

# THE SERVER'S GUIDE



*"I am among you as He  
that serveth."*

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# PRAYERS OF THE ORDER OF ST. VINCENT FOR ACOLYTES



Almighty God, grant unto us, Thy servants, so to follow Thy Blessed Martyr Vincent in all purity and constancy of living: that, bearing witness to Thee upon earth, we may attain the palm of everlasting glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Almighty God, Who hast called us Thy servants to the sacred office of Acolyte in Thy Church, that clothed in white we may minister before Thee; we pray Thee of Thy great mercy to guide, strengthen and sanctify us by Thy Holy Spirit, that always doing Thy will, we may, both by our service in Thy house and by our daily life, please Thee and glorify Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, to whom Samuel ministered before Eli the priest, girded with a linen ephod; grant to us Thy servants the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that, like him, we may minister before Thee with a loving heart and due reverence: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## RULES FOR THE SERVER



1. Remember it is a great privilege to be allowed to assist at the Holy Mysteries. Serve in strict accordance with the desires of the Priest whom you may be assisting, irrespective of your own inclinations.
2. Be in the sacristy at least ten minutes before the Service begins. Vest promptly, remembering that the red cassock is not worn (but black) when the color used by the Priest is purple or black.
3. When not holding anything, keep your hands joined on your breast.
4. Do not look about the Church, nor walk carelessly, nor cut corners.
5. Always kneel or stand on the opposite side to the Missal, except at the Last Gospel if you hold the card for the Priest.
6. Always make the proper reverences to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Altar. Genuflect if the Blessed Sacrament is reserved thereon, otherwise bow. When changing position always go to the center first to make the proper reverence.
7. Make the sign of the Cross where marked, and bow when you see words underlined.
8. Respond to be heard.
9. Lift, don't slide the altar book desk, or stand.

## BEFORE THE SERVICE

### 1. Prepare yourself by Prayer.

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O Great and Good God, I have now come into Thy Presence to assist in offering to Thee the Holy Sacrifice as an act of adoration and thanksgiving, of oblation and propitiation, to the praise of Almighty God, in honor of all the Church triumphant, in supplication for the holy souls of the Church expectant, and for the whole church militant, in particular for

that God may in all things be glorified through Christ our Lord.

I thank Thee for allowing me to come. Give me Thy blessing that I may serve with great love and devotion.

Bless the Priest. Bless all the people here, and all who would like to be here. Convert all sinners, O God, accept all my prayers throughout this Holy Service, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*(Other Prayers on Page 31)*

### 2. Vest in proper Cassock and Cotta.

### 3. See that the Altar is ready.

- a. Remove the Cover.
  - b. Place the Book-desk with Missal and Cards in their proper positions.
  - c. Look to the Box of Breads, the Wine and the Water Cruets, the Lavabo Dish and Towel.
  - d. Light the Candle on the Epistle side, then that on the Gospel side.
- ### 4. Return to assist the Priest, and see that his Alb hangs equally.
- ### 5. Make a reverence to the Cross, then to the Priest and go before him into Church.

## THE PREPARATION

*At the Steps of the Altar move a little to the right, turn inwards and bowing to the Priest receive the Biretta: then, turning towards the Altar, make the proper reverence with the Priest.*



*Kneel on the floor, on the Gospel side facing the Altar, near the center, and say the responses slowly, and in a low but clear voice.*

**Priest.** ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Priest.** I will go unto the Altar of God.

**Server.** Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

### PSALM 43

*This Psalm is omitted in Requiems and from Passion Sunday to Maundy Thursday inclusive.*

**Priest.** Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

**Server.** For thou art the God of my strength, why hast Thou put me from Thee: and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

**Priest.** O send out Thy light and Thy truth,  
that they may lead me: and bring me unto  
Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling.

**Server.** And that I may go unto the Altar of  
God, even unto the God of my joy and  
gladness: and upon the harp will I give  
thanks unto Thee, O God, my God.

**Priest.** Why art thou so heavy, O my soul:  
and why art thou so disquieted within me?

**Server.** O put thy trust in God, for I will yet  
give Him thanks, Which is the help of my  
countenance, and my God.

**Priest.** Glory be to the Father, and to the  
Son, and the Holy Ghost;

**Server.** As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be: world without end.

**Amen.**

**Priest.** I will go unto the Altar of God.

**Server.** Even unto the God of my joy and  
gladness.

**Priest.** ✠ Our help is in the Name of the  
Lord.

**Server.** Who hath made Heaven and Earth.

**Priest.** I confess to Almighty God, to blessed  
Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the  
Archangel, to blessed John Baptist, to the  
holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the  
Saints, and to you, my brother, that I  
have sinned exceedingly in thought, word,  
and deed, through my fault, my own fault,  
my own most grievous fault. Therefore I  
beg blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed  
Michael the Archangel, blessed John Bap-  
tist, the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul,

all the Saints, and you, my brother, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Server.** May Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee all thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.

~~Priest.~~ Amen.

~~Server.~~ I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints.

*Turn towards the Priest*

and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed,

*Strike your breast three times*

through my fault, my own fault, my own most grievous fault. Therefore, I beg blessed Mary ever Virgin, Blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints.

*Turn towards the Priest*

and you, Father, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Priest.** May Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee all thy sins and bring thee to everlasting life.

**Server.** Amen.

**Priest.** ✠ May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, absolution and remission of all our sins.

**Server.** Amen.

Priest. Wilt Thou not turn again and quicken us, O Lord?

Server. That Thy people may rejoice in Thee.

Priest. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

Server. And grant us Thy salvation.

Priest. O Lord, hear my prayer.

Server. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Priest. The Lord be with you.

Server. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Let us pray.

Priest and Server. Our Father—

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Server. Amen.

*Rise make the proper reverence, go and kneel on the first step facing the Altar on the Gospel side.*





# THE SERVICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



The Introit is read

The Ten Commandments

*After each of the first nine*

**Server.** Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*After the tenth Commandment*

**Server.** Lord have mercy upon us and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

*or*

Instead of the Commandments

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. and the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Priest.** Lord have mercy or Kyrie eleison.

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**Priest.** Lord have mercy or Wyrle eleison.

If Gloria in Excelsis here said —

**Priest and Server.**

*Kneel or stand according to local custom*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
good will towards men. We praise Thee, we  
bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,  
we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,  
O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father  
Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world, have  
mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins  
of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God  
the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the  
Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy  
Ghost, art most high ✠ in the glory of God  
the Father. Amen.

Priest. The Lord be with you.

Server. And with thy spirit.

## The Collects

Priest. world without end.

Server. Amen, after the first and last Collects.

## The Epistle

*At the conclusion "Here endeth the Epistle" may be said, or*

Server. Thanks be to God.



## The Gradual and Tract

*Towards the end of the Epistle (or the Gradual and Tract if read) rise, reverence the Altar, walk to the Epistle side, go up the side steps, and wait on the step below the platform facing the Priest until the Priest starts towards the center. Then with both hands take a firm hold of the missal stand with the book, and lift it, do not slide it off, and turning left, descend the front steps diagonally to the floor in the center, and making the proper reverence, ascend the front steps diagonally to the opposite side and place the stand on the Gospel side of the Altar with the front turned towards the centre. Then stand on the first step below the platform, and face the Priest.*

## The Gospel

Priest. The Lord be with you.

Server. And with thy spirit.

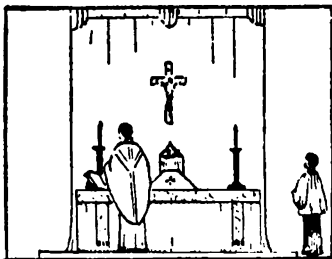
Priest. The Holy Gospel is written, etc.



*With the Priest  
make the sign of  
the Cross with  
the thumb upon ✠  
forehead, mouth,  
and breast, and  
say*

Server. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*Immediately  
after, bowing  
to the Priest, turn  
to the right, go  
down the side  
steps to the floor,  
walk to the Epis-  
tle side, reverenc-  
ing the Altar, and  
remain standing  
during the read-  
ing of the Gospel,  
and turn slightly  
toward the Priest. After  
the Gospel may be said*



Server. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## The Creed

*Stand (or kneel if the local custom)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,

(Kneel)

and was Incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And Was Made Man.

(Stand)

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father, And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, ✠ And the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Offertory

Priest. The Lord be with you.

Server. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Let us pray.

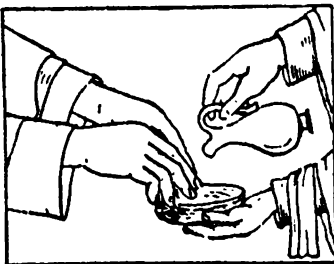
## The Offertory Sentence is read

*Kneel, and at the conclusion rise, go to the center, reverence the Altar, and then to the Credence. Bring to the Priest at the Epistle side step below the platform, (bowing before and after each presentation)*

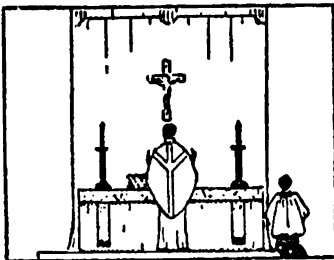


- 1. The Breads.** Open the ciborium or bread box, holding the cover in the left hand.
- 2. The Cruets,** taking the Wine in the right hand and the Water in the left.  
Present the Wine Cruet to the Priest with the handle towards him.  
Pass the Water Cruet to the right hand, and receive back the Wine Cruet in the left.  
Hold up the Water Cruet for the Priest to bless it, and then hand it to him.  
Receive back the Water Cruet and replace the Cruets on the Credence.
- 3. If Necessary, collect the Alms,** making the the proper reverence, and present them to the Priest. Then go down the Epistle side steps to the Credence. Dispose of the Alms according to local custom.

4. The Lavabo dish with water and napkin, having the water in the right hand, the dish in the left hand, and the napkin on the left arm. Bow towards the Priest and pour the water over his fingers. Turn right so the Priest may place the towel on your left arm. Bow towards the Priest.



Replace the things on the Credence quickly, and return to the first step on the Epistle side, after making the proper reverence.



**Priest.** Pray, Brethren, that this my Sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

**Server.** May the Lord receive this Sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, to our benefit and that of all His Holy Church.

*The above response by the Server is always to be said kneeling, even if he is at the Credence he must kneel down and say it.*

## The Secrets

**Priest.** world without end.

**Server.** Amen.

### Prayer for the Church

**Preist.** Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

Almighty and everlasting God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our (alms and) oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.



And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.  
Server. Amen.

## The Exhortation

Priest: Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

## The General Confession

Server says the Confession aloud

Almighty God, — Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, — Maker of all things, — Judge of all men, — We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, — Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, — By thought, word and deed, — Against Thy Divine Majesty, — Provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. — We do earnestly repent, — And are heartily sorry for

these our misdoings; — the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. — Have mercy upon us, — Have mercy upon us, most Merciful Father; —for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; — Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please Thee — In newness of life, — To the honour and glory of Thy Name; — Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Absolution

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Server. Amen.

## The Comfortable Words

Priest: Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. St. Matt. xi. 28.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. St. John iii. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received. That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I Tim. i. 15.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. I St. John ii. 1, 2.

## The Sursum Corda

Priest. The Lord be with you.

Server. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Lift up your hearts.

Server. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Server. It is meet and right so to do.

## The Preface

Priest: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God,

*(A Proper Preface may follow here)*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Sanctus

Server. Ring the bell three times, saying,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory.  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.  
(Amen.)

## Benedictus

Priest and Server. ✠ Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

# THE CANON



## Prayer of Consecration

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself one offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again:

*Ring the bell once, and if the local custom, rise, go to the middle, make the customary reverence, go up the steps, and kneel on the edge of the platform a little to the right of the Priest. Bow profoundly and ring the bell as the Priest genuflects; then kneeling erect, slightly raise the lower end of the chasuble with your left hand, ring the bell again, and look at the Host as the Priest raises It above his head. When he places the Host upon the Altar, let go of the chasuble, and as he again genuflects, again ring the bell. (Do the same at the elevation of the Chalice). (Bow profoundly).*

For in the night in which he was betrayed,  
he took Bread; and when he had given thanks,  
he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
Take, eat,

THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR  
YOU: DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

*Ring the bell three times.*

- (1) *At the first genuflection.*
- (2) *At the elevation.*
- (3) *At the second genuflection.*

Likewise after supper He took the Cup: and  
when He had given thanks, He gave it to  
them, saying, Drink ye all of this,

FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW  
TESTAMENT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU  
AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF  
SINS:

DO THIS, AS OFT AS YE SHALL DRINK IT,  
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

*Ring the bell three times.*

- (1) *At the first genuflection.*
- (2) *At the elevation.*
- (3) *At the second genuflection.*

*(If on the platform rise, go down the steps to the center of the Altar, genuflect, and go to the Epistle side and kneel in front of the Altar.) (Kneel erect).*

## The Oblation

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commended us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

## The Invocation

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most

precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠ be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him.

## Commemoration of the Dead

Remember also, O Lord, Thy servants and handmaids, N. N., who have gone before us, with the sign of faith, and are at rest in the sleep of peace. To these, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, we beseech Thee, to grant a place of refreshment, of light, and of peace.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**Server. Amen.**

**Priest.** And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say, (Priest and Server):

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. They 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Fraction

Deliver us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all evils past, present, and to come: and at the intersection of the Blessed, Glorious and Ever-Virgin, Mary, Mother of God, with that of Thy blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul and of Andrew, and of all thy Saints, favourably grant peace in our time that by the help of Thy mercy we may ever be kept free from all sin, and safe from all inquietude through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God.

Priest. World without end.

Server. Amen.

## The Pax

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

Server. And with thy spirit.

## The Commixture

May this mingling and consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ avail us who partake thereof unto life eternal. Amen.

## Agnus Dei

Priest and Server.

*Strike your breast thrice (except in Requiems)*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. (Grant them rest.)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. (Grant them rest.)



**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace. (Grant them rest everlasting.)**

**O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church; and grant to it that peace and unity which is according to Thy will; Who livest and reignest with The Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.**

**O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Who according to the will of Thy Father, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world; deliver me, by this Thy most Holy Body and Blood, from all mine iniquities, and from every evil, and make me ever to cleave to Thy commandments, and suffer me never to be separated from Thee; Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.**

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Server. Amen.**

Let not the partaking of Thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but of Thy goodness let it be profitable to me for the receiving of protection and healing both in body and soul. Who, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

I will receive the Bread of Heaven, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

*When the Priest thrice strikes his breast—  
Ring the bell three times—repeating silently—*

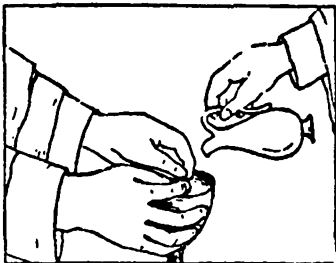
Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

*Server—If receiving Holy Communion, rise, go to the center genuflect, and ascend to the platform, kneeling at the edge to the right of the Priest. Otherwise and during the people's Communion, rise, go to the center, genuflect, and kneel on the lowest side step on the Epistle side.*

## The Ablutions

*When the people have communicated, and as soon as the Priest removes the pall from the Chalice, rise, and without genuflecting, go directly to the Credence for the wine and water cruets. Then proceed to the Epistle side steps, and genuflecting on the floor, ascend to the next highest step, and with head slightly bowed, remain standing until the Priest extends the Chalice towards you. Mak-*

*ing a bow towards him, advance towards him, and pour some wine into the Chalice. Be careful that the cruet does not touch the Chalice, and the Priest will raise the Chalice a little which is the signal to stop pouring the wine.*



*Then bow, and go back and stand on the step as before. As the Priest again comes towards you, bow slightly, and pour over his fingers, without touching them, first the wine and then the water. Then bow slightly, and return to the Credence and put the cruets thereon.*

*Leaving the credence, go to the center, make the customary reverence, and continue around to the steps on the Gospel side. Ascend them and take the missal stand. Descend the front steps diagonally to the center, make a reverence, and take the missal up to the Epistle side of the Altar, so that it faces straight in front. Move the Chalice Veil to the Gospel side if it is the custom, and diagonally return to the center, make the reverence, and kneel on the Gospel side.*

## From the Communion to the End

**Priest.** Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy

mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ: and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

**Server. Amen.**

The Communion is read

If Gloria in Excelsis Here Said

**Priest and Server.**

*Kneel or stand according to local custom*

*Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.*

*For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high ✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**Priest.** The Lord be with you.

**Server.** And with thy spirit.

*Kneel on the Gospel side*

### Post Communion Collects

**Priest.** world without end.

**Server.** Amen, after the first and last collects.

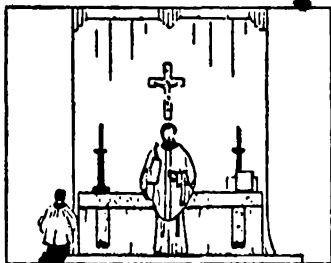
**Priest.** The Lord be with you.

**Server.** And with thy spirit.

**Priest.** Depart in peace, or, Let us bless the Lord.

**Server.** Thanks be to God.

### The Blessing



The peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the

Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

**Server.** Amen.

*In Requiems, the Blessing is omitted, and the following is substituted after the Post Communion Collects.*

**Priest.** The Lord be with you.

**Server.** And with thy spirit.

**Priest.** May they rest in peace.

**Server.** Amen.

*If the Ablutions are taken after the Blessing the Server goes to the center and genuflects and proceeds as directed on Page 24.*

## The Last Gospel

*Immediately after the Blessing or ablutions, if the Priest left the missal open for a special Last Gospel, rise, make the customary reverence at the center, and transfer the missal to the Gospel side as after the Epistle. Otherwise, go up to the Gospel corner of the Altar in time for the responses and stand on the top step facing the Priest.*

**Priest.** The Lord be with you.

**Server.** And with thy spirit.

**Priest.** The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

*Make the Sign of the Cross with the thumb upon ✕ forehead, mouth, and breast.*

**Server.** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.



*Then hold the card for the Priest, or go and stand on the floor in front of the Altar on the Epistle side, turning slightly towards the Priest.*

# The Gospel

St. John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name; which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, (Genuflect with the Priest.) and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

## At the Conclusion

Server. Thanks be to God.

*Bring the Priest's Biretta. Make the proper reverence with the Priest. Bow to the Priest and present the Biretta. Precede him to the Sacristy.*



### **In the Sacristy**

*Face the Priest. Say Amen at the end of the sacristy prayer. Bow to the Priest.*

*Assist Priest to unvest.*

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*Proceed to Altar and extinguish the Candle on the Gospel side, then on the Epistle side.*

*Remove the Desk and Cards.*

*Cover the Altar with the dust cloth.*

*Place Cruets in their places, etc.*

*Before leaving the Church, kneel down and offer your thanksgiving. (See page 31)*



## Before Serving at the Altar

✠ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Blessed Jesus, Lover of holy souls, may my thoughts, words and actions be filled with love for Thee, and with reverence for Thy Holy Sanctuary; and grant that by my loving service here on earth in Thy Holy Temple, and by a life of obedience to Thy Holy Will, I may be made worthy through Thy Grace to enter that Glorious Temple, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens; where Thou livest and reignest with the Father in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

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## Thanksgiving

### After Serving at the Altar

✠ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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### OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY

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O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous: bless ye the Lord, praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord: praise him and magnify him for ever.

Let the worship of this, my service be pleasing unto Thee, O Holy Trinity; and grant that this Sacrifice which I, unworthy, have joined in offering before Thy Divine Majesty, may be acceptable unto Thee and may obtain favour through Thy Loving-kindness, for myself and all for whom It has been offered: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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O God, Who of Thy infinite love hast suffered me to minister this day before Thee at Thine Altar; mercifully pardon the imperfections of my service, and vouchsafe to grant that it may be acceptable to Thee, through the merits of Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

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O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy passion; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever feel within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Blessed, praised and adored be Jesus Christ, on His Throne of glory, and in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

## Information for the Server

**ALTAR.** The holy table or the Lord's table. The top called the mensa is usually of stone, and marked with five crosses. If wood, a stone is set in the center, and upon it the consecration takes place. The mensa is covered with three cloths. The top one is called the 'fair linen'. The hangings on the front of the altar are called frontals. One only, a short one, may be of lace and attached to the second mensa cloth, or of silk, etc., called the super-frontal, to harmonize with the longer frontal. Behind the altar, often hangs a rich material called the dossal or dorsal, meaning 'back'. On the north and south sides curtains suspended from rods are called ripples. If a canopy or dome over the altar it is a baldacchino. The shelf or several at the back of the altar on which the cross and candlesticks, etc. are placed, is the gradine. The reredos is a carved or ornamental screen of wood or stone at the back of the altar. The foot-pace, the highest, widest, often the third, step or platform on which the altar stands, is the predella.

Altar cards are for the convenience of the celebrant.

When not in use, a dust cloth, covers everything on the top of the altar.



**THE TABERNACLE.** (Meaning a tent). The box-like receptacle on an altar, or the wall behind it, wherein the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. The interior is lined with silk, and a corporal is folded on the floor. Hosts for communions are in the ciborium (like a chal-

ice), and That for Eucharistic devotions in a capsula. The pyx, a small round metal vessel, in which the Blessed Sacrament is carried to the sick is also there. Inside the door, there may be a curtain. A tabernacle veil completely covering the top and sides of the tabernacle, and divided in front so that the door may be opened. Or there may be an aumbry (meaning cupboard) in the thickness of the north wall of the sanctuary for the same purpose. Both are identified by a perpetual burning light. However, in some places with an altar tabernacle and light, the aumbry contains the holy oils, sacred vessels, etc. without a light.



**CANDLESTICKS.** Two, called Mass or Eucharistic lights. (Four used when a bishop celebrates). Six are office lights. Two large standards on the floor. Two on the credence carried at the reading of the holy Gospel and the lessons at Evensong when the services are solemn. The paschal candle on the floor at the gospel side during Easter-tide. Other candles, with no liturgical meaning, as required.



**CREDESCENCE.** A shelf near the epistle (south) side of the altar to hold the bread box; cruets for wine and water; lavabo bowl and towel; alms basin; and gospel book, condles, etc. An auxiliary table may also be used for the missal stand and two candles, when not in use on the altar.

**THE PRIEST WEARS.** A biretta on his head. Cassock, amice, alb, stole, girdle, manipule, and chasuble. **THE SERVER.** Cassock and cotta.

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**THE PRIEST CARRIES TO THE ALTAR,** A chalice, paten, one large host, purificator, pall, corporal (in the) burse and chalice veil.

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**BELLS.** On the step to call attention at the Sanctus, Consecration, and Communion. On the wall to signify the service is to begin, and when the Blessed Sacrament is being taken from the tabernacle.

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**THE MISSAL.** The book on the Altar stand used by the Priest. On the stand, when closed, it opens from the Cross, or centre of the Altar.