Chants from Saint Meinrad Archabbey

for the

Orations at the Chair

from

The Roman Missal

2011
The Introductory Rites

1. When the people are gathered, the Priest approaches the altar with the ministers while the Entrance Chant is sung.

When he has arrived at the altar, after making a profound bow with the ministers, the Priest venerates the altar with a kiss and, if appropriate, incenses the cross and the altar.

Then, with the ministers, he goes to the chair.

When the Entrance Chant is concluded, the Priest and the faithful, standing, sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross, while the Priest, facing the people, says:

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

The people reply:

   Amen.

2. Then the Priest, extending his hands, greets the people, saying:

   The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
   and the love of God,  
   and the communion of the Holy Spirit 
   be with you all.

Or:

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

Or:

   The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

   And with your spirit.

In this first greeting a Bishop, instead of The Lord be with you, says:

   Peace be with you.

3. The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.
Penitential Act

4. Then follows the Penitential Act, to which the Priest invites the faithful, saying:

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows. Then all recite together the formula of general confession:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.

Or:
5. The Priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

   Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest then says:

   Have mercy on us, O Lord.

The people reply:

   For we have sinned against you.

The Priest:

   Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

The people:

   And grant us your salvation.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

   May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

   Amen.

Or:
6. The Priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

    Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,
    and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other
invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

    You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
    Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

The people reply:

    Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

The Priest:

    You came to call sinners:
    Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.

The people:

    Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.

The Priest:

    You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
    Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

The people:

    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.

The people reply:

    Amen.

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Musical Settings of the Penitential Act

The priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord have mer-cy.

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mer-cy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther to intercede for us: Lord have mer-cy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

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The priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God’s kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

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The priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

**Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

- Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:
  - Lord, have mer-cy.

- Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God and Son of Mary:
  - Christ, have mer-cy.

- Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father:
  - Lord, have mer-cy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

- May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

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III

The priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

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

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

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IV

The priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

- Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
  Lord, have mercy.

- Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
  Christ, have mercy.

- Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness:
  Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

The Order of Mass continues on page 15.
The priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

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VI

The priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

**Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

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Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.
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Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth: Christ, have mercy.
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Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life: Lord, have mercy.
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The absolution by the Priest follows:

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May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.
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The Order of Mass continues on page 15.
The priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

**Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

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**Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord Jesus, you gave yourself to heal us and bring us strength:** **Lord, have mercy.**

The absolution by the Priest follows:

**May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.**

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7. The Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy) invocations follow, unless they have just occurred in a formula of the Penitential Act.

**V. Lord, have mercy.** **R.** Lord, have mercy.

**V. Christ, have mercy.** **R.** Christ, have mercy.

**V. Lord, have mercy. ** **R.** Lord, have mercy.

8. Then, when it is prescribed, this hymn is either sung or said:

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to 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.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

9. When this hymn is concluded, the Priest, with hands joined, says:

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Collect prayer, at the end of which the people acclaim:

Amen.
The Liturgy of the Word

10. Then the reader goes to the ambo and reads the First Reading, while all sit and listen.
To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:
   The word of the Lord.
All reply:
   Thanks be to God.

11. The psalmist or cantor sings or says the Psalm, with the people making the response.

12. After this, if there is to be a Second Reading, a reader reads it from the ambo, as above.
To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:
   The word of the Lord.
All reply:
   Thanks be to God.

13. There follows the Alleluia or another chant laid down by the rubrics, as the liturgical time requires.

14. Meanwhile, if incense is used, the Priest puts some into the thurible. After this, the Deacon who is to proclaim the Gospel, bowing profoundly before the Priest, asks for the blessing, saying in a low voice:

   Your blessing, Father.

The Priest says in a low voice:

   May the Lord be in your heart and on your lips, that you may proclaim his Gospel worthily and well, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

The Deacon signs himself with the Sign of the Cross and replies:

   Amen.

If, however, a Deacon is not present, the Priest, bowing before the altar, says quietly:

   Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel.

15. The Deacon, or the Priest, then proceeds to the ambo, accompanied, if appropriate, by ministers with incense and candles. There he says:

   The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

   And with your spirit.
The Deacon, or the Priest:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.
and, at the same time, he makes the Sign of the Cross on the book and on his forehead, lips, and breast.

The people acclaim:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Deacon, or the Priest, incenses the book, if incense is used, and proclaims the Gospel.

16. At the end of the Gospel, the Deacon, or the Priest, acclaims:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he kisses the book, saying quietly:

Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away.

17. Then follows the Homily, which is to be preached by a Priest or Deacon on all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation; on other days, it is recommended.
18. At the end of the Homily, the Symbol or Profession of Faith or Creed, when prescribed, is either sung or said:

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,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

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
and the life of the world to come. Amen.
19. Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles’ Creed, may be used.

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

20. Then follows the Universal Prayer, that is, the Prayer of the Faithful or Bidding Prayers.
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,

the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ

with righteous deeds at his coming,

so that, gathered at his right hand,

they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,
in which we have participated,
profit us, we pray,
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.

Through Christ our Lord.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 273, may be used.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,

may no earthly undertaking hinder those

who set out in haste to meet your Son,

but may our learning of heavenly wisdom

gain us admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 273, may be used.
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

O God, who see how your people

faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity,

enable us, we pray,

to attain the joys of so great a salvation

and to celebrate them always

with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,

that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults

and prepare us for the coming feasts.

Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 273, may be used.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,

your grace into our hearts,

that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son

was made known by the message of an Angel,

may by his Passion and Cross

be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,

we pray, almighty God,

that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer,

so we may press forward all the more eagerly

to the worthy celebration of the mystery

of your Son’s Nativity.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 273, may be used.
CHRISTMAS

At the Vigil Mass

This Mass is used on the evening of December 24, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Nativity.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who gladden us year by year

as we wait in hope for our redemption,

grant that, just as we joyfully welcome

your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer,

we may also merit to face him confidently

when he comes again as our Judge.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,

that we may draw new vigor

from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son,

by whose heavenly mystery we receive both food and drink.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 274, may be used.
CHRISTMAS

At the Mass during the Night

On the Nativity of the Lord all Priests may celebrate or concelebrate three Masses, provided the Masses are celebrated at their proper times.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who have made this most sacred night

radiant with the splendor of the true light,

grant, we pray, that we,

who have known the mysteries of his light on earth,

may also delight in his gladness in heaven.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.
Prayer after Communion

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,

that we, who are gladdened by participation

in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity,

may through an honorable way of life

become worthy of union with him.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 274, may be used.
CHRISTMAS

At the Mass at Dawn

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that, as we are bathed

in the new radiance of your in-car-nate Word,

the light of faith, which illumines our minds,

may also shine through in our deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it,

one God, for ever and e-ver.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.
Prayer after Communion

Grant us, Lord, as we honor with joyful devotion
the Nativity of your Son,
that we may come to know with fullness of faith
the hidden depths of this mystery
and to love them ever more and more.

Through Christ our Lord.
A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 274, may be used.
CHRISTMAS

At the Mass during the Day

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature

and still more wonderfully restored it,

grant, we pray,

that we may share in the divinity of Christ,

who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, O merciful God,

that, just as the Savior of the world, born this day,

is the author of divine generation for us,

so he may be the giver even of im-mor-ta-li-ty.

Who lives and reigns for ever and e-ver.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 274, may be used.
The Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord or, if there is no Sunday, December 30
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who were pleased to give us

the shining example of the Holy Family,

graciously grant that we may imitate them

in practicing the virtues of family life

and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house,

delight one day in eternal rewards.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

When this Feast is celebrated on Sunday, the Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,

most merciful Father,

to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,

so that, after the trials of this world,

we may share their company forever.

Through Christ our Lord.
January 1 - The Octave Day of Christmas
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary
bestowed on the human race
the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray,
that we may experience the intercession of her,
through whom we were found worthy
to receive the author of life,
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord:

grant, we pray,

that it may lead us to eternal life,

for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary

Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church.

Through Christ our Lord.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 274, may be used.
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,

splendor of faithful souls,

graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory,

and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Lord our God, we humbly ask you,
that, through the working of this mystery,
our offenses may be cleansed
and our just desires fulfilled.

Through Christ our Lord.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 274, may be used.
[In the Diocese of the United States]
Sunday between January 2 and January 8
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Solemnity
At the Vigil Mass

This Mass is used on the evening of the day before the Solemnity, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Epiphany.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray,

shed its light upon our hearts,

that we may pass through the shadows of this world

and reach the brightness of our eternal home.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Renewed by sacred nourishment,
we implore your mercy, O Lord,
that the star of your justice
may shine always bright in our minds
and that our true treasure may ever consist
in our confession of you.

Through Christ our Lord.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p.275, may be used.
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
At the Mass during the Day
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.
Collect

O God, who on this day
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy, that we,
who know you already by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Where it is the practice, if appropriate, the moveable Feasts of the current year may be proclaimed after the Gospel.
The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord,
al-ways and e-very-where,
that we may perceive with clear sight
and revere with true af-fec-tion
the mystery in which you have willed us to par-ti-ci-pate.

Through Christ our Lord.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p.275, may be used.
Sunday after the Epiphany of the Lord
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Feast
Where the Solemnity of the Epiphany is transferred to Sunday, if this Sunday occurs on January 7 or 8, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the following Monday.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,

who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan

and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,

solemnly declared him your beloved Son,

grant that your children by adoption,

reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well

pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Or:

O God, whose Only Begotten Son

has appeared in our very flesh,

grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed

through him whom we recognize as outwardly like ourselves.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,

we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,

that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son,

we may be your children in name and in truth.

Through Christ our Lord.
ASH WEDNESDAY

In the course of today's Mass, ashes are blessed and distributed. These are made from the olive branches or branches of other trees that were blessed the previous year.

The Penitential Act is omitted, and the Distribution of Ashes takes its place.

Collect

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting

this campaign of Christian service,

so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils,

we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

After the Homily, the Priest, standing with hands joined, says:

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), let us humbly ask God our Father

that he be pleased to bless with the abundance of his grace these ashes, which we will put on our heads in penitence.
After a brief prayer in silence, and, with hands extended, he continues:

O God, who are moved by acts of humility and respond with forgiveness to works of penance, lend your merciful ear to our prayers and in your kindness pour out the grace of your blessing on your servants who are marked with these ashes, that, as they follow the Lenten observances, they may be worthy to come with minds made pure to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of your Son.

Through Christ our Lord.

Or:
O God, who desire not the death of sinners,
but their conversion,
mercifully hear our prayers
and in your kindness be pleased to bless these ashes,
which we intend to receive upon our heads,
that we, who acknowledge we are but ashes
and shall return to dust,
may, through a steadfast observance of Lent,
gain pardon for sins and newness of life
after the likeness of your Risen Son.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then the Priest places ashes on the head of all those present who come to him, and says to each one:

Repent, and believe in the Gospel.

Or:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Meanwhile, the following are sung:

**Antiphon 1**

Let us change our garments to sackcloth and ashes, let us fast and weep before the Lord, that our God, rich in mercy, might forgive us our sins.

**Antiphon 2** C f. Jl 2: 17; Est 4: 17

Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, stand between the porch and the altar and weep and cry out: Spare, O Lord, spare your people; do not close the mouths of those who sing your praise, O Lord.

**Antiphon 3** P s 51 (50): 3

Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

This may be repeated after each verse of Psalm 51 (50) (Have mercy on me, O God).

**Responsory** C f. Bar 3: 2; Ps 79 (78): 9

R. Let us correct our faults which we have committed in ignorance, let us not be taken unawares by the day of our death, looking in vain for leisure to repent. * Hear us, O Lord, and show us your mercy, for we have sinned against you.

V. Help us, O God our Savior; for the sake of your name, O Lord, set us free. * Hear us, O Lord . . .

Another appropriate chant may also be sung.

After the distribution of ashes, the Priest washes his hands and proceeds to the Universal Prayer, and continues the Mass in the usual way.

The Creed is not said.

**Prayer after Communion**

May the Sacrament we have received sustain us, O Lord,

that our Lenten fast may be pleasing to you

and be for us a healing remedy.

Through Christ our Lord.
Prayer over the People
For the dismissal, the Priest stands facing the people and, extending his hands over them, says this prayer:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

Pour out a spirit of compunction, O God,
on those who bow before your majesty,

and by your mercy may they merit the rewards you promise
to those who do penance.

Through Christ our Lord.
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

On this Sunday is celebrated the rite of "election" or "enrollment of names" for the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, using the proper prayers and intercessions.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

Grant, almighty God,

through the yearly observances of holy Lent,

that we may grow in understanding

of the riches hidden in Christ

and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread,

by which faith is nourished, hope increased,
and charity strengthened,

we pray, O Lord,

that we may learn to hunger for Christ,

the true and living Bread,

and strive to live by every word

which proceeds from your mouth.

Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

V: The Lord be with you.  Rx: And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray,

come down upon your people,

that hope may grow in tribulation,

virtue be strengthened in temptation,

and eternal redemption be assured.

Through Christ our Lord.
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,

with a blessing that endures for ever,

and keep them faithful
to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,

so that they may always desire and at last attain

that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body,
to the amazement of his Apostles.

Through Christ our Lord.
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

On this Sunday is celebrated the first scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, using the proper prayers and intercessions.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,

who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving

have shown us a remedy for sin,

look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,

that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,

may always be lifted up by your mercy.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven

and are nourished while still on earth

with the Bread that comes from on high,

we humbly entreat you, O Lord,

that what is being brought about in us in mystery

may come to true completion.

Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

V. The Lord be with you.  R. And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful,

and in your kindness grant your servants this grace:

that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbor,

they may fulfill the whole of your commands.

Through Christ our Lord.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In this Mass, the color violet or rose is used. Instrumental music is permitted, and the altar may be decorated with flowers.

On this Sunday is celebrated the second scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, using the proper prayers and intercessions.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

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 Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendor 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.

Prayer over the People

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
   Bow down for the blessing.

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.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

On this Sunday is celebrated the third scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, using the proper prayers and intercessions.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God,
that we may always be counted among the members of Christ,
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Prayer over the People

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

Bless, O Lord, your people,
who long for the gift of your mercy,
and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire
they may receive by your generous gift.

Through Christ our Lord.
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

1. On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. Accordingly, the memorial of this entrance of the Lord takes place at all Masses, by means of the Procession or the Solemn Entrance before the principal Mass or the Simple Entrance before other Masses. The Solemn Entrance, but not the Procession, may be repeated before other Masses that are usually celebrated with a large gathering of people. It is desirable that, where neither the Procession nor the Solemn Entrance can take place, there be a sacred celebration of the Word of God on the messianic entrance and on the Passion of the Lord, either on Saturday evening or on Sunday at a convenient time.

The Commemoration of the Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem

First Form: The Procession

2. At an appropriate hour, a gathering takes place at a smaller church or other suitable place other than inside the church to which the procession will go. The faithful hold branches in their hands.

3. Wearing the red sacred vestments as for Mass, the Priest and the Deacon, accompanied by other ministers, approach the place where the people are gathered. Instead of the chasuble, the Priest may wear a cope, which he leaves aside when the procession is over, and puts on a chasuble.

4. Meanwhile, the following antiphon or another appropriate chant is sung.

Ant. Mt 21: 9

Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest

Or:

Hosanna filio David:
benedictus qui venit in nomine Domine.
Rex Israel:
Hosanna in excelsis.
5. After this, the Priest and people sign themselves, while the Priest says: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Then he greets the people in the usual way. A brief address is given, in which the faithful are invited to participate actively and consciously in the celebration of this day, in these or similar words:

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),
since the beginning of Lent until now
we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works.
Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church
the beginning of the celebration
of our Lord’s Paschal Mystery,
that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection.
For it was to accomplish this mystery
that he entered his own city of Jerusalem.
Therefore, with all faith and devotion,
let us commemorate
the Lord’s entry into the city for our salvation,
following in his footsteps,
so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross,
we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

6. After the address, the Priest says one of the following prayers with hands extended.

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
sanctify these branches with your blessing,
that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation,
may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Or:
Increase the faith of those who place their hope in you, O God,
and graciously hear the prayers of those who call on you,
that we, who today hold high these branches
to hail Christ in his triumph,
may bear fruit for you by good works accomplished in him.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

He sprinkles the branches with holy water without saying anything.
7. Then a Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, a Priest, proclaims in the usual way the Gospel concerning the Lord’s entrance according to one of the four Gospels. If appropriate, incense may be used.

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”

Year A:

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 21: 1-11

1 When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

   “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, ‘The master has need of them.’ Then he will send them at once.”

2 This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

3 Say to daughter Zion,

   “Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

4 The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them.

5 They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them.

6 The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road.

7 The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:

   “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.”

8 And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this?”

9 And the crowds replied,

   “This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Year B:

★ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. 11: 1-10

1 When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here.
2 If anyone should say to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ reply, ‘The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.’
3 So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it.
4 Some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”
5 They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it.
6 So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it.
7 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.
8 Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Or:

★ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 12: 12-16

12 When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
13 they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.”
14 Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written:
15 Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass’s colt.
16 His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. 19: 28-40

Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem.
As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of his disciples.
He said, “Go into the village opposite you,
and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat.
Untie it and bring it here.
And if anyone should ask you,
‘Why are you untying it?’ you will answer,
‘The Master has need of it.’

So those who had been sent went off and found everything just as he had told them.
And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying this colt?”
They answered,
“The Master has need of it.”

So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount.

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road;
and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.
They proclaimed:
“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.”
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”
He said in reply, “I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!”

The Gospel of the Lord.
8. After the Gospel, a brief homily may be given. Then, to begin the Procession, an invitation may be given by a Priest or a Deacon or a lay minister, in these or similar words:

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),
like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem,
let us go forth in peace.

Or:

Let us go forth in peace.

In this latter case, all respond:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

9. The Procession to the church where Mass will be celebrated then sets off in the usual way. If incense is used, the thurifer goes first, carrying a thurible with burning incense, then an acolyte or another minister, carrying a cross decorated with palm branches according to local custom, between two ministers with lighted candles. Then follow the Deacon carrying the Book of the Gospels, the Priest with the ministers, and, after them, all the faithful carrying branches.

As the Procession moves forward, the following or other suitable chants in honor of Christ the King are sung by the choir and people.

Antiphon 1

The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches,
went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying:
Hosanna in the highest.

If appropriate, this antiphon is repeated between the strophes of the following Psalm.

Psalm 24 (23)

The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness, *
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;*
on the rivers he made it firm.

(The antiphon is repeated)

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?*
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things, †
who has not sworn deceitful words.*

(The antiphon is repeated)

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,*
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,*
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

(The antiphon is repeated)

O gates, lift high your heads; †
grow higher, ancient doors.*
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?*
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant;
the Lord, the valiant in war.

(The antiphon is repeated)
O gates, lift high your heads; †
grow higher, ancient doors.*
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?*
He, the Lord of hosts,
he is the king of glory.

(The antiphon is repeated)

Antiphon 2

The children of the Hebrews spread their garments on the road,
crying out and saying: Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

If appropriate, this antiphon is repeated between the strophes of the following Psalm.

Psalm 47 (46)

All peoples, clap your hands.*
Cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most high, is awesome,*
the great king over all the earth.

(The antiphon is repeated)

He humbles peoples under us*
and nations under our feet.
Our heritage he chose for us,*
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
God goes up with shouts of joy.*
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

(The antiphon is repeated)

Sing praise for God; sing praise!*  
Sing praise to our king; sing praise!  
God is king of all earth,*  
Sing praise with all your skill.

(The antiphon is repeated)

God reigns over the nations.*  
God sits upon his holy throne.  
The princes of the peoples are assembled  
with the people of the God of Abraham. †
The rulers of the earth belong to God,*  
who is greatly exalted.

(The antiphon is repeated)

Hymn to Christ the King

Chorus:

Glory and honor and praise be to you, Christ, King and Redeemer,
to whom young children cried out loving Hosannas with joy.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

Chorus:

Israel’s King are you, King David’s magnificent offspring;  
you are the ruler who come blest in the name of the Lord.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

Chorus:

Heavenly hosts on high unite in singing your praises;  
men and women on earth and all creation join in.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .
Chorus:
    Bearing branches of palm, Hebrews came crowding to greet you;
see how with prayers and hymns we come to pay you our vows.
All repeat: Glory and honor . . .
Chorus:
    They offered gifts of praise to you, so near to your Passion;
see how we sing this song now to you reigning on high.
All repeat: Glory and honor . . .
Chorus:
    Those you were pleased to accept; now accept our gifts of devotion,
good and merciful King, lover of all that is good.
All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

10. As the procession enters the church, there is sung the following responsory or another chant, which should speak of the Lord’s entrance.

    R. As the Lord entered the holy city, the children of the Hebrews proclaimed the resurrection of life. *Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest.
    V. When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went out to meet him. *Waving their branches.

11. When the Priest arrives at the altar, he venerates it and, if appropriate, incenses it. Then he goes to the chair, where he puts aside the cope, if he has worn one, and puts on the chasuble.

Omitting the other Introductory Rites of the Mass and, if appropriate, the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy), he says the Collect of the Mass, and then continues the Mass in the usual way.

Second Form: The Solemn Entrance

12. When a procession outside the church cannot take place, the entrance of the Lord is celebrated inside the church by means of a Solemn Entrance before the principal Mass.

13. Holding branches in their hands, the faithful gather either outside, in front of the church door, or inside the church itself. The Priest and ministers and a representative group of the faithful go to a suitable place in the church outside the sanctuary, where at least the greater part of the faithful can see the rite.

14. While the Priest approaches the appointed place, the antiphon Hosanna or another appropriate chant is sung. Then the blessing of branches and the proclamation of the Gospel of the Lord’s entrance into Jerusalem take place as above (nos. 5-7). After the Gospel, the Priest processes solemnly with the ministers and the representative group of the faithful through the church to the sanctuary, while the responsory As the Lord entered (no. 10) or another appropriate chant is sung.

15. Arriving at the altar, the Priest venerates it. He then goes to the chair and, omitting the Introductory Rites of the Mass and, if appropriate, the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy), he says the Collect of the Mass, and then continues the Mass in the usual way.
Third Form: The Simple Entrance

16. At all other Masses of this Sunday at which the Solemn Entrance is not held, the memorial of the Lord’s entrance into Jerusalem takes place by means of a Simple Entrance.

17. While the Priest proceeds to the altar, the Entrance Antiphon with its Psalm (no. 18) or another chant on the same theme is sung. Arriving at the altar, the Priest venerates it and goes to the chair. After the Sign of the Cross, he greets the people and continues the Mass in the usual way. At other Masses, in which singing at the entrance cannot take place, the Priest, as soon as he has arrived at the altar and venerated it, greets the people, reads the Entrance Antiphon, and continues the Mass in the usual way.

18. Entrance Antiphon C f. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 24 (23): 9-10

    Six days before the Passover,
    when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
    the children ran to meet him;
    in their hands they carried palm branches
    and with a loud voice cried out:
    *Hosanna in the highest!
    Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
    O gates, lift high your heads;
    grow higher, ancient doors.
    Let him enter, the king of glory!
    Who is this king of glory?
    He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.
    *Hosanna in the highest!
    Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
At the Mass

19. After the Procession or Solemn Entrance the Priest begins the Mass with the Collect.

20. Collect

Almighty ever-living God,

who as an example of humility for the human race to follow

caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross,

graciously grant that we may heed

his lesson of patient suffering

and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

21. The narrative of the Lord’s Passion is read without candles and without incense, with no greeting or signing of the book. It is read by a Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, by a Priest. It may also be read by readers, with the part of Christ, if possible, reserved to a Priest. Deacons, but not others, ask for the blessing of the Priest before singing the Passion, as at other times before the Gospel.

22. After the narrative of the Passion, a brief homily should take place, if appropriate. A period of silence may also be observed.

The Creed is said, and the Universal Prayer takes place.
Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, just as through the death of your Son
you have brought us to hope for what we believe,
so by his Resurrection
you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

∀ The Lord be with you.  Rey And with your spirit.
Bow down for the blessing.

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked
and submit to the agony of the Cross.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, though in our weakness we fail,
we may be revived
through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion

Visit your people, O Lord, we pray,
and with ever-watchful love
look upon the hearts dedicated to you
by means of these sacred mysteries,
so that under your protection
we may keep safe this remedy of eternal salvation,

which by your mercy we have received.

Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People 

V. The Lord be with you. 
R. And with your spirit. 

Bow down for the blessing.

May your protection, O Lord, we pray,

defend the humble

and keep ever safe those who trust in your mercy,

that they may celebrate the paschal festivities

not only with bodily observance

but above all with purity of mind.

Through Christ our Lord.
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
grant us so to celebrate
the mysteries of the Lord’s Passion
that we may merit to receive your pardon.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Nourished by your saving gifts,
we beseech your mercy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament,
with which you have fed us in the present age
you may make us partakers of life eternal.

Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People for optional use

 Vox The Lord be with you. Respond And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

May your mercy, O God,
cleanse the people that are subject to you
from all seduction of former ways
and make them capable of new holiness.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who willed your Son to submit for our sake to the yoke of the Cross,
so that you might drive from us the power of the enemy,
grant us, your servants, to attain the grace of the resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Endow us, almighty God, with the firm conviction
that through your Son’s Death in time,
to which the revered mysteries bear witness,
we may be assured of perpetual life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

℣. The Lord be with you.  ℓ. And with your spirit.
Bow down for the blessing.

Grant your faithful, O Lord, we pray,
to partake unceasingly of the paschal mysteries
and to await with longing the gifts to come,
that, persevering in the Sacraments of their rebirth,
they may be led by Lenten works to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

At the Mass during the Day

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son,

have conquered death

and unlocked for us the path to eternity,

grant, we pray, that we who keep

the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection

may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,

rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

However, in Easter Sunday Masses which are celebrated with a congregation, the rite of the renewal of baptismal promises may take place after the Homily, according to the text used at the Easter Vigil. In that case, the Creed is omitted.
Prayer after Communion

Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favor,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.

To impart the blessing at the end of Mass, the Priest may appropriately use the formula of Solemn Blessing for the Mass of the Easter Vigil, given below:

Solemn Blessing

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.
R. Amen

And may be, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.
R. Amen

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.
R. Amen

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen
To dismiss the people the Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself sings or says:

**Go forth, the Mass is end-ed, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.**

Or:

**Go in peace, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.**

All reply:

**Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.**

This practice is observed throughout the Octave of Easter.
The paschal candle is lit in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of this period.
MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who give constant increase
to your Church by new offspring,
grant that your servants may hold fast in their lives
to the Sacrament they have received in faith.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
May the grace of this paschal Sacrament
abound in our minds, we pray, O Lord,
and make those you have set on the way of eternal salvation
worthy of your gifts.
Through Christ our Lord.
TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who have bestowed on us paschal remedies,
endow your people with heavenly gifts,
so that, possessed of perfect freedom,
they may rejoice in heaven
over what gladdens them now on earth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Hear us, almighty God,
and, as you have bestowed on your family
the perfect grace of Baptism,
so prepare their hearts for the reward of eternal happiness.

Through Christ our Lord.
WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who gladden us year by year

with the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection,

graciously grant that, by celebrating these present festivities,

we may merit through them to reach eternal joys.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

We pray, O Lord,

that the reverent reception of the Sacrament of your Son

may cleanse us from our old ways

and transform us into a new creation.

Through Christ our Lord.
THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who have united the many nations in confessing your name,
grant that those reborn in the font of Baptism may be one in the faith of their hearts and the homage of their deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Hear, O Lord, our prayers,

that this most holy exchange,

by which you have redeemed us,

may bring your help in this present life

and ensure for us eternal gladness.

Through Christ our Lord.
FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who gave us the Paschal Mystery

in the covenant you established for reconciling the human race,

so dispose our minds, we pray,

that what we celebrate by professing the faith

we may express in deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Keep safe, O Lord, we pray,
those whom you have saved by your kindness
that, redeemed by the Passion of your Son,
they may rejoice in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who by the abundance of your grace give increase to the peoples who believe in you, look with favor on those you have chosen and clothe with blessed immortality those reborn through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(or of Divine Mercy)
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that our reception of this paschal Sacrament

may have a continuing effect

in our minds and hearts.

Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 276, may be used.

For the dismissal of the people, there is sung or said:

Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

Or:

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

All reply:

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God,

in renewed youthfulness of spirit,

so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,

we may look forward in confident hope

to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,

and grant, we pray,

that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries

may attain in their flesh

the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 276, may be used.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,

lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,

so that the humble flock may reach

where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,

and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures

the sheep you have redeemed

by the Precious Blood of your Son.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 276, may be used.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery with-in us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your peo-ple, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heaven-ly my-ster-ies
to pass from former ways to new-ness of life.

Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 276, may be used.
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, almighty God,

that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,

which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,

and that what we relive in remembrance

we may always hold to in what we do.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God,

who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,

increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament

and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.

Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 276, may be used.
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

At the Vigil Mass

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, whose Son today ascended to the heav-ens

as the Apos-tles looked on,

grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his pro-mise,

we may be wor-thy for him to live with us always on earth,

and we with him in heav-en.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

May the gifts we have received from your altar, Lord,

kindle in our hearts a longing for the heavenly home-land

and cause us to press forward,

following in the Savior’s foot-steps,

to the place where for our sake he entered before us.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 276, may be used.
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Or:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son,
our Re-deem-er
ascended this day to the heav-ens,
may in spir-it dwell already in heav-en-ly realms.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion
Almighty ever-liv-ing God,
who allow those on earth to celebrate di-vine my-ster-ies,
grant, we pray,
that Christian hope may draw us on-ward
to where our nature is u-ni-ted with you.
Through Christ our Lord.
A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 276, may be used.
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,

so that we, who believe that the Savior of the human race

is with you in your glory,

may experience, as he promised,

until the end of the world,

his abiding presence among us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.

Through Christ our Lord.
A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 276, may be used.
PENTECOST SUNDAY
At the Vigil Mass (Simple Form)

This Mass is used on the Saturday evening, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of Pentecost Sunday.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who willed the Paschal Mystery to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days,

grant that from out of the scattered nations

the confusion of many tongues

may be gathered by heavenly grace

into one great confession of your name.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Or:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that the splendor of your glory

may shine forth upon us

and that, by the bright rays of the Holy Spirit,

the light of your light may confirm the hearts

of those born again by your grace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

May these gifts we have consumed benefit us, O Lord, that we may always be aflame with the same Spirit, whom you wondrously poured out on your apostles. Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 277, may be used.

To dismiss the people the Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself sings or says:

Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

Or:

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

And the people reply:

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.
PENTECOST SUNDAY

At the Mass during the Day

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who by the mystery of today’s great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church,
safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given,
that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her
may retain all its force
and that this spiritual food
may gain her abundance of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.
A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 277, may be used.

To dismiss the people the Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself sings or says:

*Go forth, the Mass is end-ed, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.*

Or:

*Go in peace, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.*

And the people reply:

*Thanks be to God, al- le- lu- ia, al-le - lu - ia.*

With Easter Time now concluded, the paschal candle is extinguished. It is desirable to keep the paschal candle in the baptistery with due honor so that it is lit at the celebration of Baptism and the candles of those baptized are lit from it.

Where the Monday or Tuesday after Pentecost are days on which the faithful are obliged or accustomed to attend Mass, the Mass of Pentecost Sunday may be repeated, or a Mass of the Holy Spirit may be said.
Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,

and in your kind-ness

make those you have nourished

by this one heav-en-ly Bread

one in mind and heart.

Through Christ our Lord.
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,

direct our actions according to your good pleasure,

that in the name of your beloved Son

we may abound in good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that, receiving the grace

by which you bring us to new life,

we may always glory in your gift.

Through Christ our Lord.
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

Grant us, Lord our God,

that we may honor you with all our mind,

and love everyone in truth of heart.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these re-deem-ing gifts,
we pray, O Lord,
that through this help to eter-nal sal-va-tion
true faith may e-ver in-crease.

Through Christ our Lord.
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with un-fail-ing care,
that, relying solely on the hope of heav-en-ly grace,
they may be defended always by your pro-tec-tion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

O God, who have willed that we be partakers
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,
grant us, we pray, so to live
that, made one in Christ,
we may joyfully bear fruit
for the salvation of the world.

Through Christ our Lord.
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having fed upon these heav-en-ly de-lights,
we pray, O Lord,
so that we may al-ways long
for that food by which we tru-ly live.

Through Christ our Lord.
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,

that, always pondering spi- ri- tual things,

we may carry out in both word and deed

that which is pleas-ing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that we may experience the effects of the salvation

which is pledged to us by these mysteries.

Through Christ our Lord.
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world
may be directed by your peace-ful rule
and that your Church may re-joice,
untroubled in her de-vo-tion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Nourished by your saving gifts,
we beseech your mercy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament
with which you feed us in the present age,
you may make us partakers of life eternal.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

O God, whose providence never fails in its design,
keep from us, we humbly beseech you,
all that might harm us
and grant all that works for our good.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Govern by your Spirit, we pray, O Lord,
those you feed with the Body and Blood of your Son,
that, professing you not just in word or in speech,
but also in works and in truth,
we may merit to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.
TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

O God, from whom all good things come,
grant that we, who call on you in our need,
may at your prompting discern what is right,
and by your guidance do it.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May your healing work, O Lord,
free us, we pray, from doing evil
and lead us to what is right.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.

Through Christ our Lord.
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

Grant, O Lord,

that we may always revere and love your holy name,

for you never deprive of your guidance

those you set firm on the foundation of your love.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Renewed and nourished by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,
that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray,
so that, bound to you in lasting charity,
we may bear fruit that lasts for ever.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord,

that, having been replenished by such great gifts,

we may gain the prize of salvation

and never cease to praise you.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go a-stray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,
that, by our participation in this mystery,
its saving effects upon us may grow.

Through Christ our Lord.
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

Show fa-vor, O Lord, to your servants

and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,

that, made fervent in hope, faith and cha-ri-ty,

they may be ever watchful in keeping your com-mands.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm founda-tion, noth-ing is ho-ly,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our rul-er and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever en-dure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,

and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,

that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,

you may restore what you have created

and keep safe what you have restored.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these heav-en-ly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eter-nal re-demp-tion.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,

bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,

that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May the communion in your Sacrament

that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,

and confirm us in the light of your truth.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

O God, who have prepared for those who love you
good things which no eye can see,
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love,
so that, loving you in all things and above all things,
we may attain your promises,
which surpass every human desire.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,

we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,

that, conformed to his image on earth,

we may merit also to be his co-heirs in heaven.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
O God, who cause the minds of the faithful 
to unite in a single purpose, 
grant your people to love what you command 
and to desire what you promise, 
that, amid the uncertainties of this world, 
our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Complete with-in us, O Lord, we pray,

the healing work of your mercy

and graciously perféct and sus-tain us,

so that in all things we may please you.

Through Christ our Lord.
God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts
and stir us to serve you in our neighbor.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,

whom you nourish and endow with life

through the food of your Word and heav-en-ly Sa-cra-ment,

may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts

that we may merit an eternal share in his life.

Who lives and reigns for ever and   e- ver.
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

Look upon us, O God,

Creator and ruler of all things,

and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,

grant that we may serve you with all our heart.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May the working of this heaven-ly gift, O Lord, we pray,
take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its effects, and not our own de-sires,
may always pre-vail in us.

Through Christ our Lord.
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord,

those you renew with this Sacrament,

that we may come to possess your redemption

both in mystery and in the manner of our life.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who en-treat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.

Through Christ our Lord.
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,

that, as you feed us with the nourishment

which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,

so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,

that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,

we may be helped by what you give in this present age

and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.

Through Christ our Lord.
Almighty ever-living God,

increase our faith, hope and charity,

and make us love what you command,

so that we may merit what you promise.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift your faithful offer you
right and praiseworthy service,
grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things you have promised.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May the working of your power, O Lord,

Increase in us, we pray,

so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,

we may be prepared by your gift

for receiving what they promise.

Through Christ our Lord.
Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all ad-ver-si-ty,
so that, unhindered in mind and body a-like,
we may pursue in free-dom of heart
the things that are yours.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered.

Through Christ our Lord.
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in cha-ri-ty.

Through Christ our Lord.
THE SOLEMNITIES OF THE LORD DURING ORDINARY TIME
First Sunday after Pentecost
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
Solemnity
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.
Collect

God our Father, who by sending into the world
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification
made known to the human race your wondrous mystery,
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God,

bring us health of body and soul,

as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity.

Through Christ our Lord.
[In the Dioceses of the United States]
Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray,
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves
the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that we may delight for all eternity
in that share in your divine life,
which is foreshadowed in the present age
by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

It is desirable that a procession take place after the Mass in which the Host to be carried in the procession is consecrated. However, nothing prohibits a procession from taking place even after a public and lengthy period of adoration following the Mass. If a procession takes place after Mass, when the Communion of the faithful is over, the monstrance in which the consecrated host has been placed is set on the altar. When the Prayer after Communion has been said, the Concluding Rites are omitted and the procession forms.
Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son
and recall the wonders of his love for us,
may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace
from that fount of heavenly gifts.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Or:

O God, who in the Heart of your Son,
wounded by our sins, bestow on us in mercy
the boundless treasures of your love, grant, we pray,

that, in paying him the homage of our devotion,

we may also offer worthy reparation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion

May this sacrament of charity, O Lord,

make us fervent with the fire of holy love,

so that, drawn always to your Son,

we may learn to see him in our neighbor.

Through Christ our Lord.
Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Having received the food of immortality,

we ask, O Lord,

that, glorying in obedience
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,

we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
January 25
THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who taught the whole world
through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul,
draw us, we pray, nearer to you
through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today,
and so make us witnesses to your truth in the world.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord our God,

stir up in us that fire of charity

with which the blessed Apostle Paul burned ardently

as he bore his concern for all the Churches.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.
February 2
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Feast

The Blessing of Candles and the Procession

First Form: The Procession

1. At an appropriate hour, a gathering takes place at a smaller church or other suitable place other than inside the church to which the procession will go. The faithful hold in their hands unlighted candles.

2. The Priest, wearing white vestments as for Mass, approaches with the ministers. Instead of the chasuble, the Priest may wear a cope, which he leaves aside after the procession is over.

3. While the candles are being lit, the following antiphon or another appropriate chant is sung.

   Behold, our Lord will come with power,  
   to enlighten the eyes of his servants, alleluia.

   Or:

   Ecce Dominus noster cum virtute veniet,  
   ut illuminet oculos servorum suorum, alleluia.

4. When the chant is concluded, the Priest, facing the people, says: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Then the Priest greets the people in the usual way, and next he gives an introductory address, encouraging the faithful to celebrate the rite of this feast day actively and consciously. He may use these or similar words:

   Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),  
   forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast of the Nativity of the Lord.  
   Today is the blessed day  
   when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph.  
   Outwardly he was fulfilling the Law,  
   but in reality he was coming to meet his believing people.  
   Prompted by the Holy Spirit,  
   Simeon and Anna came to the Temple.  
   Enlightened by the same Spirit,  
   they recognized the Lord  
   and confessed him with exultation.  
   So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit,  
   proceed to the house of God to encounter Christ.  
   There we shall find him  
   and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,  
   until he comes again, revealed in glory.
5. After the address the Priest blesses the candles, saying, with hands extended:

Let us pray.

O God, source and origin of all light,

who on this day showed to the just man Simeon

the Light for revelation to the Gentiles,

we humbly ask that,

in answer to your people's prayers,

you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing these candles,

which we are eager to carry in praise of your name,

so that, treading the path of virtue,

we may reach that light which never fails.

Through Christ our Lord.

Or:
O God, true light, who create light eternal,
spreading it far and wide,

pour, we pray, into the hearts of the faithful
the brilliance of perpetual light,

so that all who are brightened in your holy temple
by the splendor of these candles

may happily reach the light of your glory.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

He sprinkles the candles with holy water without saying anything, and puts incense into the thurible for the procession.

6. Then the Priest receives from the Deacon or a minister the lighted candle prepared for him and the procession begins, with the Deacon announcing (or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself):

    Let us go in peace to meet the Lord.

In this case, all respond:

    In the name of Christ. Amen.
7. All carry lighted candles. As the procession moves forward, one or other of the antiphons that follow is sung, namely the antiphon A light for revelation with the canticle (Lk 2: 29-32), or the antiphon Sion, adorn your bridal chamber or another appropriate chant.

I

Ant. Lk 2: 29-32

Ant. A light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel. Lord, now you let your servant go in peace, in accordance with your word.

Ant. A light for revelation to the Gentiles . . . For my eyes have seen your salvation.

Ant. A light for revelation to the Gentiles . . . Which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples.

Ant. A light for revelation to the Gentiles . . .

II

Ant. Sion, adorn your bridal chamber and welcome Christ the King; take Mary in your arms, who is the gate of heaven, for she herself is carrying the King of glory and new light. A Virgin she remains, though bringing in her hands the Son before the morning star begotten, whom Simeon, taking in his arms announced to the peoples as Lord of life and death and Savior of the world.

8. As the procession enters the church, the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass is sung. When the Priest has arrived at the altar, he venerates it and, if appropriate, incenses it. Then he goes to the chair, where he takes off the cope, if he used it in the procession, and puts on a chasuble. After the singing of the hymn Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest), he says the Collect as usual. The Mass continues in the usual manner.

Second Form: The Solemn Entrance

9. Whenever a procession cannot take place, the faithful gather in church, holding candles in their hands. The Priest, wearing white sacred vestments as for Mass, together with the ministers and a representative group of the faithful, goes to a suitable place, either in front of the church door or inside the church itself, where at least a large part of the faithful can conveniently participate in the rite.

10. When the Priest reaches the place appointed for the blessing of the candles, candles are lit while the antiphon Behold, our Lord (no. 3) or another appropriate chant is sung.

11. Then, after the greeting and address, the Priest blesses the candles, as above nos. 4-5; and then the procession to the altar takes place, with singing (nos. 6-7). For Mass, what is indicated in no. 8 above is observed.
Almighty ever-living God,

we humbly implore your majesty

that, just as your Only Be-got-ten Son

was presented on this day in the Temple

in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace,

we may be presented to you with minds made pure.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord,
bring your grace to perfection within us,
and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation
that he would not see death
until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ,
so may we, going forth to meet the Lord,
obtain the gift of eternal life.

Through Christ our Lord.
February 22

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that no tempests may disturb us,

for you have set us fast

on the rock of the Apostle Peter's confession of faith.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

O God, who at our celebration of the feast day of the blessed Apostle Peter have nourished us by communion in the Body and Blood of Christ, grant, we pray, that this redeeming exchange may be for us a Sacrament of unity and peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.
March 19
SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,

that by Saint Joseph’s in-ter-cess-ion

your Church may constantly watch o-ver

the unfolding of the mysteries of hu-man sal-va-tion,

whose beginnings you entrusted to his faith-ful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Defend with unfailing protection,

O Lord, we pray,

the family you have nourished

with food from this altar,

as they rejoice at the Solemnity of Saint Joseph,

and graciously keep safe your gifts among them.

Through Christ our Lord.
March 25
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Solemnity
Whenever this Solemnity occurs during Holy Week, it is transferred to the Monday after the Second Sunday of Easter.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who willed that your Word
should take on the reality of human flesh
in the womb of the Virgin Mary,
grant, we pray,
that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man,
may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said. At the words and was incarnate all genuflect.
Prayer after Communion

Confirm in our minds the mysteries of the true faith,
we pray, O Lord,
so that, confessing that he who was conceived of the Virgin Mary
is true God and true man,
we may, through the saving power of his Resurrection,
merit to attain eternal joy.

Through Christ our Lord.
April 25
SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who raised up Saint Mark, your Evangelist,
and endowed him with the grace to preach the Gospel,
grant, we pray,
that we may so profit from his teaching
as to follow faithfully in the footsteps of Christ.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that what we have received from your holy altar

may sanctify us and make us strong

in the faith of the Gospel which Saint Mark proclaimed.

Through Christ our Lord.
May 3  
SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES  
Feast  
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.  
Collect  

O God, who gladden us each year  
with the feast day of the Apostles Phil-ip and James, grant us,  
through their prayers, a share in the Passion and Re-sur-rec-tion  
of your Only Be-got-ten Son,  
so that we may merit to behold you for e- ter-ni-ty.  

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Purify our minds, we pray, O Lord,
by these holy gifts we have received,
so that, contemplating you in your Son
together with the Apostles Philip and James,
we may be worthy to possess eternal life.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.
May 14  
SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE  
Feast  
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.  
Collect  

O God, who assigned Saint Matthias  
a place in the college of Apostles,  
grant us, through his intercession,  
that, rejoicing at how your love has been allotted to us,  
we may merit to be numbered among the elect.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Never cease, O Lord, we pray,

to fill your family with di-vine gifts,

and, through blessed Matthias’ intercession for us,

graciously admit us to a share in the lot of the Saints in light.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.
May 31
THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who,

while the Blessed Virgin Mary was carrying your Son in her womb,

inspired her to visit Elizabeth,

grant us, we pray, that, faithful to the promptings of the Spirit,

we may magnify your greatness with the Virgin Mary at all times.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May your Church proclaim your greatness, O God,
for you have done great things for your faith-ful,
and, as Saint John the Baptist leapt with joy
when he first sensed the hidden pre-sence of Christ,
so may your Church re-joice
to receive in this Sacrament the same ever-liv-ing Lord.

Who lives and reigns for ever and e-ver.
The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 280 may be used.
June 24
THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Solemnity
At the Vigil Mass

This Mass is used on the evening of 23 June, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Solemnity.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,

that your family may walk in the way of sal-va-tion

and, attentive to what Saint John the Precur-sor urged,

may come safely to the One he fore-told,

our Lord Je-sus Christ.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

May the marvelous prayer of Saint John the Baptist accompany us who have eaten our fill at this sacrificial feast, O Lord, and, since Saint John proclaimed your Son to be the Lamb who would take away our sins, may he implore now for us your favor.

Through Christ our Lord.
June 24
THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
At the Mass during the Day
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.
Collect

O God, who raised up Saint John the Baptist
to make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord,
give your people, we pray,
the grace of spiritual joys
and direct the hearts of all the faithful
into the way of salvation and peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Having feasted at the banquet of the heavenly Lamb,
we pray, O Lord,
that, finding joy in the nativity of Saint John the Baptist,
your Church may know as the author of her re-birth
the Christ whose coming John fore-told.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
June 29
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Solemnity
At the Vigil Mass

This Mass is used on the evening of June 28, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Solemnity.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that we may be sustained

by the intercession of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul,

that, as through them you gave your Church

the foundations of her heavenly office,

so through them you may help her to eternal salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

By this heavenly Sacrament, O Lord, we pray,

Strength-en your faith-ful,

whom you have enlightened with the teaching of the A-po-stles.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 280 may be used.
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
At the Mass during the Day
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.
Collect

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day,
grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Grant us, O Lord,

who have been renewed by this Sacrament,

so to live in the Church,

that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread

and in the teaching of the A-po-stles,

we may be one heart and one soul,

made steadfast in your love.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 280 may be used.
July 3
SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, al-might-y God,
that we may glory in the Feast of the blessed Apo-stle Thomas,
so that we may always be sustained by his in-ter-cess-ion
and, believing, may have life
in the name of Jesus Christ your Son,
whom Thomas acknowledged as the Lord.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

O God, as we truly receive in this Sacrament

the Body of your Only Be-got-ten Son,

grant, we pray, that we may recognize him

with the Apostle Thomas by faith

as our Lord and our God

and proclaim him by our deeds and by our life.

Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.
July 25
SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE
Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.
Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who consecrated the first fruits of your apostles
by the blood of Saint James, grant, we pray,
that your Church may be strengthened by his confession of faith
and constantly sustained by his protection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Help us, O Lord, we pray,

through the intercession of the blessed Apostle James,

on whose feast day we have received with joy your holy gifts.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.
August 6
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.
Collect

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration
of your Only Be-got-ten Son
confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fa-thers
and wonderfully prefigured our full adop-tion to son-ship,
grant, we pray, to your ser-vants,
that, listening to the voice of your be-lov-ed Son,
we may merit to become co-heirs with him.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

May the heavenly nourishment we have received, O Lord, we pray,
transform us into the likeness of your Son,
whose radiant splendor you willed to make manifest
in his glorious Transfiguration.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
August 10  
SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR  
Feast  
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.  
Collect  

O God, giver of that ardor of love for you  
by which Saint Lawrence was outstandingly faith-ful in ser-vice  
and glorious in martyrdom,  
grant that we may love what he loved  
and put into practice what he taught.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these sacred gifts,
we humbly implore you, Lord,
that the homage of dutiful service,
which we render on the feast of Saint Lawrence,
may bring us an increase of your saving grace.

Through Christ our Lord.
August 15
THE ASSUMPTION
At the Vigil Mass

This Mass is used on the evening of August 14, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Solemnity.
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who, looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
raised her to this grace,
that your Only Begotten Son was born of her according to the flesh
and that she was crowned this day with sur-pass-ing glo-ry,
grant through her prayers,
that, saved by the mystery of your re-demp-tion,
we may merit to be exalted by you on high.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Having partaken of this heavenly table,
we beseech your mercy, Lord our God,
that we, who honor the Assumption of the Mother of God,
may be freed from every threat of harm.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 280 may be used.
THE ASSUMPTION

At the Mass during the Day

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,

who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son,

body and soul into heavenly glory,

grant, we pray,

that, always attentive to the things that are above,

we may merit to be sharers of her glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,
we ask you to grant, O Lord,
that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 280 may be used.
August 24
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE
Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Strengthen in us, O Lord, the faith,

by which the blessed Apostle Bartholomew

clung wholeheartedly to your Son,

and grant that through the help of his prayers

your Church may become for all the nations

the sacrament of salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

As we celebrate the feast day
of the blessed Apostle Bartholomew,
we have received the pledge of eternal salvation, O Lord,
and we pray that it may be of help to us,
both now and for the life to come.

Through Christ our Lord.
The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.
September 8
THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Impart to your servants, we pray, O Lord,
the gift of heav-en-ly grace,
that the feast of the Nativity of the Bless-ed Vir-gin
may bring deep-er peace to those for whom the birth of her Son
was the dawning of sal-va-tion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May your Church exult, O Lord,

for you have renewed her with these sacred mysteries,

as she rejoices in the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

which was the hope and the daybreak of salvation

for all the world.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 280 may be used.
September 14
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son

should undergo the Cross to save the human race,

grant, we pray,

that we, who have known his mystery on earth,

may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

Having been nourished by your holy banquet,

we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ,

to bring those you have redeemed

by the wood of your life-giving Cross

to the glory of the resurrection.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.
September 21  
SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST  
Feast  
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.  
Collect  

O God, who with untold mercy  
were pleased to choose as an Apostle  
nSaint Matthew, the tax collector,  
grant that, sustained by his example and intercession,  
we may merit to hold firm in following you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Sharing in that saving joy, O Lord,

with which Saint Matthew welcomed

the Savior as a guest in his home, we pray:

grant that we may always be renewed

by the food we receive from Christ,

who came to call not the just, but sinners to salvation.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.
September 29
SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who dispose in marvelous order
ministries both angelic and human, Graciously grant
that our life on earth may be defended
by those who watch over us
as they minister perpetually to you in heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having been nourished with heav-en-ly Bread,

we beseech you humbly, O Lord,

that, drawing from it new strength,

under the faithful protection of you’re an-gels,

we may advance boldly along the way of sal-va-tion.

Through Christ our Lord.
October 18
SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST
Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.
Collect

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke
to reveal by his preaching and writings
the mystery of your love for the poor,
grant that those who already glory in your name
may persevere as one heart and one soul
and that all nations may merit to see your salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,

that what we have received from your ho-ly al-tar

may sanctify us and make us strong

in the faith of the Gos-pel which Saint Luke pro-claimed.

Through Christ our Lord.
October 28
SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who by the blessed Apostles have brought us to acknowledge your name, Graciously grant,
through the intercession of Saints Simon and Jude,
that the Church may constantly grow
by increase of the peoples who believe in you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having received this Sacrament, O Lord,
we humbly implore you in the Holy Spirit,
that what we do to honor the glorious passion
of the Apostles Simon and Jude
may keep us ever in your love.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.
November 1
ALL SAINTS
Solemnity
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.
Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

As we adore you, O God, who a-lone are ho-ly
and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace,
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love,
we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heav-en-ly home-land.

Through Christ our Lord.
The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.
November 2
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS’ DAY)

The Masses that follow may be used at the discretion of the celebrant.

Even when November 2 falls on a Sunday, the Mass celebrated is that of the
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

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Collect

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son,
raised from the dead, is deepened,

so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants
also find new strength.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant we pray, O Lord, that your departed servants,
for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament,
may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace.

Through Christ our Lord.
The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 282 may be used.
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS’ DAY)

Collect

O God, glory of the faithful and life of the just,
by the Death and Resurrection of whose Son
we have been re-deemed,
look mercifully on your depart-ed ser-vants,
that, just as they profes-sed the mystery of our re-sur-re-ction,
so they may merit to receive the joys of e-ter-nal hap-pi-ness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament of your Only Begotten Son,

who was sacrificed for us and rose in glory,

we humbly implore you, O Lord,

for your departed servants,

that, cleansed by the paschal mysteries,

they may glory in the gift of the resurrection to come.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 282 may be used.
O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son,
having conquered death,
should pass over into the realm of heaven,
grant, we pray, to your departed servants
that, with the mortality of this life overcome,
they may gaze eternally on you, their Creator and Redeemer.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Through these sacrificial gifts which we have received, O Lord,
bestow on your departed servants your great mercy
and, to those you have endowed with the grace of Baptism,
grant also the fullness of eternal joy.

Through Christ our Lord.
The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 282 may be used.
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who from living and chosen stones prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty,

increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have be-stowed,

so that by new growth your faith-ful peo-ple may build up the heaven-ly Je-ru-sa-lem.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Or:

O God, who were pleased to call your Church the Bride,

grant that the people that serves your name
may revere you, love you and follow you,
and may be led by you to attain your promises in heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who chose to foreshadow for us
the heavenly Jerusalem
through the sign of your Church on earth, grant, we pray,
that, by our partaking of this Sacrament,
we may be made the temple of your grace
and may enter the dwelling place of your glory.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 282 may be used.
November 30
SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE
Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.
Collect

We humbly implore your majesty, O Lord,

that, just as the blessed Apostle Andrew

was for your Church a preacher and pastor,

so he may be for us a constant intercessor before you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May communion in your Sacrament strengthen us, O Lord,
so that by the example of the blessed A-po-stle An-drew
we, who carry in our bo-dy the Death of Christ,
may merit to live with him in glo-ry.

Who lives and reigns for ever and e-ver.
The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.
O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray,
that, as you preserved her from every stain
by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw,
so, through her intercession,
we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.
Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received,

O Lord our God,

heal in us the wounds of that fault

from which in a singular way

you preserved Blessed Mary in her Immaculate Conception.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 280 may be used.
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, Father of mercies,

who placed your people under the singular protection

of your Son's most holy Mother,

grant that all who invoke the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe,

may seek with ever more lively faith

the progress of peoples in the ways of justice and of peace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Lord God, may the Body and Blood of your Son, which we receive in this sacrament, reconcile us always in your love; and may we who rejoice in Our Lady of Guadalupe live united and at peace in this world until the day of the Lord dawns in glory.

Through Christ our Lord.
December 26  
SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR  
Feast  
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.  
Collect  

Grant, Lord, we pray,  
that we may imitate what we worship,  
and so learn to love even our enemies,  
for we celebrate the heavenly birth-day  
of a man who knew how to pray even for his persecutors.  

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

For the many mercies which sur-round us
we give thanks to you, O Lord,
who save us through the Nativity of your Son
and gladden us with the celebration of the blessed Martyr Stephen.

Through Christ our Lord.
December 27
SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who through the blessed Apostle John
have unlocked for us the secrets of your Word,
grant, we pray,
that we may grasp with proper understanding
what he has so marvelously brought to our ears.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that the Word made flesh,

proclaimed by the blessed Apostle John,

may, through this mystery which we have celebrated,

ever dwell among us.

Through Christ our Lord.
December 28
THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Feast
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, whom the Holy Innocents confessed

and proclaimed on this day,

not by speaking but by dying, grant, we pray,

that the faith in you which we confess with our lips

may also speak through our manner of life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, abundant salvation to your faithful
as they receive your holy gifts
on the feast day of these, your Saints,
who, though still unable to profess your Son in speech,
were crowned with heavenly grace
on account of his birth.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
138. Then the Priest may return to the chair. If appropriate, a sacred silence may be observed for a while, or a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may be sung.

139. 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:

   Amen.

   The Concluding Rites

140. If they are necessary, any brief announcements to the people follow here.

141. Then the dismissal takes place. The Priest, facing the people and extending his hands, says:

   The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

   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.

142. On certain days or occasions, this formula of blessing is preceded, in accordance with the rubrics, by another more solemn formula of blessing or by a prayer over the people (cf. pp. 273.).

143. In a Pontifical Mass, the celebrant receives the miter and, extending his hands, says:

   The Lord be with you.

All reply:

   And with your spirit.

The celebrant says:

   Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All reply:

   Now and for ever.

The celebrant says:

   Our help is in the name of the Lord.
All reply:
   Who made heaven and earth.
Then the celebrant receives the pastoral staff, if he uses it, and says:
   **May allmighty God bless you,**
making the Sign of the Cross over the people three times, he adds:
   the **Father,** and the **Son,** and the **Holy** **Spirit.**
All:
   Amen.
144. Then the Deacon, or the Priest himself, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

   I

   Go forth, the Mass is end-ed. Thanks be to God.

   II

   Go and an-nounce the Gos-pel of the Lord.

   Thanks be to God.

   III

   Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

   Thanks be to God.
Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

In the Octave of Easter and on Pentecost Sunday, one of the following two options for dismissal is used:

I

Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God alleluia, alleluia.

II

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God alleluia, alleluia.

145. Then the Priest venerates the altar as usual with a kiss, as at the beginning. After making a profound bow with the ministers, he withdraws.

146. If any liturgical action follows immediately, the rites of dismissal are omitted.
The following blessings may be used, at the discretion of the Priest, at the end of the celebration of Mass, or of a Liturgy of the Word, or of the Office, or of the Sacraments. The Deacon or, in his absence, the Priest himself, says the invitation: Bow down for the blessing. Then the Priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing, with all responding: Amen.

I. For Celebrations in the Different Liturgical Times

1. Advent

May the almighty and merciful God,
by whose grace you have placed your faith
in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son
and yearn for his coming again
sanctify you by the radiance of Christ’s Advent
and enrich you with his blessing.
R. Amen.

As you run the race of this present life,
may he make you firm in faith,
joyful in hope and active in charity.
R. Amen.

So that, rejoicing now with devotion
at the Redeemer’s coming in the flesh,
you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life
when he comes again in majesty.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.
2. The Nativity of the Lord

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day), drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

R. Amen.

May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son’s saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

R. Amen.

And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favor and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

R. Amen.

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

R. Amen.

3. The Beginning of the Year

May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

R. Amen.

May he give you integrity in the faith, endurance in hope, and perseverance in charity with holy patience to the end.

R. Amen.

May he order your days and your deeds in his peace, grant your prayers in this and in every place, and lead you happily to eternal life.

R. Amen.

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

R. Amen.
4. The Epiphany of the Lord

May God, who has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light, pour out in kindness his blessing upon you and make your hearts firm in faith, hope and charity.
R. Amen.

And since in all confidence you follow Christ, who today appeared in the world as a light shining in darkness, may God make you, too, a light for your brothers and sisters.
R. Amen.

And so when your pilgrimage is ended, may you come to him whom the Magi sought as they followed the star and whom they found with great joy, the Light from Light, who is Christ the Lord.
R. Amen.

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

5. The Passion of the Lord

May God, the Father of mercies, who has given you an example of love in the Passion of his Only Begotten Son, grant that, by serving God and your neighbor, you may lay hold of the wondrous gift of his blessing.
R. Amen.

So that you may receive the reward of everlasting life from him, through whose earthly Death you believe that you escape eternal death.
R. Amen.

And by following the example of his self-abasement, may you possess a share in his Resurrection.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.
6. Easter Time

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing.
R. Amen.

May he, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.
R. Amen.

And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth, be united with him in the homeland of heaven.
R. Amen.

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

7. The Ascension of the Lord

May almighty God bless you, for on this very day his Only Begotten Son pierced the heights of heaven and unlocked for you the way to ascend to where he is.
R. Amen.

May he grant that, as Christ after his Resurrection was seen plainly by his disciples, so when he comes as Judge he may show himself merciful to you for all eternity.
R. Amen.

And may you, who believe he is seated with the Father in his majesty, know with joy the fulfillment of his promise to stay with you until the end of time.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.
8. The Holy Spirit

May God, the Father of lights, who was pleased to enlighten the disciples’ minds by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete, grant you gladness by his blessing and make you always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit.
R. Amen.

May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples, powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil and pervade them with its purifying light.
R. Amen.

And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues in the profession of one faith, give you perseverance in that same faith and, by believing, may you journey from hope to clear vision.
R. Amen.

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

9. Ordinary Time I

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
R. Amen.

May he let his face shine upon you and show you his mercy.
R. Amen.

May he turn his countenance towards you and give you his peace.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.
10. Ordinary Time II

May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

11. Ordinary Time III

May almighty God bless you in his kindness
and pour out saving wisdom upon you.
R. Amen.

May he nourish you always with the teachings of the faith
and make you persevere in holy deeds.
R. Amen.

May he turn your steps towards himself
and show you the path of charity and peace.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

12. Ordinary Time IV

May the God of all consolation order your days in his peace
and grant you the gifts of his blessing.
R. Amen.

May he free you always from every distress
and confirm your hearts in his love.
R. Amen.

So that on this life’s journey
you may be effective in good works,
rich in the gifts of hope, faith and charity,
and may come happily to eternal life.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.
13. Ordinary Time V

May almighty God always keep every adversity far from you and in his kindness pour out upon you the gifts of his blessing.
R. Amen.

May God keep your hearts attentive to his words, that they may be filled with everlasting gladness.
R. Amen.

And so, may you always understand what is good and right, and be found ever hastening along in the path of God’s commands, made coheirs with the citizens of heaven.
R. Amen.

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

14. Ordinary Time VI

May God bless you with every heavenly blessing, make you always holy and pure in his sight, pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory, and teach you with the words of truth; may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation, and ever endow you with fraternal charity.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.
II . For Celebrations of the Saints

15. The Blessed Virgin Mary

May God, who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary
willed in his great kindness to redeem the human race,
be pleased to enrich you with his blessing.
R. Amen.

May you know always and everywhere the protection of her,
through whom you have been found worthy to receive the author of life.
R. Amen.

May you, who have devoutly gathered on this day,
carry away with you the gifts of spiritual joys and heavenly rewards.
R. Amen.

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

16. Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

May almighty God bless you,
for he has made you steadfast in Saint Peter’s saving confession
and through it has set you on the solid rock of the Church’s faith.
R. Amen.

And having instructed you by the tireless preaching of Saint Paul,
may God teach you constantly by his example
to win brothers and sisters for Christ.
R. Amen.

So that by the keys of St Peter and the words of St Paul,
and by the support of their intercession,
God may bring us happily to that homeland that Peter attained on a cross
and Paul by the blade of a sword.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.
17. The Apostles

May God, who has granted you
to stand firm on apostolic foundations,
graciously bless you through the glorious merits
of the holy Apostles N. and N. (the holy Apostle N.).
R. Amen.

And may he who endowed you
with the teaching and example of the Apostles,
make you, under their protection,
witnesses to the truth before all.
R. Amen.

So that through the intercession of the Apostles,
you may inherit the eternal homeland,
for by their teaching you possess firmness of faith.
R. Amen.

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

18. All Saints

May God, the glory and joy of the Saints,
who has caused you to be strengthened
by means of their outstanding prayers,
bless you with unending blessings.
R. Amen.

Freed through their intercession from present ills
and formed by the example of their holy way of life,
may you be ever devoted
to serving God and your neighbor.
R. Amen.

So that, together with all,
you may possess the joys of the homeland,
where Holy Church rejoices
that her children are admitted in perpetual peace
to the company of the citizens of heaven.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.
III. Other Blessings

19. For the Dedication of a Church

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth, who has gathered you today for the dedication of this church, make you abound in heavenly blessings.
R. Amen.

And may he who has willed that all his scattered children should be gathered together in his Son, grant that you may become his temple and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

And so, when you are thoroughly cleansed, may God dwell within you and grant you to possess with all the Saints the inheritance of eternal happiness.
R. Amen.

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

20. In Celebrations for the Dead

May the God of all consolation bless you, for in his unfathomable goodness he created the human race, and in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son he has given believers the hope of rising again.
R. Amen.

To us who are alive, may God grant pardon for our sins, and to all the dead, a place of light and peace.
R. Amen.

So may we all live happily for ever with Christ, whom we believe truly rose from the dead.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.
The following prayers may be used, at the discretion of the Priest, at the end of the celebration of Mass, or of a Liturgy of the Word, or of the Office, or of the Sacraments. The Deacon or, in his absence, the Priest himself, says the invitation: Bow down for the blessing. Then the Priest, with hands outstretched over the people, says the prayer, with all responding: Amen. After the prayer, the Priest always adds: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. R. Amen.

1. Be gracious to your people, O Lord, and do not withhold consolation on earth from those you call to strive for heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

2. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the Christian people may understand the truths they profess and love the heavenly liturgy in which they participate. Through Christ our Lord.

3. May your people receive your holy blessing, O Lord, we pray, and, by that gift, spurn all that would harm them and obtain what they desire. Through Christ our Lord.

4. Turn your people to you with all their heart, O Lord, we pray, for you protect even those who go astray, but when they serve you with undivided heart, you sustain them with still greater care. Through Christ our Lord.

5. Graciously enlighten your family, O Lord, we pray, that by holding fast to what is pleasing to you, they may be worthy to accomplish all that is good. Through Christ our Lord.

6. Bestow pardon and peace, O Lord, we pray, upon your faithful, that they may be cleansed from every offense and serve you with untroubled hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

7. May your heavenly favor, O Lord, we pray, increase in number the people subject to you and make them always obedient to your commands. Through Christ our Lord.
8. Be propitious to your people, O God, that, freed from every evil, they may serve you with all their heart and ever stand firm under your protection. Through Christ our Lord.

9. May your family always rejoice together, O God, over the mysteries of redemption they have celebrated, and grant its members the perseverance to attain the effects that flow from them. Through Christ our Lord.

10. Lord God, from the abundance of your mercies provide for your servants and ensure their safety, so that, strengthened by your blessings, they may at all times abound in thanksgiving and bless you with unending exultation. Through Christ our Lord.

11. Keep your family, we pray, O Lord, in your constant care, so that, under your protection, they may be free from all troubles and by good works show dedication to your name. Through Christ our Lord.

12. Purify your faithful, both in body and in mind, O Lord, we pray, so that, feeling the compunction you inspire, they may be able to avoid harmful pleasures and ever feed upon your delights. Through Christ our Lord.

13. May the effects of your sacred blessing, O Lord, make themselves felt among your faithful, to prepare with spiritual sustenance the minds of all, that they may be strengthened by the power of your love to carry out works of charity. Through Christ our Lord.

14. The hearts of your faithful submitted to your name, entreat your help, O Lord, and since without you they can do nothing that is just, grant by your abundant mercy that they may both know what is right and receive all that they need for their good. Through Christ our Lord.
15. Hasten to the aid of your faithful people who call upon you, O Lord, we pray, and graciously give strength in their human weakness, so that, being dedicated to you in complete sincerity, they may find gladness in your remedies both now and in the life to come. Through Christ our Lord.

16. Look with favor on your family, O Lord, and bestow your endless mercy on those who seek it: and just as without your mercy, they can do nothing truly worthy of you, so through it, may they merit to obey your saving commands. Through Christ our Lord.

17. Bestow increase of heavenly grace on your faithful, O Lord; may they praise you with their lips, with their souls, with their lives; and since it is by your gift that we exist, may our whole lives be yours. Through Christ our Lord.

18. Direct your people, O Lord, we pray, with heavenly instruction, that by avoiding every evil and pursuing all that is good, they may earn not your anger but your unending mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

19. Be near to those who call on you, O Lord, and graciously grant your protection to all who place their hope in your mercy, that they may remain faithful in holiness of life and, having enough for their needs in this world, they may be made full heirs of your promise for eternity. Through Christ our Lord.

20. Bestow the grace of your kindness upon your supplicant people, O Lord, that, formed by you, their creator, and restored by you, their sustainer, through your constant action they may be saved. Through Christ our Lord.
21. May your faithful people, O Lord, we pray, always respond to the promptings of your love and, moved by wholesome compunction, may they do gladly what you command, so as to receive the things you promise. Through Christ our Lord.

22. May the weakness of your devoted people stir your compassion, O Lord, we pray, and let their faithful pleading win your mercy, that what they do not presume upon by their merits they may receive by your generous pardon. Through Christ our Lord.

23. In defense of your children, O Lord, we pray, stretch forth the right hand of your majesty, so that, obeying your fatherly will, they may have the unfailing protection of your fatherly care. Through Christ our Lord.

24. Look, O Lord, on the prayers of your family, and grant them the assistance they humbly implore, so that, strengthened by the help they need, they may persevere in confessing your name. Through Christ our Lord.

25. Keep your family safe, O Lord, we pray, and grant them the abundance of your mercies, that they may find growth through the teachings and the gifts of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

26. May your faithful people rejoice, we pray, O Lord, to be upheld by your right hand, and, progressing in the Christian life, may they delight in good things both now and in the time to come. Through Christ our Lord.

On Feasts of Saints

27. May the Christian people exult, O Lord, at the glorification of the illustrious members of your Son’s Body, and may they gain a share in the eternal lot of the Saints on whose feast day they reaffirm their devotion to you, rejoicing with them for ever in your glory. Through Christ our Lord.
28. Turn the hearts of your people always to you, O Lord, we pray, and, as you give them the help of such great patrons as these, grant also the unfailing help of your protection. Through Christ our Lord.
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