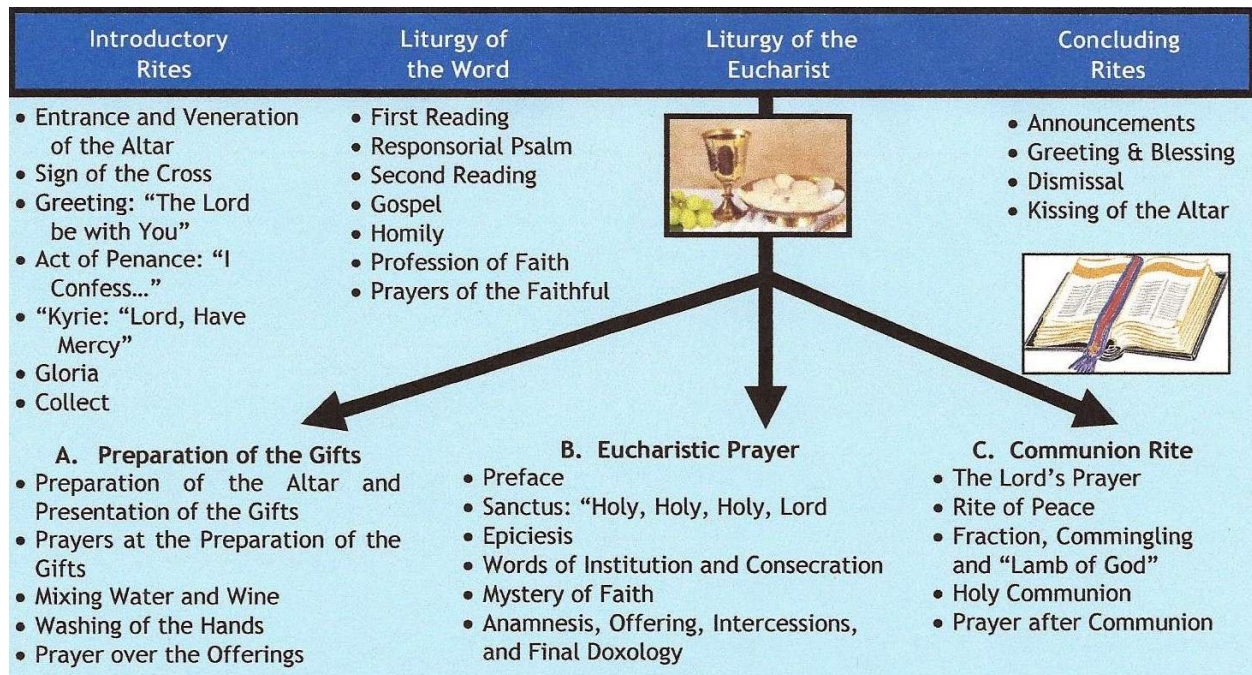


The Mass: An Exploration



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Procession

Reverence of the Altar

Sign of the Cross

- Ezekiel 9:4-6; Revelation 7:3 & 9:4
- A "Sacramental"
- God's name (Psalm 124:8; Acts 3:6; Philippians 2:9)
- Romano Guardini Quotation

"The Lord be with you. And with your spirit."
— "Emmanuel"

Penitential Rite (3 options — Gen. 17:2; Exod. 3:6; Luke 5:8)

Kyrie (κύριε)

Gloria — The Angelic Hymn (Luke 2:13-14)

Collect

- "Collects" or gathers all of the prayers of the people together
- Theological Poetry — compelling us to meditate and ask

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading — Often Old Testament, relating to the Gospel

Responsorial Psalm — The Psalms were composed for ritual/liturgical worship

Second Reading — New Testament

HIGH POINT—The GOSPEL

- "Alleluia" = "Praise the LORD!"
- Another procession, with candles and incense
- The Book of the Gospels
- The "Gospel Dialogue"
- An encounter with Christ

Homily—an act of instruction and an act of worship

- Ordained Minister (i.e. a man in the Sacrament of Holy Orders)
- An explanation based upon the readings or prayers of the Mass
- Not private opinion, but guaranteed Church teaching (and application)

Creed — "Faith"

Prayers of the Faithful — Catechism 2635

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

“Eucharist” (Εὐχαριστεῖν) = Thanksgiving

I. Offertory/Presentation of the Gifts

- A. Preparation of the Altar and Procession of Gifts
- B. Offering of the bread
- C. Mingling wine with water
- D. Offering of the wine
- E. Washing of the hands (Psalm 26:6-12)
- F. “Pray, Brethren...”
- G. Prayer over the Offerings

II. Eucharistic Prayer

- A. Preface
- B. Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy...”
- C. Epiclesis
- D. Words of Institution and Consecration
 - 1. *“For this is my body ...”*
 - 2. *“For this is the chalice of my blood ...”*
- E. Mystery of Faith and Memorial Acclamation
- F. Offering
- G. Intercessions
- H. Final Doxology (Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever) and the Great Amen.

III. Communion Rite

- A. The Lord’s Prayer
- B. The Rite of Peace
- C. Fraction, commingling, and Agnus Dei (“Lamb of God...”)
- D. Holy Communion
- E. Prayer after communion