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The Parts of Mass

The following is a tabular and summary treatment of the distinct parts of Mass and their variable use in the old form (the 1960 code of rubrics) and the new (the 1969 General Instruction and Order of Mass).

Introductory Rites	<i>Former Rite</i>	<i>New Order of Mass</i>
<i>Part of Mass</i>		
Entrance song	From Roman Gradual (Missal)	Roman Gradual (Missal); Simple Gradual; other psalm text; or other approved song
Greeting		3 options
Penitential rite		3 options
Kyrie	Invariable	Omitted if included in penitential rite
Gloria	Festive Masses of any rank; votive Masses except in violet, etc.	Sundays outside Advent and Lent; solemnities and feasts (= class I and II); solemn local celebrations
Opening prayer	From Mass formulary	Same
Liturgy of the Word		
Readings	From Mass formulary or supplementary weekday lectionary	Three readings as appointed in lectionary (for Sundays and feasts); two readings on other days as in lectionary or with options indicated in General Instruction (no. 319, 320)
Chants	From Mass formulary in Roman Gradual (Missal)	Roman lectionary; if sung: Roman Gradual; Simple Gradual; or other approved psalms
Homily		
Profession of faith	Sundays, class I feasts and votive Masses; class II feasts of the Lord and of B.V.M.; octaves; feast of apostles, etc.	Sundays and solemnities (= class I); solemn local celebrations
General Intercessions (prayer of the faithful)		
Liturgy of the Eucharist		
Offertory song	From Roman Gradual (Missal)	Roman Gradual (Missal); Simple Gradual; other psalm text; or other approved song. Omitted if not sung.
Offertory prayers (said quietly)	From Order of Mass	Same (revised text)
Invitation to prayer (<i>Orate, fratres</i>)	From Order of Mass	Same (revised translation)
Prayer over the gifts	From Mass formulary	From Mass formulary or from weekday Mass (see General Instruction, no. 323)
<i>Eucharistic Prayer</i>		
Preface	Proper or seasonal text indicated	Same, with options indicated for Sundays and common prefaces; may be used with Eucharistic Prayers I, II, III
Eucharistic prayer	Roman canon	I, II, III: may always be used (II, with its own preface or other preface, esp. Sunday or common prefaces); IV: may be used if there is no proper preface (i.e., of a particular feast)
Memorial acclamations		4 options
<i>Communion Rite</i>		
Communion song	From Order of Mass	Same (revised text; choice of prayers said quietly before communion)
Communion song	Roman Gradual (Missal)	Roman Gradual (Missal); Simple Gradual; other psalm text; or other approved song
Period of silence and/or song of praise		
Prayer after communion	From Mass formulary	From Mass formulary or from weekday Mass (see General Instruction, no. 323)
Concluding Rite		
Blessing	From Order of Mass	Same, with added verses on special occasions (e.g., weddings, baptisms)
Dismissal	From Order of Mass	Same (3 translations of dismissal)