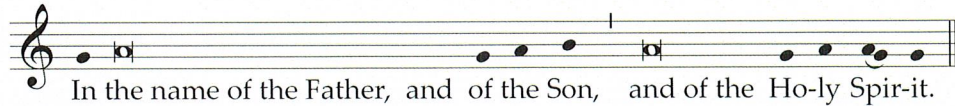


THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

1. When the people are gathered, the Priest approaches the altar with the ministers while the Entrance Chant is sung.

When he has arrived at the altar, after making a profound bow with the ministers, the Priest venerates the altar with a kiss and, if appropriate, incenses the cross and the altar. Then, with the ministers, he goes to the chair.

When the Entrance Chant is concluded, the Priest and the faithful, standing, sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross, while the Priest, facing the people, says:



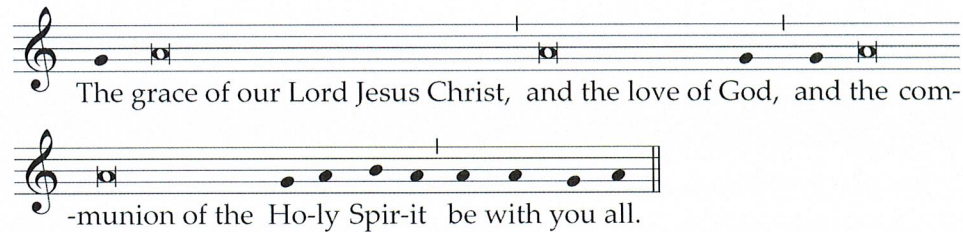
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The people reply:



Amen.

2. Then the Priest, extending his hands, greets the people, saying:



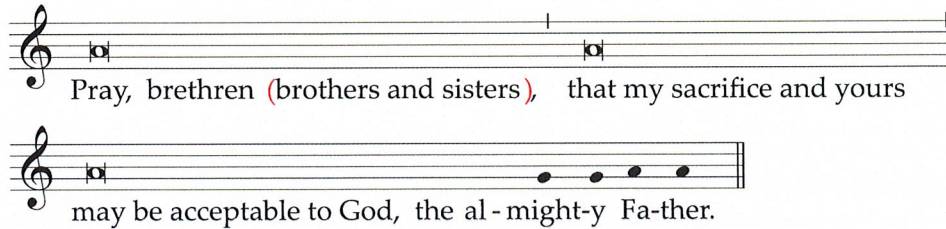
**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.**

27. If appropriate, he also incenses the offerings, the cross, and the altar. A Deacon or other minister then incenses the Priest and the people.

28. Then the Priest, standing at the side of the altar, washes his hands, saying quietly:

**Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.**

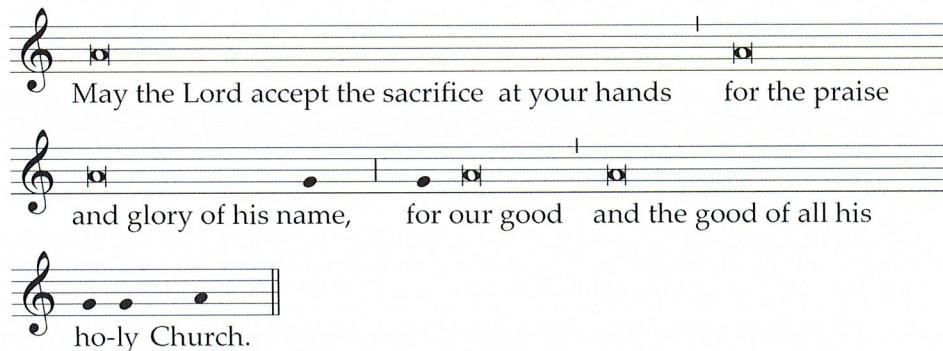
29. Standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, he says:



Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the al-might-y Fa-ther.

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

The people rise and reply:



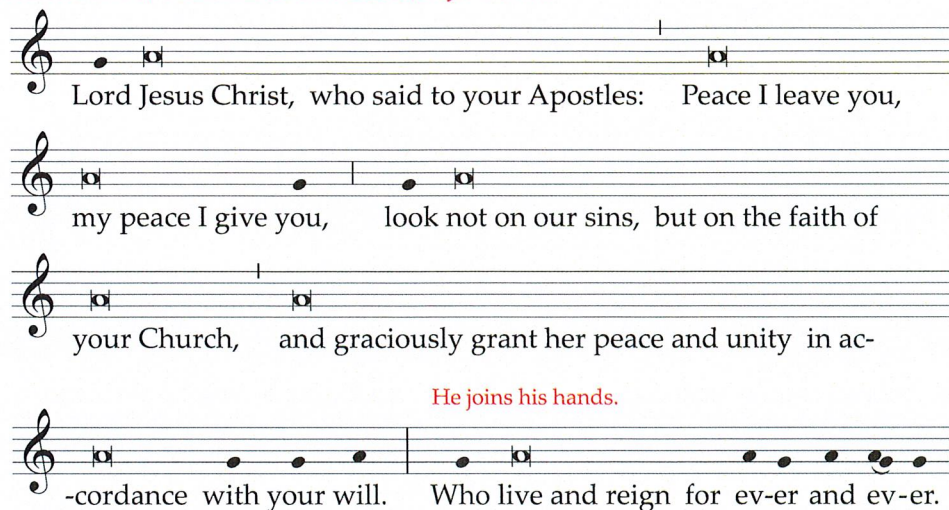
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise
and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his
ho-ly Church.

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.

30. Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:

Amen.

126. Then the Priest, with hands extended, says aloud:



Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you,
 my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of
 your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in ac-
 -cordance with your will. Who live and reign for ev-er and ev-er.

**Lord Jesus Christ,
 who said to your Apostles:
 Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
 look not on our sins,
 but on the faith of your Church,
 and graciously grant her peace and unity
 in accordance with your will.**

He joins his hands.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

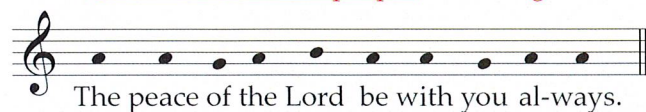
The people reply:



A-men.

Amen.

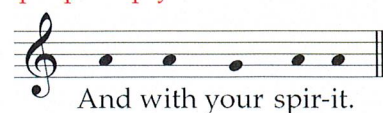
127. The Priest, turned towards the people, extending and then joining his hands, adds:



The peace of the Lord be with you al-ways.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

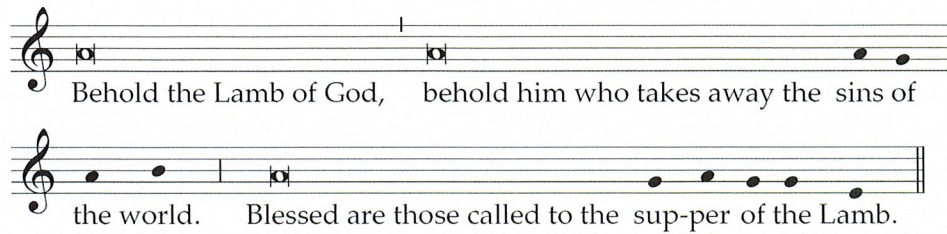
The people reply:



And with your spir-it.

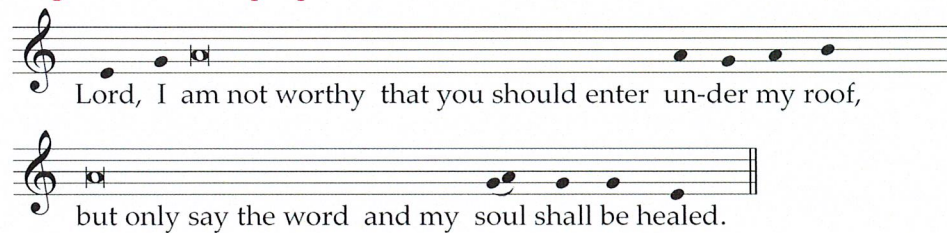
And with your spirit.

132. The Priest genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice, while facing the people, says aloud:



**Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

And together with the people he adds once:



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

133. The Priest, facing the altar, says quietly:

**May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.**

And he reverently consumes the Body of Christ.

Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:

**May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.**

And he reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.

134. After this, he takes the paten or ciborium and approaches the communicants. The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it to each of the communicants, saying:

The Body of Christ.

The communicant replies:

Amen.

And receives Holy Communion.

If a Deacon also distributes Holy Communion, he does so in the same manner.

135. If any are present who are to receive Holy Communion under both kinds, the rite described in the proper place is to be followed.
136. While the Priest is receiving the Body of Christ, the Communion Chant begins.
137. When the distribution of Communion is over, the Priest or a Deacon or an acolyte purifies the paten over the chalice and also the chalice itself.

While he carries out the purification, the Priest says quietly:

**What has passed our lips as food, O Lord,
may we possess in purity of heart,
that what has been given to us in time
may be our healing for eternity.**

138. Then the Priest may return to the chair. If appropriate, a sacred silence may be observed for a while, or a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may be sung.
139. Then, standing at the altar or at the chair and facing the people, with hands joined, the Priest says:

Let us pray.

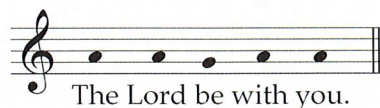
All pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless silence has just been observed. Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer after Communion, at the end of which the people acclaim:

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

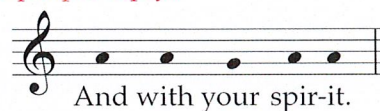
140. If they are necessary, any brief announcements to the people follow here.

141. Then the dismissal takes place. The Priest, facing the people and extending his hands, says:



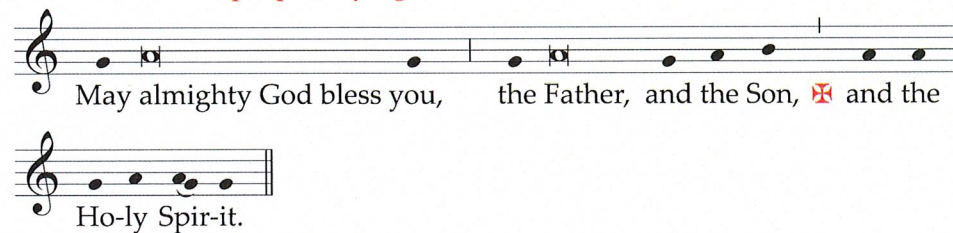
The Lord be with you.

The people reply:



And with your spirit.

The Priest blesses the people, saying:



**May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.**

The people reply:



Amen.

142. On certain days or occasions, this formula of blessing is preceded, in accordance with the rubrics, by another more solemn formula of blessing or by a prayer over the people (cf. pp. 674ff.).
