

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared on this Holy Mount.
The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him. *(Mt 17:5)*

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray:

Transcendent God,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death on the cross;
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. *Amen*

Offertory prayer:

Sanctify, O Lord, we pray, these offerings here made to celebrate
the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son,
and by his radiant splendour cleanse us from the stains of sin.
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.
For he revealed his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses
and filled with the greatest splendour that bodily form
which he shares with all humanity, that the scandal of the Cross
might be removed from the hearts of his disciples and that he might show
how in the Body of the whole Church is to be fulfilled
what so wonderfully shone forth first in its Head.
And so, with the Powers of heaven, we worship you constantly on earth,
and before your majesty without end we acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy ...

Communion Antiphon (1 Jn 3:2)

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Post-communion Prayer:

May the heavenly nourishment we have received, O Lord, we pray, transform us into the likeness of your Son, whose radiant splendour you willed to make manifest in his glorious Transfiguration.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

JERUSALEM

MASS AT ST. ANNE'S *by the Pool of Bethesda*

Entrance Antiphon:

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God,
and afflicted. But by his bruises we are healed. *(Is. 53:4-5)*

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray:

God of power and mercy,
you bring forth springs in the wastelands
and turn despair into hope.

Look not upon the sins of our past,
but lift from our hearts
the failures that weigh us down,
that we may find refreshment and life
in Christ, who suffered and died for us
but is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Offertory prayer:

Merciful God,
you did not spare your only Son, but gave him for us.
Look kindly on the sacrifice we present you,
and take away from us the scourges of your wrath.
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For through the saving Passion of your Son
the whole world has received a heart to confess
the infinite power of your majesty,
since by the wondrous power of the Cross
your compassionate love for the world is revealed
through Christ crucified.
And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:
Holy, holy, holy Lord ...

Communion Antiphon:

Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example
that you should follow in his footsteps. *1 Pt 2:21*

Post-communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

BETHLEHEM

THE SHEPHERD'S FIELDS

Entrance Antiphon:

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields,
keeping watch over their flock by night. (*Lk. 2:13*)

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray that, together with the shepherds,
we might give glory to God:

Father of Light,
your eternal Word leaped down from heaven
in the silent watches of the night.
As the shepherds were led to worship at his birth
may our hearts be open to receive his life
that our lives may be filled with his glory and his peace,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Offertory prayer:

Father,
May we follow the example of your Son
who became man and lived among us.
may we receive the gift of divine life
through these offerings here on earth. *Amen*

Preface:

Father, all holy and ever-loving God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
In the wonder of the incarnation
your eternal Word has brought to the eyes of faith
a new and radiant vision of your glory.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see.
And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord ...

Communion Antiphon:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you, the Holy One,
the Saviour of the world. (*cf. Zech. 9:9*)

Post-communion Prayer:

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord. *Amen.*

A DESERT EUCHARIST

Entrance Antiphon:

In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye. *(Deut. 32:10)*

Opening Prayer

Let us pray that God would be with all who live in solitary places.

Almighty God,
in this barren and exposed place, we are exposed to you.
Our thoughts, feeling and desires are open before you,
and none of our secrets are hidden.

So 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 Lord. *Amen.*

Reading: Deut 4: 32-40.

Responsorial Psalm 63

R. I will bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. **R.**

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself
my lips shall praise you. **R.**

So I will bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.
For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. **R.**

Alleluia:

Alleluia, alleluia. The tempter came and said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But He answered, "It is written, Man does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 5:12-16

Offertory prayer:

To you we come, O Lord,
the true goal of all human desiring,
Through your Holy Spirit may we, like these gifts,
become the Body of Christ and feed the hungry
as we are fed in and through Him. *Amen*

Proper Preface

Father, all holy and ever-loving God,
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
This desert place is a symbol of our standing in your sight.
Here we open ourselves to you;
we desire to be stripped of all that prevents you
entering our hearts and claiming our lives.
In the silence and solitude, in our entrance into this wilderness,
may our prayer rise before you as incense
and your Spirit descend upon us
as it did on your holy men and women of all ages.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
forever praising you and saying:

Communion Antiphon:

I have been the Lord your God ever since the land of Egypt; you
know no God but me, and besides me there is no saviour. It was I
who fed you in the wilderness, in the land of drought.

Prayer after Communion

Father of all,
we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of heaven
As you fed your people, Israel, with manna in the desert
and your servants of old, the hermits
who have dwelt in the deserts of this land,
so may the Sacred Food we have received transform us into Christ
and our lives bear witness to His primacy,
who is the fountain of all life. *Amen.*

EIN KAREM – THE JOURNEY TO EMMAUS

Entrance Antiphon:

Be joyful in God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;
sing the glory of his praise (*Ps. 66:1*)

Opening Prayer:

O God of mystery,
out of death you delivered Christ Jesus,
and he walked in hidden glory with his disciples.

Stir up our faith,
that our hearts may burn within us
at the sound of his word,
and our eyes be opened to recognise him
in the breaking of the bread.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Offertory prayer:

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world. *Amen.*

Preface:

Father, all-merciful and ever-loving God
we give you thanks because Christ our paschal sacrifice
has made us children of the light,
rising to new and everlasting life.
He has opened the gates of heaven
to receive his faithful people.
His death is our ransom from death,
his resurrection is our rising to life.
The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world,
while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory.
Holy, holy, holy Lord ...

Communion Antiphon:

The disciples recognised the Lord in the breaking of the bread.
(Lk. 24:35)

Post-communion Prayer:

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. *Amen.*

MASS OF THANKSGIVING AT THE END OF A PILGRIMAGE

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. *(Ps. 25:8,9)*

Priest:

Our pilgrimage has been a privileged period of grace given us by God
and we who have worshipped in the holy places have been renewed in heart.

The sanctuaries we have visited are a sign of that house not built with hands,
namely, the Body of Christ, in which we are the living stones built upon Christ,
the cornerstone. As we return home, let us live up to the vocation
God has given us: to be a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
a people God claims for his own, so that we may everywhere proclaim
the goodness of him who called us from darkness into his marvellous light.

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray to God with thanksgiving
for the blessings of our journey:

God of our pilgrimage,
you have visited and redeemed your people
and your holiness has been present
in the places you have touched.

We thank you for all the blessings of this pilgrimage
and ask that, as we have known your presence
with us through these days,
so we may realise it throughout our lives.
This we ask in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Offertory prayer:

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we have come to you in faith and listened for your word in this
Land that is holy.
As you break bread

may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world. *Amen.*

Preface:

Father, all-merciful and ever-loving God
we give you thanks for that new and everlasting city
in which you live and reign;
the new Jerusalem which has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,
for you are its glory and its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.
All nations will walk by that light,
and the rulers of the earth will bring into it their glory.
Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night.
Therefore with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven
we join in the unending song which fills that place:
Holy, holy, holy Lord ...

Communion Antiphon:

You are witnesses of these things. And see,
I am sending upon you what my Father promised. (*Lk. 24:48,49*)

Post-communion Prayer:

Blessed are you, O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
From all races of the earth you have chosen a people
dedicated to you, eager to do what is right.
Your grace has moved our hearts to love you more deeply
and to serve you more generously.
As we have received these blessed gifts
so may we tell of your wonderful deeds
and give proof of them in their lives.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer of Blessing:

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth,
who so graciously has accompanied you on this pilgrimage,
continue to keep you under his protection. *Amen.*

May God, who gathered all his scattered children in Christ Jesus,
grant that you will be of one heart and one mind in Christ. *Amen.*

May God, whose goodness inspires in you all that you desire
and achieve, strengthen your devotion by his blessing. *Amen.*

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