



the mass of affirmation a unified eucharistic liturgy

A Eucharistic liturgical synthesis based upon
the five primary ancient historical liturgies of
St James, St. Mark, St. Basil, St. John Chrysostom and St. Ambrose,
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+James Ingall Wedgwood and +Charles Webster Leadbeater,
and the beautiful Eucharistic Prayers of the Novus Ordo.

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ASPERGES

Taking the aspergilla, he makes the sign of the cross over himself with it, saying:

Priest: May the Lord purify me that I may worthily perform His service.

Sprinkling the altar in the middle, then to his left, then to his right, he continues:

In the strength of the Lord I repel all evil from this, His holy altar and sanctuary,

Turning to the people and sprinkling them with the same triple motion:

and from this house in which we worship Him;

Turning back to the altar and resigning the aspergilla:

and I pray our heavenly Father to send His holy Angel to build for us a spiritual Temple through which His strength and blessing may be poured forth upon His people; through Christ our Lord. **R** Amen.

Turning to the people, the Priest says:

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us now lay down the foundations of our Temple.

Deacon [Priest]: The Word was in the beginning, and that very Word was with God, and God was that Word.

The same was in the beginning with God. Everything came to be by His Hand; and without Him no single thing that was created came into being. The life was in Him, and the life is the light of men.

Priest: O Lord, open our lips:

All: And our mouths shall sing your praise.

Priest: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

All: They that have clean hands and pure hearts.

THE INVOCATION

The people stand. The Priest intones:

Priest: In the Name of the Father ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **R** Amen.

THE CANTICLE

Antiphon

Deacon [Priest]: Christ is our Foundation,

All: And our chief corner-stone.

1. We are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God;
2. And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone.
3. In whom all the building fitly framed together growth towards a holy temple in the Lord;

4. In whom you also are built together for a House of God through the Spirit.

5. Unless the Lord build the house, their labor is but lost that build it.

6. The foundation of God stands sure, having this seal: let everyone that proclaims the Name of Christ depart from wrong doing.

Antiphon

Christ is our foundation,
And our chief corner-stone.

Priest: I will go unto the altar of God. Even unto the altar of my joy and gladness.

VERSICLES

Priest: ✠ Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

All: Who has made heaven and earth.

Priest: Turn us again, O Lord, and enliven us.

All: That your people may rejoice in you.

Priest: Trust in the Lord forever:

All: For our Rock of Ages is the Lord.

CONFITEOR

All kneel and say together:

All: O Lord, you have created us to be immortal and made us to be an image of your own eternity; yet we often forget the glory of our heritage and wander from the path which leads to righteousness. But You, O Lord, have made us for yourself and our hearts are ever restless till they find their rest in you. Look with the eyes of your love upon our many imperfections and pardon all our shortcomings, that we may be filled with the brightness of the everlasting light and become a clear mirror of that light and a mirror of Your power and the image of Your goodness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Priest: God the Father, God the ☩ Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and sanctify you; the Lord in His loving kindness look down upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord ✠ absolve you from all your sins and grant you the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
℟ Amen.

Priest: With praise and with prayer shall our Temple be built.

All: To God alone be the glory.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST CENSING

The censor is brought to the priest, who puts incense into the censor and says:

Priest: May you be ☩ blessed by Him in whose honor you are burnt.

The Priest censures the altar after which the people stand.

Priest: May the Love of ✠ God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

INTROIT

All: ✠ Blessed be the Holy Trinity, the undivided Unity, eternal, immortal, invisible, to whom be all honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

O Lord our God, how excellent is your name in all the world. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, the undivided Unity, eternal, immortal, invisible, to whom be all honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

KYRIE

The Kyrie is sung by all together, the people kneeling

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

This is sung by all together, the people standing. The head is bowed at the phrases, "We worship you; we give you thanks" and "receive our prayer."

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to men of goodwill. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, alone-born Son of the Father, Lord God, Indwelling Light, you take away the sin 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, whose infinite wisdom perfectly orders all things, pour forth your love; you, whose strength upholds and sustains all creation, receive our prayer; you whose beauty shines forth throughout the whole universe, unveil your glory. For you alone are holy; you alone are the Lord; you alone, O Christ, ✠ together with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECTS

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

The people kneel.

Priest: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may more perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **R** Amen.

Here follows the Collect of the Day and other Collects, if any, followed by the Collect for peace.

Priest: Teach us, O Lord to see your life in all men and in all the peoples of the earth, and so guide the nations into the understanding of your laws that peace and goodwill may reign upon the earth; through Christ our Lord. **R** Amen.

THE EPISTLE

The people are seated. The Epistle of the day is read and ended with:

Reader: A Reading from the Epistle of ...

Here ends the Epistle.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

All sing the gradual, after the Priest has intoned the first half of the first verse.

Priest: He that loves wisdom loves life:

All: And those that seek her early shall be filled with joy.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your ways and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law. Indeed, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

The path of the just like the shining light; shining more and more unto the perfect day.

MUNDA COR MEUM

The Gospel is read by the Deacon or the Priest. If the Deacon is reading, he kneels before the center of the altar and says:

Deacon [Priest]: Cleanse my heart and my lips, O God, who by the hand of your Seraph cleansed the lips of the prophet Isaiah with a burning coal from your altar, and in your loving-kindness so purify me that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel; through Christ our Lord. **℟** Amen.

The Celebrant blesses him in the following words:

Priest: May the Lord be in your [my] heart and on my lips, that through your [my] heart the love of God may shine forth, and through your [my] lips His power be made manifest.

If the Celebrant is without a deacon, he himself intones both the prayer and the blessing, substituting 'my' for 'your' in the latter.

THE GOSPEL

Deacon [Priest]: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

As soon as the Gospel is announced all say or sing the following, making the sign of the cross with the right thumb upon the forehead, lips and breast successively:

Deacon [Priest]: The Gospel according to...

All: Glory be to you, O Lord

Deacon [Priest]: Here ends the Gospel.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE TRISAGION TROPARION

This, most ancient troparion of the Church is solemnly sung by all.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal,
Cleanse us of all impurities.

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Alternatively it may be sung in the original Greek:

[Agiōs o Theos, Agiōs iskyros, Agiōs athanatos, eleison imas]

[Agiōs o Theos, Agiōs iskyros, Agiōs athanatos, eleison imas]

[Agiōs o Theos, Agiōs iskyros, Agiōs athanatos, eleison imas]

HOMILY

Priest: In the Name of the Father ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. ℞ Amen.

After the Homily is finished all say:

And now to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy spirit, Three Persons in one God, be ascribed, as is most justly due, all honor, might, majesty, power and dominion, both now and forever more. Amen.

CREDO - THE ACT OF FAITH

Priest: Together now let us stand and proclaim our faith.

Either of the following two forms may be used:

The Liberal Catholic Act of Faith

We believe that God is Love and Power and Truth and Light; that perfect justice rules the world; that all His children shall one day reach His feet, however far they stray. We hold the Parenthood of God, the Fellowship of humankind; we know that we do serve God best when best we serve our fellow beings. So shall God's blessing rest on us and peace for evermore. Amen.

OR

The Nicene Creed

All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We 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 became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with 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.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

OFFERTORIUM

A hymn is usually sung here while the offering is taken up. After the hymn the people are seated and the following is intoned by the Priest:

Priest: Lord God, source of all life and goodness, with true and thankful hearts we offer you this token of these life-giving gifts which you bestow upon us, together with our praise and adoration.

The Priest offers the Host, saying:

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

The Priest pours a little wine into the chalice, saying:

Priest: According to immemorial custom, we now mix water with this wine, praying that we may evermore abide in Christ and He in us.

He now offers the chalice, saying:

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer; fruit

of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

THE SECOND CENSING

Priest: As this incense rises before you, O Lord, so let our prayer be set forth in your sight. Bid your holy Angels to encompass your people and breathe forth upon them the spirit of your blessing.

As he returns the censor to the thurifer or Deacon he says:

May the Lord enkindle within us the fire of His love and the flame of everlasting charity.

The Priests, clerics, choir and people are censed. The people stand as the thurifer approaches them and bow before and after being censed. During the censing of the choir and people, the Priest recites the Lavabo in a low tone, raising his voice for the Gloria.

LAVABO

Priest: I will wash my hands in the waters of innocence, O Lord: and so will I go to your altar, that I may show thanksgiving and tell of all your wonderful

works. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. **R** Amen.

ORATE FRATRES

Priest: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, and sanctify our lives in His service.

Priest: Let us pray. We lay before you, O Lord, these your creatures of bread and wine, in token of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for here we offer and present unto you ourselves, our souls and our bodies, to be a holy and continual sacrifice to you. May our strength be spent in your service, and our love poured out upon your people, almighty Father who lives and reigns forever and ever. **R** Amen.

THE CANON

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

SURSUM CORDA

Priest: Lift up your minds and your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is fitting and right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE ANAPHORA (PREFACE)

Priest: Holy Father, it is fitting and right that we should give you thanks and praise. Almighty God, it is our duty always and everywhere to proclaim your glory; for you are indeed the One God, living and true. Through all eternity you live in boundless light and glory.

Source of life and goodness, you have created all things to fill your creation with every blessing and to lead all men and women to the joyful vision of your light.

Here follows the proper Preface, if any. Continue with:

Countless hosts of angels stand before you to do your will; they gaze upon your splendor and praise you night and day. United with the Angels and Archangels; the Thrones, Dominions and Principalities; the Virtues and Powers; the many-eyed Cherubim and six-winged Seraphim; together with all the Saints, we too proclaim your glory as we say:

SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

The people kneel and sing the following. The sacring bell is rung each time the word 'Holy' is uttered.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.
✠ Hosanna in the highest.**

EPICLESIS

(Calling on the Holy Spirit)

Priest: Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness, and all creation rightly gives you thanks and praise. All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit. From age to age you gather your people to yourself, so that from East to West a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts, which have served as tokens and channels of our love and devotion to you; and now we pray you to ✠ receive, to ✠ purify and to ✠ sanctify them as earthly channels of your wondrous power. We desire to offer this holy sacrifice, especially for your holy Catholic Church, for our President (N) and all serve with him; for (N) our Presiding Bishop; for our Bishop (N); for all our Bishops, clergy and all who hold and teach the Catholic faith that comes to us from the Apostles.

Remember, Lord, your people, especially those for whom we now pray, (N). Remember all of us gathered here before you, and all who in this transitory life suffer from sickness and adversity (especially for N). We offer you this sacrifice of praise for ourselves and for those who are dear to us; for your children whom it has pleased you to deliver from the burden of the flesh (especially for N), that, freed from earthly toil and care, they may enjoy the peace and joy of your eternal presence, forever praising you in word and deed, O God, everlasting, living and true.

With hands spread over the offerings, he continues:

Therefore, O loving Father, we pray you to look down on and accept as a channel of your grace these offerings and ask you, with your Holy Spirit and Eternal Word, to † bless, † approve and † ratify them that they may become for us the most precious † body and † blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE INSTITUTION

Of the Holy Eucharist

Priest: On the very night that He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread. When He had given thanks and praise, he broke the bread, gave it to His disciples and said: Take this, and eat it. **THIS IS MY BODY**, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Likewise, after supper, He gave also the cup and said: Take, and drink all of you; **THIS IS MY BLOOD** of the new covenant which is shed for many; Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith

Priest: Let us proclaim the mystery of our Faith.

All: Lord, by your cross you teach us to transform, by your resurrection you teach us transmute, and by your ascension you teach us to transcend. You are beloved of men and angels, the Light of the Heaven and Earth!

THE ADORATION

After some moments of silent adoration, the following verses are sung softly by all to the traditional tune of 'Tantum Ergo.'

Down in adoration falling,
Now the sacred Host we hail,
Over ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all mankind supplying,
Where the simple senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high,
And the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Glory, endless majesty. Amen.

THE ANAMNESIS

Offering and Intercessions

Priest: In memory of His sacrifice of love, we offer you, Father, this † life-giving bread and this † cup of your divine grace. We offer to you this most precious gift in token of our † love, and of the perfect devotion and sacrifice of our † minds and † hearts to you. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We pray that you would bid your holy Angel to bear this oblation to your sacred altar on high, there to be offered by Him who, as the eternal High Priest, forever offers Himself as the eternal Sacrifice.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with N, our presiding bishop, and all our bishops and clergy, that rightly celebrating the mysteries of the holy † body and † blood of your ✠ Son, we may be filled with your mighty power and blessing.

We pray also that you sanctify your people here present with these, your heavenly gifts, and through these mysteries we ask that you † sanctify, † enliven and † bless them, that both in their hearts and in their lives they may show forth your praise and glorify your holy name. Father, in your love grant also to us, your children, entrance into our heavenly inheritance in the

company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Apostles and all your saints and angels. There, in your kingdom, freed from corruption and death, we shall sing of your glory forever, through Christ our Lord, through whom you give us everything that is good.

DOXOLOGY

He makes the sign of the cross over the chalice three times as he says:

THROUGH † HIM
all creation came into Being;

WITH † HIM
as the indwelling Life of all creation; and

IN † HIM
as the transcendent glory in which all things live and move and have their being;

Then horizontally twice between the Chalice and his breast

in the unity of the Holy † Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty † Father forever and ever. **R̄ Amen.**

The Priest here holds the Host directly over the Chalice and raises both to the level of his eyes.

THE CHERUBIKON TROPARION

This troparion is sung softly and most solemnly by all

We, who mystically represent the Cherubim,
Chant the thrice-holy hymn to the Life-giving Trinity,
Let us set aside the cares of life
That we may receive the King of all,
Who comes invisibly escorted by the Hosts of Angels.
Alleluia.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray. Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to pray:

All: Our Father on high in heaven, holy is your Name; May your kingdom be realized by all; may your will be done on earth even as it is in heaven; we thank you for our daily bread; we ask that even as you forgive our imperfections, we may forgive the imperfections of others. And, precious Lord, let us not be tempted by evil thoughts.

Priest: Keep us from every evil thought, O Lord, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from faults and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the fulfillment of your kingdom.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS

Priest: Here do we give unto you, O Lord, most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in the holy mother Mary and in all Your glorious saints from the beginning of the world, who have been the choice vessels of your grace and a shining light unto many generations.

Here the Priest crosses himself with the paten.

And we † join with them in worship before Your great white throne, from which flows all love and light and blessings through all the worlds which You have made.

O Son of God, who shows yourself this day upon a thousand altars and yet is one and indivisible, in token of your great Sacrifice we break this, your body,

Here he breaks the Host in half over the Chalice, and with a small Particle makes the sign of the cross thrice over the Chalice, and finally at the words, "one in you," he drops the Particle into the Chalice.

praying that by this action, ordained from of old, your † strength, your † peace and your † blessing which you give us in this holy Sacrament, may be spread abroad upon the world; and as you were made known to your disciples in the breaking of bread, so may your many children know themselves to be one in you, even as you are one with the Father. **Rx** Amen.

THE SALUTATION OF PEACE

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your Apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give to you. Look not on our imperfections, but on the faith of your people, and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom where you live forever and ever. **R̄ Amen.**

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Here all turn to each other offering the sign of peace, either through a handshake or through a holy kiss upon each cheek.

COMMUNION RITE

Priest: O Lord who in this Blessed Sacrament has left for us a living memorial and pledge of your marvelous love for mankind, and Who so graciously draws us into a wondrous and mystic communion with you, may we receive the sacred mysteries of your body and blood so that souls may be lifted into the immensity of your love, and that, being filled with a high endeavor, we may be ever mindful of your indwelling Presence and breathe forth the fragrance of a holy life. **R̄ Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

kneel

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Priest communicates in both kinds, then administers to the clergy and servers. The people, meanwhile may say the following prayer privately.

Unto you, O Perfect One, the Lord and Lover of mankind, do we commend our life and hope. For you are the Heavenly Bread, the Life of the whole world; You are in all places and endure all things, the Treasury of endless good and the Well of infinite compassion.

COMMUNIO

After the Priest and those in the sanctuary have received Holy Communion, the Priest, with a Particle, blesses the people as he says:

✠ All that desire to partake of the Body of the Lord, draw nigh and receive this most holy Sacrament.

The people should come forward to the Communion rail and kneel. As he administers the Holy Communion to each, the Priest says:

The Body [and Blood] of our Lord Christ keep you unto life eternal.

The Communion being ended, the Priest now says:

Under the veil of earthly things now have we communion with our Lord Jesus Christ; soon with open face shall we behold Him, and rejoicing in His glory be made like unto Him. Then shall His true disciples be brought by Him with great joy before the presence of His Father's glory.

POST COMMUNIO

Priest: Let us pray.

The people kneel.

Priest: We who have been refreshed and renewed by your heavenly gifts do pray, O Lord, that your grace may be so grafted inwardly in our hearts that it may continually be made manifest in our lives; through Christ our Lord.

℟ Amen.

(All stand)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: The Mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Priest: May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the † Father, the † Son and the † Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. ℞ Amen.