

The Requiem Mass

THE PREPARATION FOR MASS

At Solemn Mass, the Introit is sung while the prayers of preparation are said.

V. ☩ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

V. I will go unto the altar of God:

R. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

V. ☩ Our help is in the Name of the Lord:

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. I confess to God Almighty...

R. God Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. *V.* Amen.

R. I confess to God Almighty, 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 thee, father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and thee, father, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

V. God Almighty have mercy upon *you*, forgive *you your* sins, and bring *you* to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

V. ☩ The Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins. *R.* Amen.

V. Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O God?

R. That thy people may rejoice in thee.

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit. *V.* Let us pray...

The Priest ascends to the altar, saying: Take away from us, we beseech thee, O Lord, all our iniquities, that we may enter the holy of holies with pure minds. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And kissing the altar, he says: We beseech thee, O Lord, by the prayers of thy Saints [whose relics are here], that thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive us all our sins. Amen. *NOTE, that incense is not used during the Introit at Masses for the Dead.*

Introit. II Esdr. 2:34-35. Requiem aeternam.

REST eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them. *Ps. 65:1-2.* Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem: thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Rest eternal...

Then is sung or said,

Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

The Celebrant says to the people,

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit. *V.* Let us pray.

Collect on the Day of Death or Burial. O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive: Receive our humble petitions, for the soul of thy servant *N.* (thine handmaid *N.*), whom thou hast bidden to depart out of this world: deliver *him* not into the hand of the enemy, neither forget *him* forever; but command thy holy Angels to receive *him* and bring *him* into the country of paradise; that forasmuch as *he* hoped and believed in thee, *he* may not suffer the pains of hell, but possess the joys of eternal life. Through...

Collect on the 3rd, 7th and 30th Day. We beseech thee, O Lord, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant unto the soul of thy servant *N.* (handmaid *N.*), whose burial three (*or* seven *or* thirty) days since we now commemorate, the fellowship of thy Saints and elect: and that thou wouldst pour upon it the continual dew of thy mercy. Through...

Collect for Daily Masses of the Dead. O God, the giver of pardon and lover of man's salvation: we beseech thee of thy mercy to grant; that the brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors of our congregation who have passed out of this world, may at the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all thy Saints attain unto the fellowship of eternal blessedness. Through...

Collect for All Souls. O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful: grant unto the souls of thy servants and handmaids the remission of all their sins; that as they have ever desired thy merciful pardon, so by the supplications of their brethren they may receive the same; who livest and reignest with God the Father...

The Epistle appointed is read.

The Lesson from the Epistle of
Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians.
(for a Burial)

BRETHREN: I would not have you to be ignorant concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words *(I Thessalonians 4:13-18)*.

Or,

The Lesson from the Book of the Revelation of blessed John the Apostle
(for daily Masses of the Dead)

IN those days: I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them *(14:13)*.

Or,

The Lesson from the Epistle of
Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians
(for All Souls)

BRETHREN: Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ *(I Corinthians 15:51-57)*.

The People respond: Thanks be to God.

Gradual. II Esdr. 2:34-35. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them. *V. Ps. 112:7.* The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance: he will not be afraid of any evil tidings. *Tract.* Absolve, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from every bond of sin. *V.* And by the help of thy grace may they be worthy to escape the avenging judgment. *V.* And enjoy the bliss of everlasting light.

Sequence. Dies irae. (SAH #236)

Day of wrath! Oh day of mourning! See fulfilled the prophets'
warning, Heaven and earth in ashes burning.
Oh, what fear man's bosom rendeth, when from heaven the judge
descendeth, on whose sentence all dependeth!
Wondrous sound the trumpet flingeth, through earth's sepulchers it
ringeth, all before the throne it bringeth.
Death is struck, and nature quaking, all creation is awaking, to its
judge an answer making.
Lo! the book exactly worded, wherein all hath been recorded, thence
shall judgment be awarded.
When the judge his seat attaineth, and each hidden deed arraigneth,
nothing unavenged remaineth.
What shall I, frail man, be pleading? Who for me be interceding,
when the just are mercy needing?
King of majesty tremendous, who dost free salvation send us, fount of
pity, then befriend us.
Think, kind Jesu, my salvation caused thy wondrous Incarnation:
leave me not to reprobation.
Faint and weary thou hast sought me: on the Cross of suffering
bought me: shall such grace be vainly brought me?
Righteous judge of retribution, great thy gift of absolution, ere that
reckoning day's conclusion.
Guilty, now I pour my moaning: all my shame with anguish owning:
spare, O God, thy suppliant groaning.
Thou the sinful woman savest, thou the dying thief forgavest, and to
me a hope vouchsafest.
Worthless are my prayers and sighing: yet, good Lord, in grace
complying, rescue me from fires undying.
With thy favored sheep oh place me, nor among the goats abase me,
but to thy right hand upraise me.
When the wicked are confounded, doomed to flames of woe
unbounded, call me, with thy Saints surrounded.

Low I kneel, with heart-submission, see, like ashes, my contrition:
help me in my last condition.

Ah! that day of tears and mourning, from the dust of earth returning,
man for judgment must prepare him.

Spare, O God, in mercy spare him: Lord, all-pitying, Jesu blest, grant
them thine eternal rest. Amen.

The Deacon or Priest who is to say or sing the Gospel then says:

Cleanse my heart and my lips, O almighty God, who didst cleanse the
lips of the prophet Isaiah with a burning coal, and in thy gracious mercy
so purify me that I may worthily proclaim thy holy Gospel. Through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. May the Lord be in my heart and on my
lips, that I may worthily attend to his Holy Gospel. Amen.

*Note that incense is not used at the Gospel in a Requiem Mass. All
standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:*

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

V. The ☩ Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

(for a Burial)

AT that time: Martha said unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here,
my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever
thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy
brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise
again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the
resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead,
yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never
die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that
thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world
(11:21-27).

*Or,
(for daily Masses of the Dead)*

AT that time: Jesus said unto the multitude of the Jews, I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day (6:51-54).

*Or,
(for All Souls)*

AT that time: Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation (5:25-29).

After the Gospel, the People say, R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily may follow here.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us pray.

The Offertory verse is sung by the Choir or said by the Celebrant.

Offertory. O Lord Jesu Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell and from the depths of the pit: deliver them from the lion's mouth, that hell devour them not, that they fall not into darkness: but let the standard-bearer, Saint Michael, bring them into the holy light: Which of old thou didst promise unto Abraham and his seed. *V.* We offer unto thee, O Lord, sacrifices of prayer and praise: do thou receive them for the souls of those whose memory we this day recall: make them, O Lord, to pass from death unto life, which of old thou didst promise unto Abraham and his seed.

At the offering of the Bread: Accept, O holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, this unspotted host which I, unworthy servant, offer unto thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offences and negligences, as also for those here present and for all faithful Christians, both living and dead, that it may avail me and them unto life everlasting. Amen.

At the mixing of the Wine and Water (Note that the water is not blessed): O God, who in creating human nature hast wonderfully dignified it and still more wonderfully reformed it, grant that by the mystery of this water and wine, we may become partakers of his divine nature who deigned to partake of our human nature, thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God; throughout all ages of ages. Amen.

At the Offering of the Chalice: We offer unto thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching thy mercy, that it may ascend before thy divine majesty as a sweet odor for our salvation and for that of the whole world. Amen.

Accept us, O Lord, in the spirit of humility and contrition of heart: and grant that the sacrifice we offer this day in thy sight may be pleasing to thee, O Lord God.

Come, O almighty and eternal God the Sanctifier, ☩ bless this sacrifice prepared for the glory of thy holy Name.

At High Mass, incense is set with the following prayers: Through the intercession of Blessed Michael the Archangel standing at the right hand of the altar of incense, and of all his elect, may the Lord vouchsafe to bl̄ess this incense, and to receive it for a sweet smelling savor. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Oblations, altar, and Priest are censed while the Priest says: May this incense, which thou hast blest, ascend unto thee, O Lord: and may thy mercy descend upon us. *Ps. 141:1-3:* Let my prayer, O Lord, be set forth in thy sight as the incense: and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips: O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing, let me not be occupied in ungodly works.

As the Priest gives up the thurible, he says: The Lord kindle in us the fire of his love, and the flame of eternal charity. Amen.

The Priest now washes his hands, saying: Ps. 26:6 (Note that Gloria Patri is not said). I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord, and so will I go to thine altar. That I may show the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. Lord, I have loved the habitation of thine house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth. O shut not up my soul with the sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty: in whose hands is wickedness, and their right hand is full of gifts. But as for me, I will walk innocently: O deliver me and be merciful unto me. My foot standeth right, I will praise the Lord in the congregations..

Receive, O Holy Trinity, this oblation which we make to thee in memory of the passion, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honor of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, of blessed John (the) Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all Saints; that it may

be available to their honor and our salvation: and that they may vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we celebrate on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant continues,

V. Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

R. May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Then he adds the Secret prayer.

Secret on the Day of Death or Burial. We beseech thee, O Lord, to have mercy upon the soul of thy servant *N.*, (handmaid *N.*) for which we offer unto thee the sacrifice of praise, humbly entreating thy majesty: that, by these offices of loving atonement, *he* may be worthy to attain unto everlasting rest. Through...

Secret on the 3rd, 7th, and 30th Day. We beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to regard the gifts which we offer unto thee for the soul of thy servant *N.* (handmaid *N.*): that being cleansed by heavenly remedies, it may rest in thy mercy. Through...

Secret for Daily Masses of the Dead. O God, whose mercies are without number, graciously receive our humble prayers: and through these Sacraments of our salvation grant unto the souls of our brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors, to whom thou hast given the confession of thy name, the remission of all their sins. Through...

Secret for All Souls. We beseech thee, O Lord, look favorably upon the sacrifices which we offer unto thee for the souls of thy servants and handmaids: that, as thou hast bestowed on them grace to profess the Christian faith, so thou wouldest grant them the reward of the same. Through...

At the conclusion he raises his voice:



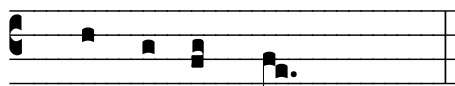
Through-out all a-ges of a - ges. *R.* A-men.

The Celebrant continues,



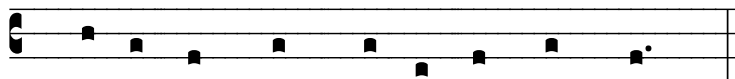
V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.



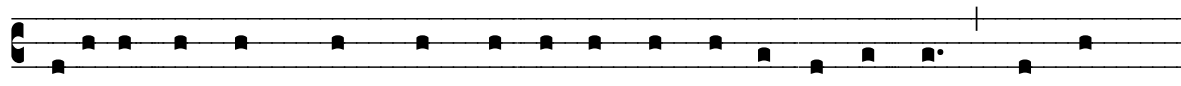
V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up unto the Lord.

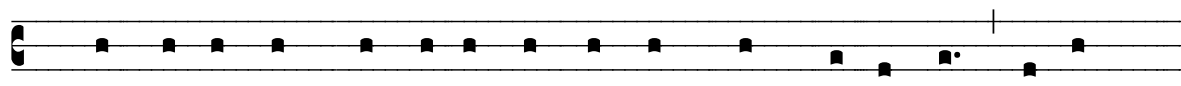


V. Let us give thanks un-to our Lord God.

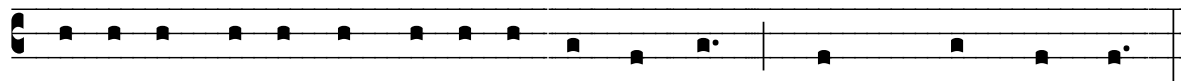
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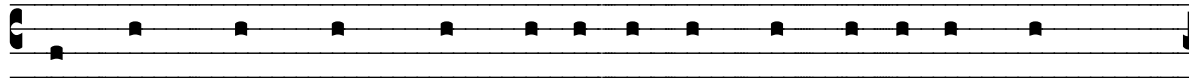
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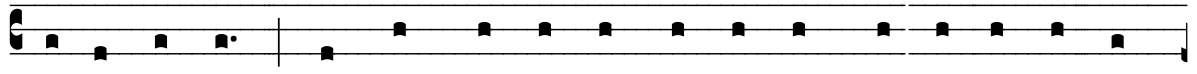
should at all times and in all plac-es give thanks un-to thee, O Lord,



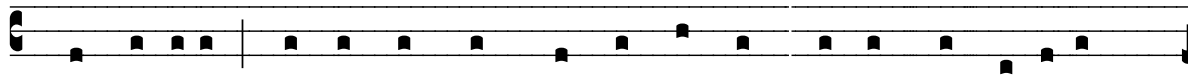
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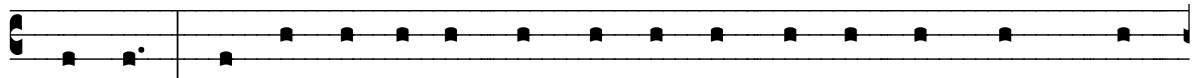
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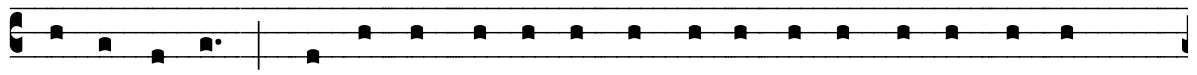
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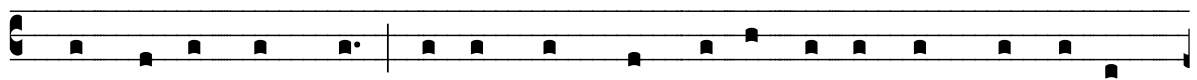
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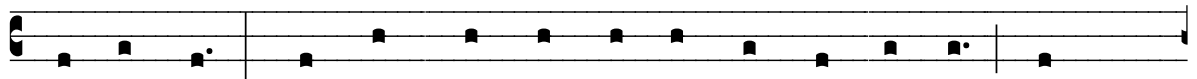
to come. For the life of thy faith-ful peo-ple, O Lord, is changed, not



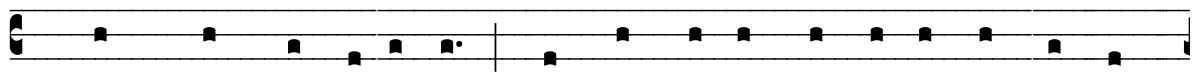
ta-ken a-way; and at the dis-so-lu-tion of the ta-ber-na-cle of this



earth-ly so-journ-ing, a dwel-ling-place e-ter-nal is made read-y in



the hea-vens. And there-fore with an-gels and arch-an-gels, with



Thrones and Dom-in-a-tions, and with all the host of the hea-ven-ly



ar-my, we sing the hymn of thy glo-ry, ev-er-more say-ing:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. ☩ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE CANON OF THE MASS

THEREFORE, most merciful Father, we humbly pray and beseech thee (*He kisses the Altar, rises and with hands joined before his breast, says*) through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, that thou wouldst be pleased to accept and bless these ☩ gifts, these ☩ offerings, these ☩ holy, spotless sacrifices, (*with extended hands*) which we offer thee in the first place for thy holy Catholic Church, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to keep her in peace under thy protection, to bring her to unity and to guide her throughout the world: likewise for our Father and Metropolitan *N.*, (for Bishop *N.*) for the President of these United States, and for all Orthodox believers who hold the Catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, O Lord, thy servants and all here present whose faith and devotion are known unto thee, for whom we offer, or who offer to thee this sacrifice of praise for themselves and those belonging to them, for the salvation of their souls, for their health and welfare, and who pay their vows to thee, the eternal, living and true God.

In communion with, and venerating first the memory of the glorious and ever-virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ; and also of thy blessed apostles and martyrs Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Jude: of Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Laurence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmos and Damian; and of all thy saints, through whose prayers grant that in all things we may be guarded by the help of thy protection. (*He joins his hands*) Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Holding his hands spread out over the gifts, he says:)

We therefore pray thee, O Lord, mercifully to accept this offering of our service and that of all thy family; to order our days in thy peace, to deliver us from eternal damnation, and to number us in the flock of thine elect. *(He joins his hands)* Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

He signs thrice over the oblations, then once over the Host and Chalice:

Which offering, we beseech thee, O God, to ✠ bless, ✠ consecrate, approve, make ✠ worthy and acceptable in every way, that it may become for us the ✠ Body and ✠ Blood of thy most beloved Son, *(He joins his hands)* Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Who, the day before he suffered, took bread *(He takes the Host)* into his holy and venerable hands and, with his eyes lifted up to heaven unto thee, God his almighty Father, giving thanks unto thee, he blessed, brake and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat ye all of this, for THIS IS MY BODY.

The Celebrant genuflects, elevates the Host, replaces the Host on the Corporal and genuflects again. Then having uncovered the Chalice, he says:

In like manner after he had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into his holy and venerable hands *(He takes the chalice)*, again giving thanks ✠ unto thee, he blessed it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and drink ye all of this, for THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT, THE MYSTERY OF FAITH, WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY UNTO THE REMISSION OF SINS. *(He sets the Chalice upon the Corporal)* As oft as ye shall do these things, ye shall do them in remembrance of me.

The Celebrant genuflects, elevates the Chalice, replaces the Chalice on the Corporal, then genuflects again. He continues with hands extended:

Wherefore, O Lord, we thy servants, as also thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed Passion of the same Christ, thy Son our Lord, his Resurrection from the dead and glorious Ascension into heaven, offer unto thy most excellent majesty of thy gifts bestowed upon us (*He joins his hands then signs over the Host and Chalice together*) a pure ✠ host, a holy ✠ host, a spotless ✠ host, (*He signs once over the Host*) the holy ✠ bread of eternal life, (*And once over the Chalice*) and the chalice ✠ of everlasting salvation. (*With hands extended he continues*)

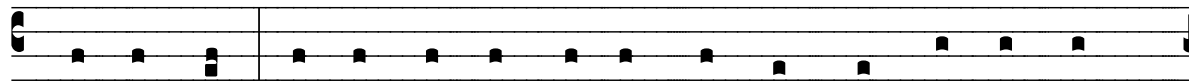
Upon which vouchsafe to look with a favorable and serene countenance, and to accept them as thou wert graciously pleased to accept the gifts of thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham, and that which thy high priest Melchisedech offered unto thee, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

He then makes the sign of the Cross once over the Host and Chalice together, then once over the Host and once over the Chalice.

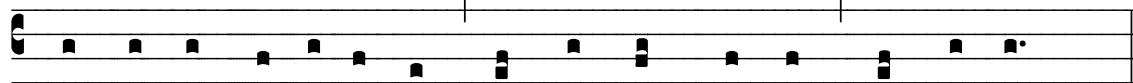
And we beseech thee, O Lord, to send ✠ down thy Holy Spirit upon these offerings, that he would make this bread the precious ✠ Body of thy Christ, and that which is in this Cup the precious ✠ Blood of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, transmuting them by thy Holy Spirit. *R.*
AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

The bell is rung thrice. The Celebrant kneels, or bows profoundly for a moment, with hands joined on the Altar. He then stands and continues, with hands raised:

We humbly beseech thee, almighty God, to command that these things be borne by the hands of thy holy angel to thine altar on high, into the presence of thy divine majesty, that so many of us (*He kisses the Altar, then signs once over the Host and once over the Chalice*) as shall partake at this altar of the most sacred ✠ Body and ✠ Blood of thy Son, (*He signs himself*) may be ✠ filled with all heavenly benediction. (*He joins his hands*) Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Let us pray. In-struct-ed by sav-ing pre-cepts and fol-low-ing

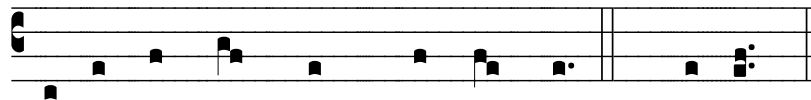


thy di-vine in-sti-tu-tion, we pre-sume to say: Our Fa-ther...

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.

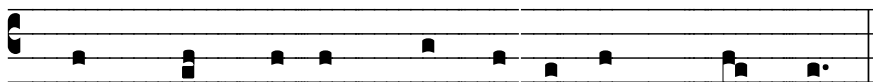
The Priest, holding the Paten upright on the Altar, continues, saying:

Deliver us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, Ever-Virgin Mother of God, of thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, Andrew, and all thy Saints, *(He signs himself with the Paten)* graciously give peace in our time, *(He kisses the Paten)* that aided by the help of thy loving kindness, we may both be ever free from sin and secure from all disquietude. *(He puts the Paten under the Host, uncovers the Chalice, genuflects, rises, and breaks the Host over the Chalice)* Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, *(He places the right half of the Host on the Paten. Then from the left half he breaks a particle)* who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit... *He places the left half on the Paten and holds the particle over the Chalice as he sings:*



Ev-er one God world with-out end. *R.* A-men.

He makes the sign of the Cross with the particle over the Chalice, as follows:



V. The ☩ Peace of the ☩ Lord be al-ways ☩ with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Putting the particle into the Chalice he says (quietly): May this commixture and consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ avail us who partake thereof unto life eternal. Amen.

The following is then is sung or said,

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest eternal.

The Priest continues: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father and the cooperation of the Holy Ghost hast, by thy death, given life to the world, deliver me, I beseech thee, by this thy most holy Body and Blood, from all iniquities and from every evil. Make me ever obedient to thy commandments, and suffer me not to be ever separated from thee, who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the same Spirit, God, throughout all ages of ages. Amen.

Let not the participation of thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I albeit unworthy, receive, be to me for judgement and condemnation; but by thy goodness may it be a safeguard and remedy both to soul and body, who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, God, throughout all ages of ages. Amen.

At the Priest's Communion, he says: I will take the bread of heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. *(Then thrice)* Lord, I am not worthy: that thou shouldest enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed. *The bell is rung thrice.*

As the Priest receives the Body, he says: May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto everlasting life. Amen. *After which, he says:* What reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised, so shall I be safe from mine enemies. *He then receives the Precious Blood, saying:* May the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:

✠ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that takest away the sins of the world. *The Celebrant and People respond three times,* Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The people say this prayer of preparation before receiving the Sacrament:

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And I believe that this is truly thine own immaculate Body, and that this is truly thine own precious Blood. Wherefore I pray thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of thine immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. Amen. Of thy Mystic Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of thy Mystery to thine enemies, neither will I give thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess thee: Remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom. Not unto judgment nor unto condemnation be my partaking of thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

The Orthodox Faithful, duly prepared, make their Communions at this time. The Body and Blood of Christ are administered together with these words,

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul unto everlasting life.

At the ablutions, the Priest says: What we have partaken with our mouth, O Lord, may we receive with a pure heart, and of a temporal gift, may it become to us an eternal remedy. May thy Body and Blood which I have received, cleave unto my heart, O Lord; and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, having been fed with this pure and holy Sacrament. Who livest and reignest in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages of ages. Amen.

Communion. II Esdr. 2:35, 34. Let light eternal shine upon them, O Lord: with thy Saints for evermore: for thou art gracious. *V.* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them. With thy Saints for evermore: for thou art gracious.

Then the priest, turning to the people, says,
V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit. *V.* Let us pray.

The Celebrant then says the Postcommunion Collect(s).

On the Day of Death or Burial. Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God: that the soul of thy servant *N.* (handmaid *N.*), which hath (*this day*) passed from this world, being cleansed by these sacrifices and delivered from sins, may obtain thy pardon and everlasting rest. Through...

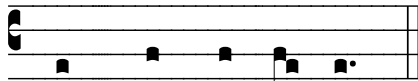
On the 3rd, 7th, and 30th Day. Receive, O Lord, our prayers for the soul of thy servant *N.* (handmaid *N.*): that whatsoever stains of earthly defilement cleave to it may by thy merciful pardon be done away. Through...

For Daily Masses of the Dead. O God, whose mercies are without number, graciously receive our humble prayers: and through these sacraments of our salvation grant unto the souls of our brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors, to whom thou hast given the confession of thy name, the remission of all their sins. Through...

For All Souls Day. O Lord, we beseech thee, let these our supplications be acceptable in thy sight: that the souls of thy servants and handmaids, being delivered from all their sins, may be made partakers of thy heavenly redemption: Who livest and reignest with God the Father...

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words:

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.



V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

The Priest then says: Let the obedient performance of my bounden duty be pleasing unto thee, O Holy Trinity; and grant that this sacrifice which I, unworthy that I am, have offered in the sight of thy majesty, may be acceptable unto thee and may through thy mercy, obtain thy favor for myself and for all those in whose behalf I have offered it. Who livest and reignest, God, throughout all ages of ages. Amen.

The people stand and the priest says,

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. ☩ The Beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 anything 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. *(Here genuflect)* And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us; and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. *R.* Thanks be to God.

At funeral Masses when the body is present and on All Souls Day (when a catafalque has been set up), the Absolution follows. The text is found in the Orthodox Ritual.