

SAINT MARK'S CHURCH
PHILADELPHIA



Order of Service for Low Mass

THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Upon the sounding of the bell, the People stand.

*Throughout the liturgy, the People make the responses in **bold print**.*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The People kneel.

✠ I will go unto the altar of God.

✠ **Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.**

GIVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause
against the ungodly people; O deliver me from the deceitful
and wicked man.

**For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou put
me from thee? and why go I so heavily, while the enemy
oppresseth me?**

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me,
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

**And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the
God of my joy and gladness; and upon the harp will I give
thanks unto thee, O God, my God.**

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? and why art thou so
disquieted within me?

**O put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks,
which is the help of my countenance and my God.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

- ✠ I will go unto the altar of God.
✠ Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.
✠ Our help is in the ☩ Name of the Lord.
✠ Who hath made heaven and earth.

The Priest begins the Confession as follows

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 you, brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed: by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Therefore I beg blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Server and People respond

ALMIGHTY God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. ✠ Amen.

The Server and People continue

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/mother, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed: by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Therefore 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/mother, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Priest gives the Absolution, saying

ALMIGHTY God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. ✠ Amen.

THE ALMIGHTY and merciful Lord grant us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of our sins. **Amen.**

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

℟ **That thy people may rejoice in thee.**

℣ O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

℟ **And grant us thy salvation.**

℣ O Lord, hear my prayer.

℟ **And let my cry come unto thee.**

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People stand.

Ascending to the Altar the Priest says secretly

TAKE away from us our iniquities, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of holies; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, by the merits of thy Saints, that it may please thee to forgive us all our sins. Amen.

The Priest reads the appointed Introit, during which is offered the Gloria Patri, to which the People respond

...as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie is then said responsively with the Server and People.

∟ Kyrie, eleison. ⚡ Kyrie, eleison. ∟ Kyrie, eleison.

∟ Christe, eleison. ⚡ Christe, eleison. ∟ Christe, eleison.

∟ Kyrie, eleison. ⚡ Kyrie, eleison. ∟ Kyrie, eleison.

When it is appointed the Gloria in excelsis is said as follows

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

∟ The Lord be with you.

⚡ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The People kneel as the Priest says one or more Collects as appointed.

At the conclusion of each the People respond

⚡ Amen.

The People are seated.

The Lesson or Epistle is read as appointed followed by the Gradual and Alleluia (or, in Lent, the Tract). At the end of the Lesson or Epistle the People respond

⚡ Thanks be to God.

The Priest prays the following prayers silently before the Gospel

CLEANSE my heart and my lips, Almighty God, Who didst cleanse the lips of the Prophet Isaiah with a live coal; so of Thy gracious mercy vouchsafe to cleanse me, that I may worthily proclaim Thy Holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT ME, O Lord, Thy blessing. The Lord be in my heart and on my lips, that I may worthily and meekly proclaim His Gospel. Amen.

The People stand.

∇ The Lord be with you.

℞ And with thy spirit.

∇ The (continuation/beginning) of the Holy Gospel according to...

℞ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Priest then reads the appointed Gospel, after which the People respond

℞ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

When it is appointed, The Nicene Creed is said as follows

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (*Here genuflect*) and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; (*Here rise*) and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in

the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the ☩ life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Priest reads the appointed Offertory.

The People are seated.

As the Host is offered, the Priest prays

RECEIVE, O Holy Father, this spotless Host, which I, Thine unworthy servant, offer unto Thee, my living and true God, for my numberless sins, offences, and negligences; for all here present and for all faithful Christians both living and departed; that to me and them it may be profitable for salvation unto life eternal. Amen.

As water and wine are poured into the chalice, the Priest prays

O GOD, Who hast wonderfully constituted the dignity of human nature, and still more wonderfully regenerated it: grant that by the mystery of this water and wine, we may be made partakers of His Divine Nature, Who vouchsafed to become a partaker of our human nature, Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

As the Chalice is offered, the Priest prays

WE offer unto thee, O Lord, the Chalice of Salvation, humbly beseeching Thy mercy, that in the sight of Thy divine Majesty it may ascend as an odour of sweetness for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. Amen.

Then the Priest bows and says

IN an humble spirit and with a contrite heart, may we be accepted by Thee, O Lord, and may our Sacrifice be so offered in Thy sight this day that it may be pleasing unto Thee, O Lord our God.

The Priest rises and makes the Sign of the Cross over the oblations, saying

COME, Almighty and Eternal God, the Sanctifier, and bless this Sacrifice prepared for Thy Holy Name.

At the washing of the hands, the Priest prays

I WILL wash my hands in innocency, O Lord: and so will I go to thine altar. That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving: and tell of all thy wondrous works. Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house: and the place where thine honour 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Priest bows and prays

RECEIVE O Holy Trinity, this Oblation which we offer Thee in memory of the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ: and in honour of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, of blessed John the Baptist,

of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of these and of all the Saints, that it may avail to their honour and for our salvation: and may they, whose memory we celebrate on earth, vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ PRAY brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

✠ **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. Amen.**

The People kneel as the Priest says the Secret prayer(s) and continues with the Prayers for the Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee

to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The People stand.

∞ The Lord be with you.

℞ **And with thy spirit.**

∞ Lift up your hearts.

℞ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

∞ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

℞ **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Priest continues with the appointed Preface, concluding the prayer with ...evermore praising thee, and saying:

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. ✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then follows the Canon of the Mass. The People kneel.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

FOR in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU; Do this in remembrance of me.

LIKEWISE, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

AND here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

REMEMBER also, O Lord, thy servants and handmaidens, N. and N. who have gone before us with the sign of faith and are at rest in the sleep of peace. To these, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, we beseech thee to grant a place of refreshment, of light, and of peace.

AND although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

Let us pray: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Priest continues

DELIVER us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and at the intercession of the blessed, glorious, and ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with that of thy blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul, and of Andrew and all thy Saints, favorably grant peace in our time, that by the help of thy mercy, we may ever be kept free from sin, and safe from all disquietude; Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, Who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God...

...World without end. **Amen.**

✠ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

✠ **And with thy spirit.**

As the particle from the Host is placed in the chalice the Priest prays

MAY this commixture and consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be to us who receive It effectual unto life eternal. **Amen.**

All say together the Agnus Dei

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

In Masses for the dead, have mercy upon us is not said, but instead, grant them rest, and lastly, grant them rest everlasting.

Bowing slightly, the Priest says the following prayer (omitted in Masses for the Dead) in a low voice

O LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to it that peace and unity which is according to thy will, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Priest says the following prayer in a low voice

LET not the partaking of thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, presume to receive turn to my judgment and condemnation; but of thy goodness let it be profitable to me for the receiving of protection and healing, both in body and soul: who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

After receiving Holy Communion, the Priest turns to the People saying
BEHOLD the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of
the world.

And the People say three times

LORD, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but
speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

During the ablutions the Priest prays

GRANT, O Lord, that what we have taken with our
lips, we may receive with a pure heart; and that from
a temporal gift it may become for us an eternal
remedy.

LET thy Body, O Lord, which I have taken, and thy
Blood which I have drunk, cleave unto my soul; and
grant that no spot of sin may remain in me, whom this
pure and holy Sacrament hath refreshed; Who livest
and reignest, world without end. Amen.

The Priest reads the Communion anthem as appointed.

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

The Priest prays the Postcommunion prayer, followed by

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ **And with thy spirit.**

✠ The Mass is ended. Depart in peace. (*or, throughout Lent, Let us bless the Lord.*)

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

The Priest prays secretly

MAY it please thee, O Holy Trinity, to accept this my service of worship, and of Thy mercy grant that the sacrifice which, all unworthy, I have offered in the eyes of Thy glory, may avail for me and for all for whom it has been done: Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest then blesses the People saying

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The People stand.

The Priest goes to the Gospel side of the Altar and says

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ **And with thy spirit.**

✠ ✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

✠ **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 any thing 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 this 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, (*Here rise*) and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
℟ Thanks be to God.

The Priest and People depart.