

The Mass and The Bible

Handout

R-1 Celebration of the Eucharist called the Holy sacrifice of the Mass

Luke 22:19-20

19 Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.”

20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.

R-2 New Testament reveals Jesus is the Passover Lamb sacrificed for our salvation.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

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1 Peter 1:19-20

realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold

20 but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb

Revelation 5:6

Then I saw standing in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures and the elders a Lamb that seemed to have been slain. He had seven horns and seven eyes; these are the [seven] spirits of God sent out into the whole world.

R-3 Eating the sacrificial lamb was an essential part of the Passover celebration

Exodus 8:12-14

12 For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every firstborn in the land, human being and beast alike, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt—I, the LORD

13 But for you the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you; thereby, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you.

14 This day will be a day of remembrance for you, which your future generations will celebrate with pilgrimage to the LORD; you will celebrate it as a statute forever.

R-4 There is a Communion meal following from Christ's sacrifice.

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R-5 St. Paul describes the unity as (1 Corinthians chapter 10 & 11): Jesus institutes the Eucharist at the Last Supper

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

17 Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

1 Corinthians 11:23-27

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread,

24 and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

25 In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord.

R-6 Righteous received a mark on their forehead

Ezekiel 9:4-6

4 and the LORD said to him: Pass through the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and mark an X on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the abominations practiced within it.

5 To the others he said in my hearing: Pass through the city after him and strike! Do not let your eyes spare; do not take pity.

6 Old and young, male and female, women and children—wipe them out! But do not touch anyone marked with the X. Begin at my sanctuary. So they began with the elders who were in front of the temple.

R-7 Book of Revelation speaks of saints in heaven having a seal on their foreheads

Revelation 7:1-3

1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth,* holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on land or sea or against any tree.

2 Then I saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea,

3 “Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”

R-8 The seal separates the righteous people of God from the wicked and protects them

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R-9 Isaac calls on the Lord’s name when he builds an altar at Beersheba

Genesis 12:8

8 From there he moved on to the hill country east of Bethel, pitching his tent with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. He built an altar there to the LORD and invoked the LORD by name.

Genesis 13:3-4

3 From the Negeb he traveled by stages toward Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had formerly stood,

4 the site where he had first built the altar; and there Abram invoked the LORD by name.

Genesis 21:33

33 Abraham planted a tamarisk at Beer-sheba, and there he invoked by name the LORD, God the Eternal.

Why did Abraham plant a tamarisk? Trees were often used as memorials for great men. It is therefore appropriate that Abraham should honor God by **planting** the tamarisk. It would be a permanent memorial of the covenant between the two.

Genesis 26:24-25

24 The same night the LORD appeared to him and said: I am the God of Abraham, your father. Do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for the sake of Abraham, my servant.

25 So Isaac built an altar there and invoked the LORD by name. After he had pitched his tent there, Isaac's servants began to dig a well nearby.

R-10 Our help is in the name of the Lord

Psalm 148:1-13

Hallelujah!

1 Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you his angels; give praise, all you his hosts.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all shining stars.

4 Praise him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them all praise the LORD's name; for he commanded and they were created,

6 Assigned them their station forever, set an order that will never change.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all the deeps of the sea;

8 Lightning and hail, snow and thick clouds, storm wind that fulfills his command;

9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Animals wild and tame, creatures that crawl and birds that fly;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all who govern on earth;

12 Young men and women too, old and young alike.

13 Let them all praise the LORD's name, for his name alone is exalted, His majesty above earth and heaven.

R-11 Go therefore and make disciples

Matthew 28:19

19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit,

R-12

Leviticus 19:30

30 Keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary. I am the LORD.

Leviticus 26:2

2 Keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary. I am the LORD

Psalms 5:5-7

5 You are not a god who delights in evil; no wicked person finds refuge with you;

6 the arrogant cannot stand before your eyes. You hate all who do evil;

7 you destroy those who speak falsely.

R-13 The Bible tells us that Moses made the tabernacle after the pattern shown to him on the mountain

Exodus 25:8-9

8 They are to make a sanctuary for me, that I may dwell in their midst.^e

9 According to all that I show you regarding the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of its furnishings, so you are to make it.

Exodus 25:40

40 See that you make them according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.

Exodus 26:30

30 You shall set up the tabernacle according to its plan, which you were shown on the mountain.

Exodus 27:8

8 Make the altar itself in the form of a hollow^{*} box. Just as it was shown you on the mountain, so it is to be made.

Numbers 8:4

4 This is the construction of the menorah: hammered gold, from its base to its bowls it was hammered; according to the pattern which the LORD had shown Moses, so he made the menorah.

Acts 7:44

44 Our ancestors had the tent of testimony in the desert just as the One who spoke to Moses directed him to make it according to the pattern he had seen.

Hebrews 8:5

5 They worship in a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary, as Moses was warned when he was about to erect the tabernacle. For he says, “See that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”

R-14

General Instruction of the Roman Missal 301

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1 Corinthians 10:4

3 All ate the same spiritual food,

4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ.

Exodus 17:6

6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink. Moses did this, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Ephesians 2:20

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Luke 20:17-18

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Psalm 118:22-26

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23 By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

24 This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

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Ephesians 2:14

14 For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh,

R-15 The Procession

Hebrews 2:10

2 For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering.

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R-18 Priest imitates Christ kissing the altar

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R-19 Sign of the Cross

cf. Mt. 28:19

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit,

1 Chronicles. 16:36

36 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Let all the people say, Amen! Hallelujah.

R-20 Greeting by the Priest

[Form A] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all (cf. 2 Corinthians 13:13).

2 Corinthians 13:13

13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you.

R-21

[Form B] The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
(cf. 1 Peter 1:3).

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3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

R-22

[Form C] The Lord be with you (cf. Ruth 2:4).

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4 Soon, along came Boaz from Bethlehem and said to the harvesters, “The LORD be with you,” and they replied, “The LORD bless you.”

R-23 Penitential Rite

Luke 18:10-14

10 “Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.’

13 But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’

14 I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

R-24 I confess

cf. James 5:13-16

13 Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise.

14 Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord,

15 and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.

16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful.

R-25 I confess (cont’d)

Romans 12:14-16

14. Bless those who persecute [you], bless and do not curse them.

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

16 Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all.

James 3:5-6

5 In the same way the tongue is a small member and yet has great pretensions. Consider how small a fire can set a huge forest ablaze.

6 The tongue is also a fire. It exists among our members as a world of malice, defiling the whole body and setting the entire course of our lives on fire, itself set on fire by Gehenna.

R-26 I confess (cont'd)

cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:25-28

25 Brothers, pray for us [too].

26 Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

27 I adjure you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the brothers.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

James 4:17

17 So for one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, it is a sin.

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

R-27 I confess (cont'd)

cf. 1 John 1:9

1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life—

2 for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us—

3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

4 We are writing this so that our joy may be complete.

5 Now this is the message that we have heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

6 If we say, “We have fellowship with him,” while we continue to walk in darkness, we lie and do not act in truth.

7 But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say, “We are without sin,” we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.

Priest and Congregation: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

R-28 Penitential Rite (cont’d)

cf. Tobit 8:4

4 When Sarah’s parents left the bedroom and closed the door behind them, Tobiah rose from bed and said to his wife, “My sister, come, let us pray and beg our Lord to grant us mercy and protection.”

1 Timothy 1:1-2

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,

2 to Timothy, my true child in faith: grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gloria

The Gloria: Part of the Church’s liturgy since A.D. 128, the Gloria is the hymn of praise the angels sang at Christ’s birth, and that John heard in heaven (**Lk 2:13-14, Revelation 15:4**). The hymn is a doxology, literally “word of praise,” a prayer expressing the Church’s great joy in God becoming man and revealing himself to us.

Priest and Congregation: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people of good will

R-29 Gloria

cf. Luke 2:13-14.

13 And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

14 “Glory to God in the highest

Revelation 15:4

4 Who will not fear you, Lord, or glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All the nations will worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

R-30 The Gloria (cont'd)

Revelation 19:6

6 Then I heard something like the sound of a great multitude or the sound of rushing water or mighty peals of thunder, as they said: "Alleluia! The Lord has established his reign, [our] God, the almighty.

Revelation 22:8-9

8 It is I, John, who heard and saw these things, and when I heard and saw them I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me.

9 But he said to me, "Don't! I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers the prophets and of those who keep the message of this book. Worship God."

we give you thanks for your great glory

R-31 The Gloria (cont'd)

Ephesians 5:20

20 giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

Revelation 7:12

12 "Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

R-32 The Gloria (cont'd)

2 John 3

3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son in truth and love.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us

R-33 The Gloria (cont'd)

cf. John. 1:29

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

You take away the sins of the world receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us

R-34 The Gloria (cont'd)

Romans 8:34

34 Who will condemn? It is Christ [Jesus] who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

For you alone are the Holy One

R-35 The Gloria (cont'd)

cf. Luke 4:34

34 “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

you alone are the Lord

R-36 The Gloria (cont'd)

Revelation 15:4

24 Surrounding the throne I saw twenty-four other thrones on which twenty-four elders* sat, dressed in white garments and with gold crowns on their heads.

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ

R-37 The Gloria (cont'd)

Luke 1:32,

32 He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

R-38 The Gloria (cont'd)

cf. John 14:26.

26 The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you.

R-39 Faith comes from what is heard

Romans 10:17

17 Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

R-40 Jesus speaks to us in the Psalms

Luke 24:44-45

44 He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.”

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.

R-41 Word of God in our thoughts, minds, and on our lips.

Romans 10:9-10

9 for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

R-42 Taking the Word and bringing it to our life

Luke 24:13-35

13 Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles* from Jerusalem called Emmaus,

14 and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.

15 And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,

16 but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, “What are you discussing as you walk along?” They stopped, looking downcast.

18 One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?”

19 And he replied to them, “What sort of things?” They said to him, “The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

20 how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him.

21 But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place.

22 Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning

23 and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.

24 Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see.”

25 And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!

26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer* these things and enter into his glory?”

27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther.

29 But they urged him, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

30 And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.

31 With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.

32 Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?”

33 So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them

34 who were saying, “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!”

35 Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

R-43 The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth

Genesis 14:19

19 (The priest Melchizedek) He blessed Abram with these words: “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth;

20 And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand.”

of all things visible and invisible

R-44 The Creed

Col. 1:16

For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

R-45 The Creed

Luke 1:35

35 And the angel said to her in reply, “The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

R-46 The Creed

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father

Heb. 1:1-3

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets;
2 in these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe,

3 who is the refulgence (**shining brightly, radiant, gleaming**) of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

R-47 The Creed

Through him all things were made

John. 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be

4 through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race;

R-48 The Creed

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven

cf. John. 3:13

13 No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.

R-49 The Creed

And by the Holy Spirit he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man

cf. Matthew 1:18

18 Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit.

R-50 The Creed

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate

John. 19:16

15 They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

16 Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

R-581 The Creed

he suffered death and was buried and rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures.

cf. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures;

4 that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures;

R-52 The Creed

He ascended into heaven

cf. Luke 24:51

51 As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

R-53 The Creed

and is seated at the right hand of the Father

cf. Colossians 3:1

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

R-54 The Creed

to judge the living and the dead,

cf. 2 Timothy 4:1

1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power:

R-55 The Creed

and his kingdom will have no end.

Luke. 1:32-33

32 He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,* and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,

33 and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

R-56 The Creed

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life

Acts 2:17

17 ‘It will come to pass in the last days,’ God says, ‘that I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.

R-57 The Creed

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

John. 14:16

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,

R-58 The Creed

who has spoken through the Prophets.

1 Peter 1:10-11

10 Concerning this salvation, prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and investigated it,

11 investigating the time and circumstances that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the glories to follow them.

R-59 The Creed

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

cf. Romans 12:4-5

4 For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function,

5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another.

R-60 The Creed

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins

Acts 2:38

38 Peter [said] to them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the holy Spirit.

R-61 The Creed

and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

cf. Romans 6:5

5 For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

R-62 Blessing the Gifts

Genesis 14:19-20

He blessed Abram with these words:

19 “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth;

20 And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand.”

R-63 Blessing the Gifts

John 19:33-34

33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs,

34 but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

Deacon or Priest: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

R-64 Blessing the Gifts

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,

cf. Qoheleth 3:13 (Ecclesiastes)

13 Moreover, that all can eat and drink and enjoy the good of all their toil—this is a gift of God.

R-65 Blessing the Gifts

It will become for us the bread of life.

Congregation: Blessed be God forever

cf. John 6:35

13 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

R-66 Blessing the Gifts

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.

cf. Luke 22:17-18

17 Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and share it among yourselves;

18 for I tell you [that] from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

Congregation: Blessed be God forever.

R-67 Blessing the Gifts

cf. Psalms 68:36

36 Awesome is God in his holy place, the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

Next the priest washes his hands, following St. Paul's advice in **1 Timothy 2:8**, that when praying, men should lift up "holy" or "clean" hands.

R-68 Blessing the Gifts

1 Timothy 2:8

8 It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

R-69 Blessing the Gifts

Priest (Quietly prays two prayers. The first is a prayer of contrition the second accompanies the washing of hands): With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

cf. Hebrews 12:28

28 Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe.

R-70 Blessing the Gifts

Priest (Quietly prays the second prayer): Although this action may remind us of Pontius Pilate washing his hands before the crowd, it is more related to **Psalms 51:4**.

Psalms 51:4

4 Thoroughly wash away my guilt; and from my sin cleanse me.

R-71 Blessing the Gifts

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sins.

Priest returns to the center of the altar and asks us to join him in prayer that God will accept the sacrifice on his behalf and ours.:

Priest: Pray brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. (**Hebrews 12:28**)

Hebrews 12:28

28 Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe.

R-72 Blessing the Gifts

cf. Psalms 50:23

23 Those who offer praise as a sacrifice honor me; I will let him whose way is steadfast look upon the salvation of God.”

R-73 Holy, holy, holy

People stand: 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.

Isaiah 6:2-3

2 Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they hovered.

3 One cried out to the other “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!”

4 At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Revelation 4:8

8 The four living creatures, each of them with six wings, were covered with eyes inside and out. Day and night they do not stop exclaiming: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come.”

R-74 Praying for Unity

Lamentations 3:41

41 Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands toward God in heaven!

R-75 Praying for Unity

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise

Colossians. 3:17

17 And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians. 1:3

3 We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,

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Isaiah 6:1-3

1 In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple.

2 Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they hovered.

3 One cried out to the other: “Holy, holy, holy* is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!”

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Mark. 11:9-10

9 Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!”

R-77 The Institution of the Eucharist

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread,

24 and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

25 In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

R-78

To you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord: (cf. Ephesians. 5:20).

cf. Ephesians. 5:20

20 giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

R-79

That you accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices, we offer in you firstly for your holy catholic Church.

cf. 2 Maccabees. 1:26

26 accept this sacrifice on behalf of all your people Israel and guard and sanctify your portion.

R-80

Be pleased to grant her piece, Lord, to guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world. Together with your servant N. our pope, N. our bishop, and for all who holding to the truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

cf. John. 17:21

21 so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.

Acts 2:42

42 They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.

R-81

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 the hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, loving and true.

cf. Psalm 106:4

Remember me, LORD, as you favor your people; come to me with your saving help,

Hebrews 13:15

15 Through him [then] let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

R-82

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[...]and all your Saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.

cf. Matthew 1:2-16

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.

3 Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram,

4 Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon,

5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse,

6 Jesse the father of David the king. David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah.

7 Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph.

8 Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah.

9 Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah.

10 Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos,* Amos the father of Josiah.

11 Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.

12 After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

13 Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor,

14 Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud,

15 Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob,

16 Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Messiah.

1 Corinthians 12:12, 20f

12 As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

20 But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

R-83

Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family, which we make to you also for those to whom you have been pleased to give the new birth of water and the Holy Spirit, granting them forgiveness of all their sins; 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 (cf. **Colossians. 1:10-11**). Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Colossians 1:10-11

10 to live in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to be fully pleasing, in every good work bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God,

11 strengthened with every power, in accord with his glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy

R-84

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, (**John 4:24**).

John 4:24

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.”

On the day before he was to suffer, he took bread in his holy and venerable hands with his eyes raised to heaven to you 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 (cf. **Mt. 26:26-28**).

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cf. Mt. 26:26-28

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

27 Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you,

28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.

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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 (Mt. 26:26-28).

Mt. 26:26-28

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

27 Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you,

28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.

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The mystery of faith (cf. 1 Tim. 3:16):

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16 Undeniably great is the mystery of devotion, who was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed to the Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

R-88

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again (cf. 1 Corinthians. 15:3-5).

cf. 1 Corinthians. 15:3-5

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures;

4 that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures;

5 that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

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, (cf. 1 Peter 1:18-21) this pure victim, this spotless victim, (Hebrews 9:13-14) this holy Bread of eternal life and the chalice of everlasting salvation (John 6:54)

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1 Peter 1:18-21

17 Now if you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning,

18 realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold

19 but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

20 He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, 21 who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Hebrews 9:13-14

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed,

14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

John 6:54

54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.

R-90

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 (Genesis 4:3-4), the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:9-12), and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18).

Genesis 4:4

3 In the course of time Cain brought an offering to the LORD from the fruit of the ground,

4 while Abel, for his part, brought the fatty portion of the firstlings of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering,

Genesis 22:9-12

9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Next he bound^s his son Isaac, and put him on top of the wood on the altar.

10 Then Abraham reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.

11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am," he answered.

12 "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the angel. "Do not do the least thing to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you did not withhold from me your son, your only one."

Genesis 14:18

18 Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine. He was a priest of God Most High.

R-91

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 (cf. Revelation. 8:3-4) 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 heaven. Then, as we receive from this altar the sacred body and blood of your Son, let us be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing (cf. Ephesians. 1:3).

cf. Revelation. 8:3-4

3 Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a gold censer. He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones, on the gold altar that was before the throne.

4 The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel.

cf. Ephesians 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,

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Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Remember, Lord, your servants **N** and **N** who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. (cf. 1 Thess. 4:13, 14).

Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light, and peace (Through Christ our Lord, Amen)

cf. 1 Thess. 4:13-14

13 We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

R-93

To us, also, your servants, who though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share too, we ask some share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas [...Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha...] and all your Saints; (cf. Colossians 1:12) admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord.

cf. Colossians 1:12

12 giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.

R-94

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. (Psalm 104:27-28). **R-95**

Priest: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Congregation: Amen (cf. Romans 11:36).

Psalm 104:27-28

27 All of these look to you to give them food in due time.

28 When you give it to them, they gather; when you open your hand, they are well filled.

The following Eucharistic prayers find their expressions in the following Scripture passages:

Eucharistic Prayer II (cf. 2 Macc. 14:36; Phil. 2:8; Jn. 10:17-18; Mk. 14:22-25; Heb. 2:14-15; Jn. 6:51; 1 Cor. 10:17; 2 Macc. 12:45-46; 2 Thess. 1:4-5)

Eucharistic Prayer III (cf. Tob. 8:5; Jn. 1:3; Ps. 113:3; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:26; Mk. 13:33; 2 Cor. 5:19; Eph. 4:3; Eph. 5: 25-27; Jn. 17:22, 23; Col. 1:4-5)

Doxology

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Priest: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Congregation: Amen (cf. Romans 11:36).

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36 For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

The Communion Rite (Page 515 RM)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist continues with the Communion Rite when the faithful immediately prepare themselves to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The Lord's Prayer is offered, signs of peace and reconciliation are made, the consecrated Host is broken and prepared for distribution.

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Priest and Congregation: "Our Father" (cf. Matthew 6:9-13).

cf. Matthew 6:9-13

9 "This is how you are to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread;

12 and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

13 and do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one.

“Deliver us, O Lord...”: Following the Lord’s Prayer, the priest prays that the entire community may be delivered from every evil and all distress as it awaits the second coming of Christ. This prayer is called the “embolism” as it develops the last petition of the Lord’s Prayer. This prayer is based upon **Titus 2:13** which is the second reading for Christmas Midnight Mass. It reminds us that Jesus will come again and until that time, he will protect us from the dangers and temptations that we encounter in life.

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Titus 2:13

13 as we await the blessed hope, the appearance* of the glory of the great God and of our savior Jesus Christ,

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Priest: 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 (**John. 17:15**).

John. 17:15

15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one.

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

“For the kingdom...”: The embolism prayer ends with a doxology that is well known among Protestant Christians, but that Catholics did not retain as the conclusion to the Lord’s Prayer. This doxology “For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever” was in use as a conclusion to the Lord’s Prayer in the early Church and it was restored to the Mass for several reasons: this prayer was part of the early tradition of the Catholic Faith, it is biblical in nature, for ecumenical reasons and to add another element of participation for the people.

The Rite of Peace: The Rite of Peace begins with the priest asking Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to bestow his peace on the community just as he once did upon the Apostles when they were gathered in the upper room (see **John 20:19-23**). While the priest says this prayer alone, the people assent to it by their “Amen.”

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John 20:19-23

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 [Jesus] said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the holy Spirit.

23 Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

The Exchange of Peace: The sign of peace is then exchanged by all present. This practice comes directly from Scripture ([Matthew 5.23-24](#)) where Jesus admonishes his followers to be reconciled with one another before offering their gift at the altar. From the very beginning, this practice was a very important element of the Mass. In the early Church, individuals that had a grievance with one another went and asked for forgiveness. It was only after everyone was reconciled that the Mass continued.

R-100

Matthew 5.23-24

23 Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you,

24 leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

The exchange of peace is a serious moment of reconciliation and preparation to receive Holy Communion. It is to be carried out in a respectful and appropriate manner either by a handshake or a bow of the head.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live and reign for ever and ever ([John. 14:27](#)). The peace of the Lord be with you always (cf. [John. 20:19-23](#)).

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John. 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

cf. John 20:19-23

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 [Jesus] said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Breaking of the Host

R-102

Priest and Congregation: 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 (**cf. John. 1:29**).

cf. John. 1:29

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Communion

R-103

Priest: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper (**Rev. 19:9**).

Rev. 19:9

9 Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These words are true; they come from God."

R-104

Priest and Congregation: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed (cf. Mt. 8:8).

cf. Mt. 8:8

8 The centurion said in reply, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.

Luke 7:6

6 And Jesus went with them, but when he was only a short distance from the house, the centurion sent friends to tell him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof.

Dismissal

R-105

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you (cf. Ruth 2:4).

cf. Ruth 2:4

4 Soon, along came Boaz from Bethlehem and said to the harvesters, “The LORD be with you,” and they replied, “The LORD bless you.”

R-106

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit (cf. Luke 24:51).

cf. Luke 24:51

51 As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

Priest or Deacon: Go in the peace of Christ (cf. Luke 7:50; 2 Chronicles 35:3).

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cf. Luke 7:50

50 But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

2 Chronicles 35:3

3 He said to the Levites who were to instruct all Israel, and who were consecrated to the LORD: “Put the holy ark in the house built by Solomon, son of David, king of Israel. It shall no longer be a burden on your shoulders. Serve now the LORD, your God, and his people Israel.

R-108

Congregation: Thanks be to God (cf. 2 Corinthians 9:13-15).

cf. 2 Corinthians 9:13-15

13 Through the evidence of this service, you are glorifying God for your obedient confession of the gospel of Christ and the generosity of your contribution to them and to all others,

14 while in prayer on your behalf they long for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!