

And With Your Spirit

Scripture & The Mass

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Session Four The Communion Rite & The Concluding Rites

1. The Mass as an Intimate Encounter with the Body of Christ

- An Encounter That Leads Us Into the World! (Mass=missa=sent)
 - The heartbeat of our spiritual life
- First Session: God Gathers His People—the Introductory Rites
- Second Session: The Word Became Flesh—the Liturgy of the Word
- Third Session: The Mass as Sacrifice—the Liturgy of the Eucharist (the Presentation of the Gifts and the Eucharistic Prayer)
- Today: Together We Go Forth in Christ—The Conclusion of the Liturgy of the Eucharist (the Communion Rite) and the Concluding Rites

2. A Bible Study: The Passover Lamb

3. One Body, One Spirit in Christ: Communion

We anchor our words in God's as we seek to have communion with our Savior, Jesus Christ

The Second Epiclesis: Creating Communion with Christ

Humbly we pray,
that, partaking in the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathering into one by the Holy Spirit.

--Eucharistic Prayer II

...grant that we, who are nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

--Eucharistic Prayer III

Daring to call God, Our Father

Matthew 6:9-13

"This is how you are to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

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

Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one."

The Embolism: Extending the Prayer to Seek Peace

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, **as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of the great God and of our savior Jesus Christ**, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

1 Chronicles 29:10-11

Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, praying in these words: "Blessed may you be, O LORD, God of Israel our father, from eternity to eternity. **Yours, O LORD, are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor, and glory. For all in heaven and on earth is yours.**"

The Gift of Peace: *Shalom*

John 14:27

"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."

John 17:20-24

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, **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. And I have given them the glory you gave me, **so that they may be one, as we are one**, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me."

Romans 1:7, 1 Corinthians 1:3, Galatians 1:3

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 6:18

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be **with your spirit**.

Matthew 5:23-24

“If you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, **go first and be reconciled with your brother**, and then come and offer your gift.”

Romans 16:16

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

John 20:19

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "**Peace be with you.**"

Luke 24:30

While he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, **broke it**, and gave it to them.

John 1:29

The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "**Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.**"

Revelation 19:6-9

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. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory. For the wedding day of the Lamb has come, his bride has made herself ready. She was allowed to wear a bright, clean linen garment." (The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.) 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."

The Wedding Feast of the Lamb

Matthew 8:5-14

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully."

He said to him, "I will come and cure him."

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.** For I too am a person subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come here,' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I say to you, many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be driven out into the outer darkness, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

And Jesus said to the centurion, "You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you." And at that very hour (his) servant was healed.

Amen.

"Therefore, you say not casually, 'Amen,' already confessing in the spirit that you are receiving the body of Christ. The priest says to you, 'The Body of Christ,' and you say, 'Amen,' that is, 'It is true.' What the tongue confesses the heart holds."

--St. Ambrose

4. Concluding Rites: Going Forth!

The Announcements: Living Out the Gospel

Matthew 28:19-20

"**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**, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

John 20:21

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, **so I send you.**"

Being Sent

- Go forth, the Mass is ended.
- Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
- Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
- Go in peace.

*Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
Thanks be to God!*