



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

# CHILDREN'S MASS SHEET

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE

WE GATHER



## INTRODUCTORY RITES

We come to Church with family and friends to meet Jesus and celebrate God's love for us! Before Mass starts we say a prayer, or perhaps light a candle. As the priest and altar servers come in we **sing a hymn together** to praise God and bind ourselves into a family of prayer in Church today.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



**Mass begins with the Sign of the Cross:**  
"In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**"  
Then the priest will greet everyone present in Jesus' name:  
"Priest: The Lord be with you  
**Us: And with your spirit.**"  
Then he will say a few words to introduce the Mass today.

WE ARE SORRY FOR OUR SINS



To get us ready to meet Jesus, we ask forgiveness for the wrong things we have done: think about your own life honestly, say sorry in your heart and join in these words after the priest:  
**"Lord have mercy  
Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy  
Lord have mercy."**

WE SING GLORY TO GOD



With God's forgiveness we can now sing "Glory!"  
**"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to His people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father."**  
After this the priest says a prayer called the Collect. We all reply **"Amen."**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

WE LISTEN



**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
The first thing we do in Mass is LISTEN to readings from the Bible, telling us all about God. You may be invited to go out to a special CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD to help you listen. After the readings we say thank you to God  
**"Reader: The word of the Lord.  
Us: Thanks be to God!"**

THE PRIEST SPEAKS TO US ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS



The most important reading is from the GOSPEL. We stand and sing **"Alleluia!"**  
"Priest: The Lord be with you.  
**Us: And with your Spirit.**"  
We then make a cross on our head, our lips and our heart, and listen carefully to the story of Jesus. **"Priest: The Gospel of the Lord Us: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!"**

WE PRAY CREED TOGETHER



The priest then talks to us about God's word in the Homily or Sermon. Then we stand and say the CREED, a long prayer listing all the things we believe in as members of the family of the Church.  
**"I believe in one God ... the Father Almighty ... Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord ... the Holy Spirit ... one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church."**

WE PRAY FOR ALL



We all then say prayers for all in the Church and world who need help. Think of your own prayers and join in the response. We ask Mary, our mother, to join in all our prayers: **"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."**

WE BRING GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

WE GIVE THANKS



**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  
We move to the altar now, bringing up our offerings to God-the BREAD and WINE and perhaps money from the collection-you may do this, especially if you have been out for Children's Liturgy!  
**Join in the hymn** and think about the present you can give to Jesus today.

WE BLESS GOD FOR THE GIFT OF BREAD AND WINE



The priest gives thanks to God for the bread and wine, and places them on the altar-you may hear the prayers he says: reply **"Blessed be God for ever!"**  
Then he invites us all to begin the prayer of thanksgiving: we say: **"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good all his holy Church."**

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD  
OUR GOD



We begin the **Eucharistic Prayer**:

P: The Lord be with you.

Us: **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

Us: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

Us: **It is right and just.**

We listen as the priest says or sings the Preface.

"THIS IS MY BODY"



At the end of the Preface we join the angels and saints in heaven as we sing with joy: **"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!"** This is the most special moment of the Mass, when we hear the words Jesus used.

THIS IS MY BLOOD



We are at the Last Supper with Jesus. When he says bread and wine are his Body and Blood, we believe that is **exactly what they are.** Look and listen, especially when you hear the bells ring! We proclaim the **Mystery of Faith**, using this or a similar prayer: **"We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again."**

AMEN



The priest continues, praying for the Church and the world, for Pope Francis and Bishop John, for people who have died. Listen carefully! At the end he sings or says: **"Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. Us: Amen."**

OUR FATHER



**THE COMMUNION RITE**

We say the prayer Jesus taught us: **"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 for give us our trespasses, as we for give those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."**

WE SHARE A SIGN OF PEACE



Before we come to communion, it is important that we are at peace with each other. The priest wishes us the peace of Christ, and we then offer it to people around us with a hand shake.

P: **The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

Us: **And with your spirit!**

Say a prayer for peace in the world too!

THE LAMB OF GOD



At the Last Supper, Jesus broke the bread for his friends. We break the bread now before communion. During this we say: **"Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace."** We all kneel down.

WE RECEIVE JESUS



Before communion we say some special words: **"Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."** If you have made your first Holy Communion, go quietly to receive Jesus, otherwise queue for your special blessing. When you go back to your seat, say your prayers quietly to Jesus during this special time.

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THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT



**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

After Holy Communion the priest says a prayer and gives us God's blessing:

**"Priest: The Lord be with you.**

Us: **And with your spirit.**

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

Us: **Amen."**

TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD



When Mass ends, we are **SENT OUT** to do God's work in our world. What is the **WORD** of Jesus you are taking with you? What is the **WORK** that Jesus asks you to do? Give thanks and go out with joy! **"P: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. Us: Thanks be to God!"** Enjoy your week and see you next Sunday!