

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD < B MASS DURING THE DAY

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In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing. (Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

## For the Dead

Remember also, Lord, your servants *N. and N.*, who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace. (Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

## For the Living

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, (Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia) and all your Saints; admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord. Through whom you continue to make all these good things, O Lord; you sanctify them, fill them with life, bless them, and bestow them upon us.

## Concluding Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## Communion Rite

**STAND**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

*Priest:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant us 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 Savior, Jesus Christ.

*People:*

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

## Sign Of Peace

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

*People* : **Amen**

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

*People* : **And with your Spirit.**

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

## Breaking of the Bread

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy on us.*

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*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Grant us peace.*

## Reception of Communion

**KNEEL**

*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.

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

*Priest* : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

*Priest* : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

## Communion

## Oratio Imperata

*Prayer after Communion* [United with Christ] **STAND**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries,  
grant, we pray,  
that Christian hope may draw us onward  
to where our nature is united with you.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**R/ Amen.**

## General Announcements

**SIT**

**Blessing** [The Ascension of the Lord]

**STAND**

May almighty God bless you,  
for on this very day his Only Begotten Son  
pierced the heights of heaven  
and unlocked for you the way  
to ascend to where he is. **R/ Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.  
**R/ Amen.**

Go in peace, and spread the good news.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**MC: Greeting**

**Entrance song**

**STAND**

## Introduction by the Celebrant

**ENTRANCE ANT.** [The Lord Will Return]  
*Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This  
Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as  
you saw him go, alleluia.*

## Penitential Act

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,  
*They strike their breast:*

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.

*Absolution:*

*At the end of any of the forms of the Penitential Act:*

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

*People:* **Amen.**

## Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## Glory to God in the highest

**C: Collect** [Thankful for the Ascension]

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,  
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,  
for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation,  
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,  
the Body is called to follow in hope.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and  
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Word

**SIT**

*First Reading* Acts 1:1-11 [Christ's Ascension]  
*Luke recounts the life, suffering and death of Jesus and what  
Jesus did the forty days after his resurrection. Jesus promises  
the Holy Spirit to the apostles. Jesus then ascends into heaven  
while they watch.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus  
did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving  
instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles  
whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to

them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing  
to them during forty days and speaking about the  
kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he  
enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to  
wait for “the promise of the Father about which you  
have heard me speak; for John baptized with water,  
but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy  
Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him,  
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the  
kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for  
you to know the times or seasons that the Father has  
established by his own authority. But you will receive  
power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you  
will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea  
and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he  
had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him from their sight. While they  
were looking intently at the sky as he was going,  
suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood  
beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you  
standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has  
been taken up from you into heaven will return in the  
same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

*Responsorial Psalm* Ps 47 [Praise to the Lord]  
**R./ God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare  
of trumpets for the Lord. or Alleluia.**

All you peoples, clap your hands,  
shout to God with cries of gladness.  
For the Lord, the Most High, the awesome,  
is the great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;  
the Lord, amid trumpet blasts.  
Sing praise to God, sing praise;  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**

For king of all the earth is God;  
sing hymns of praise.

God reigns over the nations,  
God sits upon his holy throne. **(R.)**

*Second Reading* Eph 1:17-23 [Glorification of Jesus]  
*Paul speaks of Jesus as the Father of glory who is ready to  
hear our prayers, to grant wisdom and knowledge.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the  
Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom  
and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the  
eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know  
what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the  
riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones,  
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us  
who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great  
might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from  
the dead and seating him at his right hand in the  
heavens,

far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia** Mt 28:19a,20b [Christ's Abiding Presence]

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**

**STAND**

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**



**Gospel** Mk 16:15-20 [Preaching the Good News]

Jesus makes his disciples apostles to preach the good news. He promises them special signs for protection on earth and then finally Jesus is taken up into heaven.

**R/ The Lord be with you.**

**R/ And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**R/ Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

Our loving Father: Christ ascends into heaven, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Let us be receptive to this great mystery of love and let us acclaim and praise the Lord:

*(Pause)*

Lord Jesus Christ, today you have been taken up victoriously to the right hand of the Father: to bring to completion the salvation of all peoples. Hear us, Lord:

**All praise be yours, O Lord, enthroned in glory!**

You entered into the Holy of Holies as the eternal priest of the new covenant: intercede for your church and to empower the ministry of your church, to make your presence be visible in us. Hear us, Lord:

**All praise be yours, O Lord, enthroned in glory!**

You showed yourself to your disciples for forty days: to strengthen our faith, shed the light of the gospel and transforming this world into your kingdom. Hear us, Lord:

**All praise be yours, O Lord, enthroned in glory!**

Before you took leave of your disciples, you promised to send the Holy Spirit, that they might bring the good news to the ends of the earth: that God will empower and preserve our Parish in our holy service. Hear us, Lord:

**All praise be yours, O Lord, enthroned in glory!**

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your Providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace to keep and live your commandments and to be the Light to the Nations. Hear us, Lord:

**All praise be yours, O Lord, enthroned in glory!**

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions ...

*(Pause)*

Hear us, Lord.

**All praise be yours, O Lord, enthroned in glory!**

Loving Father, through the ascension of your Son, our human nature is now at home with you in heaven. May this truth be our lasting encouragement and hope. Through Christ our Lord.

R./Amen.

**SL: Offertory hymn**

**SIT**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Preparation of the Bread**

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.**

**Preparation of the Wine**

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.**

**Invitation To Prayer**

**STAND**

**Priest** : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People** : **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** [Rise to Heavenly Realms]

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, **STAND**

O Lord, to honor the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange, we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

*Introductory Dialogue*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just**

**STAND**

**Preface II of The Ascension of The Lord**

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 after his resurrection he plainly appeared to all his disciples and was taken up to heaven in their sight, that he might make us sharers in his divinity.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....**

**Eucharistic Prayer No.1**

**KNEEL**

**Praise to the Father**

To you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

that you accept and bless ☩ these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices,

**Intercession for the Church**

which we offer you firstly for your holy catholic Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world, together with your servant *N.* our Pope, and *N.* our Bishop, and all those who, holding to the truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

**Commemoration of the Living**

Remember, Lord, your servants *N.* and *N.* and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.

**In Communion with the Saints**

In communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, (James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence,

Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian) and all your Saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help. (Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**)

Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family, order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen. (Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**)

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every respect; make it spiritual and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body ☩ and Blood of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Lord's Supper**

On the day before he was to suffer, he took bread in his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread 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.**

In a similar way when supper was ended, he took this precious chalice in his holy and venerable hands, and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing and gave the chalice 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.**

**Memorial Acclamation**

**Priest** : The mystery of faith.

**All** : *When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*

**The Memorial Prayer**

Therefore, O Lord as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.