

THE COMMUNITY MASS

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

ENTRANCE RITE

STAND

ENTRANCE SONG

The entrance hymn helps us realize most profoundly that we are God's holy people gathered together by him into one Body to worship him. We greet our priest as the most important member of the Christian assembly, and we unite ourselves with him as our representative.

In Masses without music the reader leads the congregation in the following prayers:

Leader: Our help + is in the name of the Lord,
People: **Who made heaven and earth.**
Leader: For a clean mind and a pure heart,
People: **Hear us, Lord, hear us.**
Leader: That we may honor God by loving our neighbor,
People: **Hear us, Lord, hear us.**
Leader: That we may be greatly attentive and truly devout,
People: **Hear us, Lord, hear us.**
Leader: That we may hear in faith and act in love,
People: **Hear us, Lord, hear us.**
Leader: For your blessing on all who are here,
People: **Hear us, Lord, hear us.**
Leader: For those who fail to worship you,
People: **Hear us, Lord, hear us.**
Leader: For the grace of true contrition,
People: **Hear us, Lord, hear us.**
Leader: Let us pray together.

All:

I confess to almighty God, * to blessed Mary, ever-virgin, * to blessed Michael the Archangel, * to blessed John the Baptist, * to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, * to all the saints, * and to you, Father, * that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, * through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. * Therefore, I beseech blessed Mary, ever-virgin, * blessed Michael the Archangel, * blessed John the Baptist, * the holy apostles Peter and Paul, * all the saints, and you, Father and brothers, * to pray to the Lord our God for me.

KYRIE

Priest and people greet Christ, our invisible priest, and express our need to be united with him in order to be able to worship the Father in the right way.

Priest: Lord, have mercy.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**
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People: **Christ, have mercy.**
Priest: Christ, have mercy.
People: **Christ, have mercy.**
Priest: Lord, have mercy.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**
Priest: Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

With the priest let us praise the Lord.

Priest: Glory to God in the highest.
People: And on earth peace to men of good will. *

We praise you. We bless you. We worship you. We glorify you. *
We give you thanks for your great glory. *
Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. *