

# THE CATHOLIC MASS SHEET

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

4th Sunday of Lent (C)

30th March 2025

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** or a hymn

*Stand*

Cf. Is 66: 10-11

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.**

**Be joyful, all who were in mourning;**

**exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Priest greets everyone present.*

*The people respond: **And with your spirit.***

*The Mass of the day may be introduced.*

## **Penitential Act**

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to the Father  
and to one another:

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

**Lord, have mercy.** *Or:* **Kyrie, eleison.**

You heal the wounds of our sin and division:

Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.

**Christ, have mercy.** *Or:* **Christe, eleison.**

You intercede for us with the Father:

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

**Lord, have mercy.** *Or:* **Kyrie, eleison.**

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

## **Collect**

O God, who through your Word  
reconcile the human race to yourself in a  
wonderful way,  
grant, we pray,  
that with prompt devotion and eager faith  
the Christian people may hasten  
toward the solemn celebrations to come.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the

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Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua 5 :9a, 10-12

In those days: The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

Psalm 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. R.9a

**R. Taste and see that the LoRo is good.**

I will bless the LORD at all times,  
praise of him is always in my mouth.

In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;  
the humble shall hear and be glad.

**R.**

Glorify the LORD with me;  
together let us praise his name.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free.

**R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

This lowly one called; the LORD heard,  
and rescued him from all his distress.

**R.**

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## Second Reading

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Acclamation before the Gospel

*Stand*

Luke 15:18

**Praise and honour to you,**

**Lord Jesus.**

**I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,**

**'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'.**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.**

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## Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"

'And he arose and came to his father. But

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while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

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The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Homily

*Sit*

## The Nicene Creed

*Stand*

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
*and by the Holy Spirit*  
*was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,*  
*and became man.*  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
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.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of  
the dead

*All bow*

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and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayer of the Faithful

*Response example:* Lord, in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

*After the concluding prayer all say:* **Amen.**

*Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The offerings are brought to the altar.*

*A hymn may be sung.*

*If the Priest says the two prayers of offering  
aloud, the response both times is:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The people rise as the Priest says:*

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father

*The people reply:*

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice  
at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

## Prayer over the Offerings

We place before you with joy these offerings,  
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,  
praying that we may both faithfully revere them  
and present them to you, as is fitting,  
for the salvation of all the world.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

*The Priest continues with the Preface and concludes with the people, singing or saying aloud:*

**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.**

*Kneel*

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the priest says:*

The mystery of faith.

*And the people continue acclaiming one of the following:*

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

*Or:*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

*Or:*

**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer saying alone:*

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,



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for ever and ever.

*The people acclaim:* **Amen.**

## **The Communion Rite**

*Stand*

*The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer:*

**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.**

*The Priest continues alone:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

*The Priest says:*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity

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in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, adds:*

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The Priest takes the host and breaks it.*

*Meanwhile the people say or sing:*

**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.**

*Kneel*

*The Priest shows the host to the people and says:*

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper  
of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

*The Priest or other minister says to each communicant*

The Body [Blood] of Christ.

*Each communicant answers:*

**Amen.**

**Communion Antiphon**

Lk 15: 32

**You must rejoice, my son,  
for your brother was dead and has come  
to life;  
he was lost and is found.**

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## Prayer after Communion

*Stand*

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into  
this world,  
illuminate our hearts, we pray,  
with the splendour of your grace,  
that we may always ponder  
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty  
and love you in all sincerity.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

*Announcements may be made.*

*Then:*

### **Blessings and Dismissal**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And with your spirit.**

### **Prayer over the People:**

Bow down for the Blessing.

*The Priest continues:*

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord  
and sustain the weak;  
give life by your unfailing light  
to those who walk in the shadow of death,  
and bring those rescued by your mercy from  
every evil  
to reach the highest good.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, >I< and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

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**Amen.**

*Then the Deacon, or the Priest, says:*

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

*Or:*

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

*Or*

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

*Or*

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia**