



“I am with you always”



Mass for Beginning of School Year

We give our spirits that you may pray in us.
Above all we give our hearts that you may love in us
Your Father and all people.
We give you ourselves that you may grow in us,
So that it is you, Lord Jesus, who lives and works and prays in
us.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your lives

All: Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn:

Reflection
To Every Parent

**There are little eyes upon you,
And they are watching night and day;
There are little ears that quickly take
In every word you say;
There are little hands all eager to do
Everything you do,
And a little child who's dreaming of
The day he'll be like you.**

**You're the little child's idol,
You're the wisest of the wise,
In his little mind about you,
No suspicions ever rise;
He believes in you devoutly,
Holds all you say and do;
He will say and do in your way when
He's grown up to be like you.**

**There's a wide eyed little child who
Believes you're always right,
And her ears are always open and she
Watches day and night;
You are setting an example
Everyday in all you do
For the little child who's waiting
To grow up to be like you.**

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Prayer after Communion

Priest: Lord Jesus, we give our hands to do your work.
We give our feet to go your way.
We give our eyes to see as you do.
We give our tongues to speak your words.
We give our minds that you may think in us.

Entrance Hymn: Do This in Memory
Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Dn 3: 58

Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord,
praise and exalt him above all for ever.

Sign of the Cross

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

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest:

Brothers & sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and
so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.

All recite together the formula of general confession:

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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

All: Amen.

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Let us pray

Opening Prayer

Lord God you are always with us. Help us as we begin a new year together. May we use the gifts you have given us during the coming months and so continue to grow to our full potential. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord,

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

37: 2-8, 5-8, 12-14, 18-22, 31-33, 36. 39: 1-2.

This is the story of Jacob. His Father Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he was the child of his old age. And he made him an elaborately embroidered coat. When his brothers realized that their father loved him more than them, they grew to hate him—they wouldn't even speak to him.

Joseph had a dream. When he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said, "Listen to this dream I had. We were all out in the field gathering bundles of wheat. All of a sudden my bundle stood straight up and your bundles circled around it and bowed down to mine."

His brothers said, "So! You're going to rule us? You're going to boss us around?" And they hated him more than ever because of his dreams and

in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

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

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Hymn: My peace

**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.**

Priest: 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.

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

Communion Antiphon

Jn 10: 14

Priest: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Communion Hymns

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.

All: Amen. (sung)

THE COMMUNION RITE

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

**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.**

**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.**

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

Priest: 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

the way he talked.

His brothers had gone off to Shechem where they were pasturing their father's flocks. Israel said to Joseph, "Your brothers are with flocks in Shechem. Come, I want to send you to them."

Joseph said, "I'm ready."

He said, "Go and see how your brothers and the flocks are doing and bring me back a report." He sent him off from the valley of Hebron to Shechem.

They spotted him off in the distance. By the time he got to them they had cooked up a plot to kill him. The brothers were saying, "Here comes that dreamer. Let's kill him and throw him into one of these old cisterns; we can say that a vicious animal ate him up. We'll see what his dreams amount to."

Reuben heard the brothers talking and intervened to save him, "We're not going to kill him. No murder. Go ahead and throw him in this cistern out here in the wild, but don't hurt him." Reuben planned to go back later and get him out and take him back to his father.

Then they sat down to eat their supper. Looking up, they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites on their way from Gilead, their camels loaded with spices, ointments, and perfumes to sell in Egypt. Judah said, "Brothers, what are we going to get out of killing our brother and concealing the evidence? Let's sell him to the Ishmaelites, but let's not kill him—he is, after all, our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

They took Joseph's coat, butchered a goat, and dipped the coat in the blood. They took the fancy coat back to their father and said, "We found this. Look it over—do you think this is your son's coat?"

He recognised it at once. "My son's coat—a wild animal has eaten him. Joseph torn limb from limb!"

In Egypt the Midianites sold Joseph to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, manager of his household affairs.

After Joseph had been taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelites, Potiphar an

Egyptian, one of Pharaoh's officials and the manager of his household, bought him from them.

As it turned out, God was with Joseph and things went very well with him. He ended up living in the home of his Egyptian master.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm: My Shepherds is the Lord
(or other suitable hymn)



A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5: 17-20

The Chief Priest and those on his side, mainly the sect of Sadducees, went into action, arrested the apostles and put them in the town jail. But during the night an angel of God opened the jailhouse door and led them out. He said, "Go to the Temple and take your stand. Tell the people everything there is to say about this Life."

Promptly obedient, they entered the Temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation (Sung)

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28: 16 - 20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
He took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
He gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

Priest: The mystery of faith

Acclamation:

Priest: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of His Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Seán and Eamon our Bishops and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

truly just to give you glory, Father most holy,
for you are the one God living and true,
existing before all ages and abiding for all eternity,
dwelling in unapproachable light;
yet you, who alone are good, the source of life,
have made all that is,
so that you might fill your people with blessings
and bring joy to many of them by the glory of your light.

And so, in your presence are countless hosts of Angels,
who serve you day and night
and, gazing upon the glory of your face,
glorify you without ceasing.

With them we, too, confess your name in exultation,
giving voice to every creature under heaven,
as we acclaim:

**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.**

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.
Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body and ☩ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time He was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
He took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to His disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And know I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: *Jesus’ parting words to His disciples were ones of reassurance. He said, “and know I am with you always”. He wants us to be sure of those words during every moment of life but particularly at those times when we feel alone, misunderstood and afraid. Let us pray that we will all remember those words of Jesus during the coming school year.*

1. We praise and thank God for the beautiful summer holidays during which we have been given time to relax, have fun and renew our energies for the year ahead. We pray this new school year will be blessed with happiness, fun and new learning. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

2. We pray God’s blessing on all the children in our school. We remember in a special way the children who have just started Primary School and those who were with us last year who are beginning Secondary school. We pray they will feel the presence of God with them always. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

3. We thank God for our parents, grandparents and all who care for us. May they feel the loving presence of God in their lives and may He guide them always in His ways. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

4. For our teachers that the Lord will guide and protect them during the coming year. May He bless them with all the skills they need in their teaching and may He bless them with patience and understanding. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

5. We pray for all who contribute to the life of our school community, for our Board of Management, our secretary, our caretaker and all who contribute of their gifts and talents to make our school a place of happiness and learning. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

6. We pray that we will be aware of God's presence among us during the coming year. May we always speak and act as He would want us to and may we show His love and care to all in our school community. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Priest: *God of new beginnings, help us as we begin this new school year. Reassure us when we find it difficult to adjust to new demands and guide us in the new situations we will face. Thank you for new opportunities of learning, and help us to grasp them with hope and courage. Even when we feel uncertain, help us always remember your guiding presence is always with us. We ask this through Christ our Lord*

All: Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Offertory Hymn:

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for

us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, 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 holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: Look with favour on our prayers, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, our offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the good of all. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

Preface

Priest: It is truly right to give you thanks,