

## 25 ORDINARY TIME MASS LITURGY

### Opening Hymn: "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,  
For all things living You have made good;  
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Lord, bless the labor We bring to serve you,  
That with our neighbor we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, We would work with you;  
Harvesting, milling, For daily bread.

Father, providing Food for your children,  
Your wisdom guiding Teaches us share  
One with another, So that, rejoicing  
With us, all others May know your care.

Then will your blessing Reach every people;  
Freely confessing Your gracious hand.  
Where you are reigning No one will hunger:  
Your love sustaining Fruitful the land.

### INTRODUCTORY RITE

Celebrant: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Response: Amen.**

### PENITENTIAL RITE

C: My dear brothers and sisters let us confess our sins to God and prepare ourselves that we may worthily participate in this Holy Sacrifice. Please now make an examination of your conscience.

#### *Confiteor*

Almighty Father, You know my deepest secrets. I confess that I have, through my own fault, sinned against Your holy laws (*striking the breast three times and continuing*) in my thoughts, in my words and in what I have done or failed to do. I sincerely regret my sins and I am truly sorry for offending You. I ask, Father, that in Your mercy You pardon my sins. I promise to change my way of living so that through a deeper holiness I may better serve You throughout the rest of my life. I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God

*Penance is assigned here.*

C. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **R. Amen.**

C. May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you and, with His authority vested in me, I absolve you from all your sins: in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **R: Amen.**

### ENTRANCE HYMN

#### **Psalm 113: 1-2**

C: Praise, you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord

R: Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever.  
.C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.

### **KYRIE**

C. Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**  
C. Christ, have mercy. **R. Christ, have mercy.**  
C. Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

### **GLORIA**

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray. [pause briefly] All-Knowing Father, Your Son taught us to first seek His kingdom and all other things would be given to us. Help us to seek the riches of Your truth and the wealth of Your grace. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R: Amen**

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Reading**

**Amos 8: 4-7**

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! "When will the new moon be over," you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!" The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done! This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 113**

**R: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

Praise, you servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.  
Blessed be the name of the LORD both now and forever. R:

High above all nations is the LORD; above the heavens is his glory. Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high  
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below? R:

He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor to seat them with

princes, with the princes of his own people. R:

**Second Reading**

**1 Timothy 2: 1-8**

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all.

This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle — I am speaking the truth, I am not lying —,

teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamations.**

**2 Corinthians 8: 9**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**Luke 16: 1-13**

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one.

To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.'

Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones;

and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." . This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**SACRAMENT OF THE WORD**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH -NICENE CREED**

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit. He was born of the Virgin Mary **AND BECAME MAN**. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life Who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the + life of the world to come. Amen.

## **GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Celebrant: God entrusts us with gifts to use for his glory and the good of other people. As we bring our private prayers to him, we know that we must learn to be more responsible and generous.**

L: Our response is "Lord hear our prayer"

L: For our National Catholic Church in her social ministry to the poor of this country, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For those nations where the poor cry out for bread and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For people who are obsessed with the love of money and possessions, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For peace in the world among all nations, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the increase of sacred vocations, I our Church, let us pray to the Lord.

L: That those who have died and passed into eternal life, especially, N. let us pray to the Lord.

**Celebrant: Father, we intercede for people in many states of life. Receive these prayers in the name of Your Son, Lord of all, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

## **OFFERTORY VERSE**

The good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the just **Proverbs 13: 22**

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Omniscient Father, receive the offering Your people place before You and make us eager to share in the good things You have given us. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## **PREFACE-THE GREAT THANKSGIVING SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

### **Eucharistic Prayer I**

Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, we ask You to accept and bless + these gifts we offer You in sacrifice. We offer them for Your holy Catholic Church, asking You to defend and guide it throughout the world. We offer them for Anthony, our Prime Bishop, and John., our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, deacons and other ministers who profess the true faith which comes to us from the apostles. Remember Your people, Lord, especially our brothers and sisters for whom we now pray. Remember all of us who are present here, who truly believe and are devoted to You. We offer this sacrifice of praise to You, our living, eternal and true God, for ourselves and all those we love, for the redemption of our souls, with hope for our salvation. Together with the whole Church we honor the Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We also honor the apostles and martyrs, as well as all those who have lived and died confessing Your name. In remembering them we desire to follow their example and so gain Your love and help. Father, accept this offering from Your whole family. Grant us Your peace in this life, preserve us from spiritual damnation and count us among Your chosen people. Bless, + accept and approve this offering we now make to You and let it be pleasing to You. Fill it with the power of Your Holy Spirit and let it become for us the Body and the Blood of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. The day before He suffered and died. our Lord desired to make His love known to His disciples and all who would follow Him. He, therefore, instituted these Sacred Mysteries by which He joined Himself with them spiritually and bodily, in His whole being, and abides with us forever. At that moment, so sacred for all of humanity, Jesus took bread into His holy hands and, looking up to heaven to You, His almighty Father, He gave You thanks. He blessed the bread, broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and eat it: **FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.** When supper had ended, He took the cup. In the same way He gave You thanks, blessed it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: **FOR THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT, WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.** As often as you do this, do it in remembrance of Me. Father, in celebration of the memory of Jesus Christ, Your Son, we, Your people, recall His passion, resurrection from the dead and ascension into glory. From the many gifts You have given us, we offer You this pure, holy and spotless offering: the holy Bread of Life and the holy Cup of Eternal Salvation. Look favorably on these offerings and accept them as You once accepted the gifts of Your servant, Abel, and the sacrifice of our father in faith, Abraham, and the bread and wine offered by Your priest, Melchizedek. In humility we ask, Father, that these offerings be carried by Your angel to Your high altar in heaven so that we, who receive the sacred Body and Blood of Your Son from this altar, may be filled with Your grace and Remember, Lord, our brothers and sisters who have died and have gone before us marked with

the sign of faith. May these and all who rest in Christ find happiness, light and peace. And we, who trust in Your love, also ask to be included in the fellowship of Your holy apostles, martyrs and saints who offered their lives to You. They were filled with Your justice and mercy and, because they lived in accord with the teachings of Jesus, gained eternal joy. Count us among them, Father, not because of what we truly deserve, but because You are willing to forgive us. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, by Whom You give us all these gifts; You fill them with life and goodness; You bless them and make them holy. ( *Holding the Sacred Host above the Chalice, he elevates them and says or sings*) Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

### COMMUNION RITE

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

**R:** 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.

C: Deliver us Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**R:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever.

### BREAKING OF BREAD

C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

**R. Because there is one Bread, we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one Bread.**

C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life.

**R. Amen.**

C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles: I leave you peace, My peace I give you. Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom where You live for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

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

**R. And also with you.**

C: Let us offer each other a sign of 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

### COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

C: I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

*the celebrant and congregation together say only once:*

Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

C: May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

C: May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

C. The Body and Blood of Christ. **R. Amen**

### **COMMUNION VERSE**

He who trusts in his riches will fall, but like green leaves the just flourish.

**Proverbs 11: 28**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. [pause briefly] Lord, Jesus Christ, You have fed us at Your Holy Table and have blessed us with abundance. Help us to use our riches rightly and generously, so that, having used perishable things to Your glory, we may at last gain the imperishable inheritance of Your kingdom. For You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R:**

**Amen**

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

C. The Lord be with you. **R. And also with you.**

C. May almighty God bless you: the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit. **R. Amen.**

**C: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

### **Closing Hymn: "Amazing Grace"**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved,  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures,  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.