

Mass Responses Sheet 3



The Communion Rite

After the chalice and paten have been set down, the Priest, with hands joined, Says: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: He extends his hands and, together with the people, continues:

**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.**

With hands extended, the Priest alone continues, saying: 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. He joins his hands.

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

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says aloud: 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 in accordance with your will. He joins his hands. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Priest, turned towards the people, extending and then joining his hands, adds:
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Response: And with your spirit.

Then, if appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds: Let us offer each other the sign of peace. And all offer one another a sign, in keeping with local customs, that expresses peace, communion, and charity. The Priest gives the sign of peace to a Deacon or minister.

Then he takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it. Meanwhile the following is sung or said:

**Response: 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.**

Then the Priest, with hands joined, prays quietly:

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. And together with the people he adds once:

**Response: 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, facing the altar, says quietly:

May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life. And he reverently consumes the Body of Christ. Then he takes the chalice and says quietly: May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life. And he reverently consumes the Blood of Christ. After this, he takes the paten or ciborium and approaches the communicants. The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it to each of the communicants, saying: The Body of Christ.

The communicant replies: Response: Amen.

And receives Holy Communion.

Then, standing at the altar or at the chair and facing the people, with hands joined, the Priest says:

Let us pray.

All pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless silence has just been observed. Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer after Communion, at the end of which the people acclaim:

Response: Amen.

The Concluding Rites

If they are necessary, any brief announcements to the people follow here. Then the dismissal takes place. The Priest, facing the people and extending his hands, says:

The Lord be with you. **Response: And with your spirit.**

The Priest blesses the people, saying: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The people reply: **Amen.**

Then the Deacon, or the Priest himself, with hands joined and facing the people, 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. **Response: Thanks be to God.**