

# Weekday Ordo

**For Feasts on Weekdays**

## Prayers before receiving Holy Communion

### *A Prayer of St. Ambrose*

To the Table of Thy most sweet Feast, O loving Lord Jesus Christ, I, a sinner, presuming nothing on my own merits, but trusting in Thy mercy and goodness, approach with fear and trembling. For my heart and my body are stained with many and grievous sins; my thoughts and lips have not been carefully kept. Wherefore, O gracious God, O awful majesty, I, in my misery, being brought into a great strait, turn to Thee, the Fountain of Mercy; to Thee I hasten to be healed, and flee under Thy protection; and Thee, before whom I cannot stand as my Judge, I long to have as my Savior. To Thee, O Lord, I show my wounds, to Thee I discover my shame. I know my sins, many and great, for which I am afraid, but I hope in Thy mercies, of which there is no end. Look therefore upon me with the eyes of Thy mercy, O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King, God and Man, crucified for man. Hearken unto me whose trust is in Thee; have mercy upon me who am full of sin and misery, Thou fountain of mercy that will never cease to flow.

Hail, Victim of Salvation, offered for me and all mankind upon the altar of the Cross! Hail, noble and precious Blood, flowing from the wounds of my crucified Lord Jesus Christ, and washing away the sins of the whole world! Remember, O Lord, Thy creature, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thine own Blood. It repents me that I have sinned, and I desire to amend what I have done. Take away therefore from me, O most merciful Father, all my sins and iniquities; that, being purified both in body and soul, I may be made meet worthily to taste the Holy of Holies; and grant that this holy foretaste of Thy Body and Blood, which I, unworthy, purpose to take, may be for the remission of my sins; the perfect cleansing of my faults; the driving away of shameful thoughts, and the renewal of good desires; the healthful performance of works well-pleasing unto Thee; and the most sure protection of soul and body against the wiles of my enemies. Amen

### *A Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas*

Almighty, everlasting God, lo, I draw nigh to the Sacrament of Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I draw nigh as one sick, to the Physician of life; unclean, to the Fountain of mercy; blind, to the Light of eternal brightness; poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. I implore, therefore, the abundance of Thine exceeding bounty, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to heal my sickness, to wash my defilements, to enlighten my blindness, to enrich my poverty, and to clothe my nakedness; and that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, and with such purpose and intention, as shall be expedient for the health of my soul.

Grant me, I beseech Thee, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, but also the substance and virtue of the Sacrament. O most merciful God, grant me to receive the Body of Thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, which He took of the Virgin Mary, that I may be worthy to be incorporated into His mystical Body and accounted among His members. O most loving Father, grant me, that Thy beloved Son, whom I now purpose to receive veiled from sight, I may at length behold forever face to face. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

# Holy Mass

According to the Rite of Saint Gregory the Great

*Missa de Angelis*

*Throughout the Mass, it is a laudable custom to bow the head whenever the holy name of Jesus or His Blessed Mother is mentioned, and at those points marked with a diamond (♦).*

*Please STAND when the entrance bell is rung.*

*Please BOW when the processional crucifix passes.*

## THE PRAYERS OF PREPARATION

*A hymn may be sung while the Celebrant and his servers recite the Prayers of Preparation.*

## THE INTROIT

*While the Introit is sung, please BOW at the name of the Holy Trinity during the Gloria Patri.*

*During the Introit & Kyrie, the altar may be incensed.*

## THE KYRIE



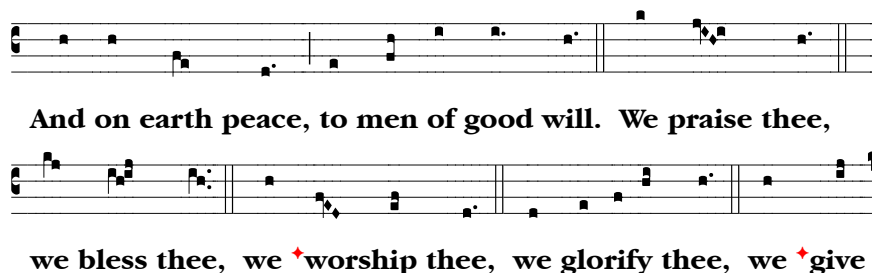
*Ky-ri - e ♦ e - le-i-son. iij. Chri-ste e -*

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*e - le-i-son.*

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high:



**And on earth peace, to men of good will. We praise thee,**

**we bless thee, we ♦ worship thee, we glorify thee, we ♦ give**



thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly



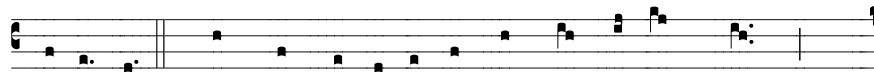
King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten



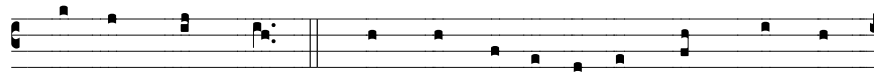
Son, † Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the



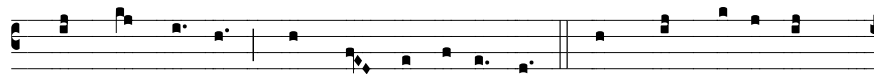
Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy



upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world,



† receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of



God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art



holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O † Jesus Christ,



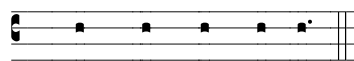
with the Holy Ghost, † art most high in the glory of God



the Father. A - men.

**THE COLLECT**

The Lord be with you.

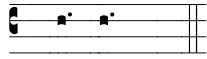


℟ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant chants the Collects, ending with the words:*

... world without end.



**R:** Amen

*Please BE SEATED.*

### **THE EPISTLE**

*The Epistle is chanted.*

*After the Epistle, the servers answer "Thanks be to God."*

### **THE GRADUAL**

*The Gradual is chanted.*

*Please STAND.*

### **THE ALLEUIA**

*The Alleluia is chanted.*

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.



**R:** And with thy spirit.

The continuation of the Gospel according to Saint ....

*Make the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips and heart, and sing:*



**R:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*After the Gospel is sung, the Celebrant kisses the Gospel book and says, "By the words of the Gospel may our sins be blotted out."*

*Please BE SEATED.*

*The sermon may follow the Gospel, and announcements may be made.*

**THE CREDO**

*Please STAND.*

*Depending on the feast, the Creed may be omitted.*

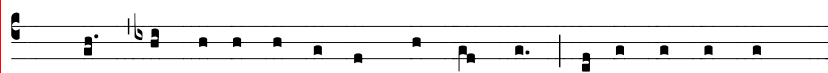
I believe in one God,



**the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of**



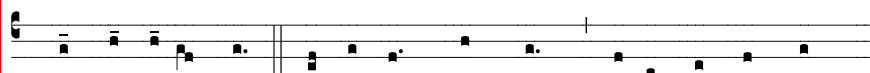
**all things visible and invi-sible: And in one Lord <sup>+</sup>Jesus**



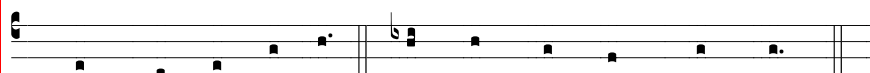
**Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His**



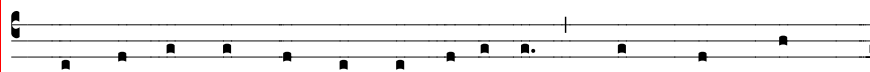
**Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very**



**God of very God; begotten, not made; Being of one sub-**



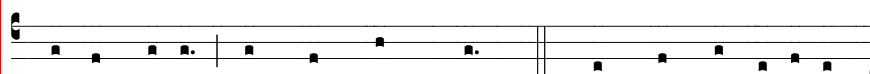
**stance with the Father, By whom all things were made:**



**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from**



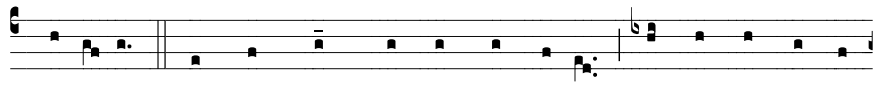
**heaven, *genuflect* And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the**



**Virgin Mary: And was made man: *stand* And was cru-ci-fi-ed**



**also for us under Pon-ti-us Pilate. He suf-fer-ed and was**



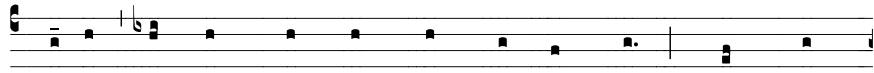
bu-ri-ed: And the third day He rose again according to the



Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the



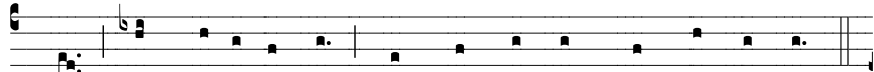
right hand of the Father: And He shall come again, with



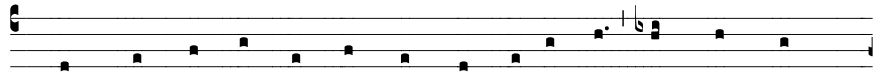
glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose king-



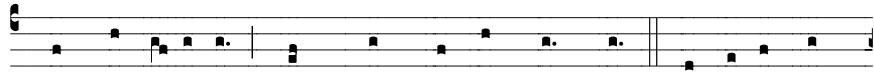
dom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost The



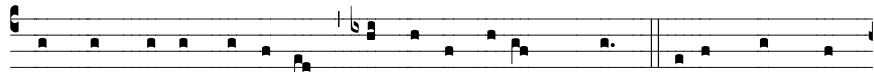
Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father;



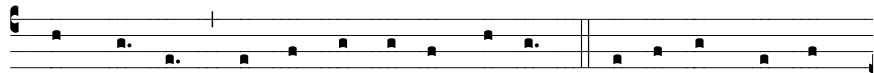
Who with the Father and the Son together is **worshipp'd**



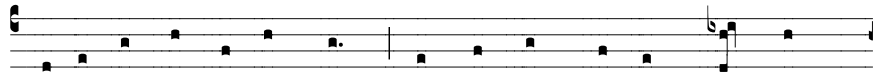
and glo-ri-fi-ed; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe



in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge



one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the



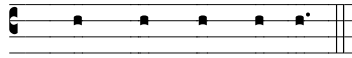
resurrection of the dead: And the life **of** the world to



come. A - men

**THE OFFERTORIUM**

The Lord be with you.



**℟: And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

*Please BE SEATED.*

*The Celebrant blesses the panis benedictus or pain bénit while the Offertorium is chanted.*

*One or more hymns may be sung.*

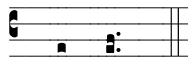
*During the Offertory, the Altar is prepared by the Celebrant, concluding with the incensing of the Holy Oblation. Then the ministers and Faithful may be incensed.*

*Please STAND when signaled and BOW when being incensed.*

*After washing his hands and saying the prayer to the Most Holy Trinity, the priest turns toward the people and says, "Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty." The servers respond: "May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church."*

*The Celebrant prays the proper Secret(s), ending the final one with these words aloud:*

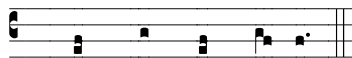
...throughout all ages of ages.



**℟: Amen.**

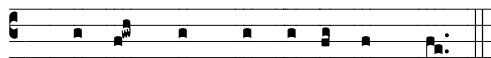
**THE PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.



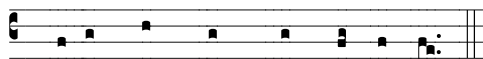
**℟: And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.



**℟: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.



**℟: It is meet and right so to do.**

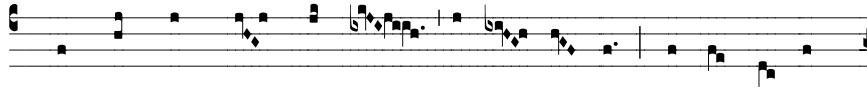
*The Celebrant chants the Proper Preface ending with the word:*

... saying:

### **THE SANCTUS**



*\*Ho - ly \* Ho-ly Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.*



**Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo-ry. Ho-san-na in**



**the high-est. Bless-ed ☩ is he that com-eth in the name of**



**the Lord. Ho-san- na in the high - est.**

*Please KNEEL.*

### **THE CANON OF THE MASS**

*After consecrating the bread, the bell is rung three times while the Celebrant genuflects, elevates the Sacred Host, and then genuflects again. During the elevation, it is laudable for the faithful to adore the Sacred Host while saying inaudibly, "My Lord and my God." This ceremony is repeated when the chalice is consecrated.*

*The Epiclesis is said, ending with these words:*

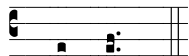
...transmuting them by thy Holy Spirit.

**℟. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*The bell is rung three times.*

*The Canon of the Mass ends with these words:*

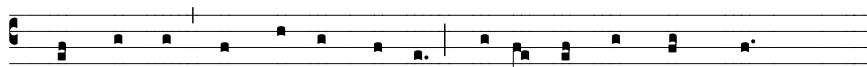
...throughout all ages of ages.



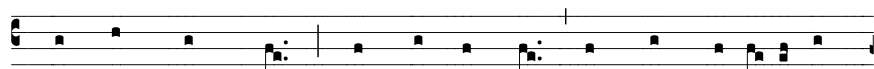
**℟. Amen.**

### **THE PATER NOSTER**

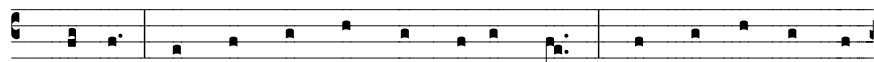
Let us pray. Instructed by saving precepts and following thy divine institution, we presume to say:



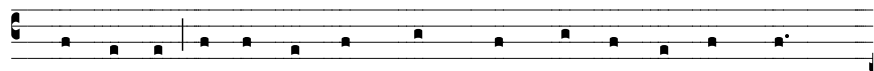
**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.**



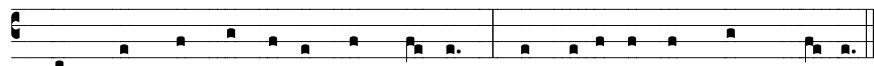
**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in**



**heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our**



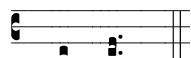
**trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**



**And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from ✠ e-vil.**

*The Celebrant quietly says the Libera Nos, ending with these words:*

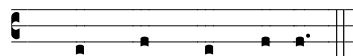
... world without end.



**✠ Amen.**

**THE PAX DOMINI**

The peace ✠ of the Lord be ✠ always with ✠ you.



**✠ And with thy spirit.**

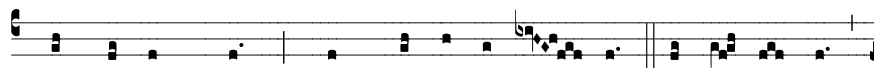
**THE AGNUS DEI**



*O Lamb of God\* that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have*



*mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God\* that ta-kest a-way the*



*sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God\**



**that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

### **THE PREPARATION PRAYERS**

*After communing himself, facing the faithful, the Celebrant says the following invitation:*

✠ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that takest away the sins of the world.

*The faithful respond, saying three times:*

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

*The faithful say this prayer of preparation before receiving the Sacrament:*

**I believe, O Lord, and I confess  
that thou art truly the Christ,  
the Son of the living God,  
who didst come into the world to save sinners,  
of whom I am chief.  
And I believe that this is truly thine own immaculate Body,  
and that this is truly thine own precious Blood.  
Wherefore I pray thee,  
have mercy upon me  
and forgive my transgressions,  
both voluntary and involuntary,  
of word and of deed,  
of knowledge and of ignorance;  
and make me worthy to partake without condemnation  
of thine immaculate Mysteries,  
unto remission of my sins  
and unto life everlasting. Amen.**

**[Of thy Mystic Supper, O Son of God,  
accept me today as a communicant;  
for I will not speak of thy Mystery to thine enemies,  
neither will I give thee a kiss as did Judas;  
but like the thief will I confess thee:  
Remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom.  
Not unto judgment nor unto condemnation  
be my partaking of thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord,  
but unto the healing of soul and body.]**

*Communicants may approach the altar when the single bell is rung.*

*Please REMAIN KNEELING before and after receiving Holy Communion. Non-communicants are asked to remain kneeling during the distribution of Holy Communion.*

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### A Note Regarding Reception of Holy Communion

*Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and recent confession may partake of Holy Communion. We invite all, however, to partake of the panis benedictus or pain bénit (blessed bread) as it is distributed by communicants or after the dismissal.*

*The Body & Blood of Christ are distributed separately.*

*When receiving the Body of Christ, communicants place their tongue on the lower lip of their mouth. When receiving the Blood of Christ, communicants take the purificator (white cloth) and place it under their chin.*

*During the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament, the Communion is sung.*

*The following hymn may be sung during distribution of the Holy Eucharist.*

### Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

*St. Ambrose Hymnal, #154; Tune: Lammas*



**Draw nigh and take the bod-y of the Lord;**



**And drink the ho-ly blood for you out - pour'd.**

**Saved by that body and that holy blood,  
With souls refresh'd, we render thanks to God.**

**Salvation's Giver, Christ, the only Son,  
By His dear cross and blood the vict'ry won.**

**Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the Victim, and Himself the Priest.**

**Victims were offered by the law of old,  
Which in a type this heav'nly myst'ry told.**

**He, Lord of life, and Savior of our race,  
Hath giv-en to His saints a wondrous grace.**

**Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the safeguard of salvation here.**

**He, that His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields.**

**He feeds the hungry with the Bread of Heav'n,  
And living streams to those who thirst are giv'n.**

**Alpha and O-me-ga, to Whom we bow  
Savior and judge of all be with us now.**



## **Prayer after receiving Holy Communion**

*A Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas*

I render Thee thanks, O holy Lord, Father almighty, Everlasting God, who hast vouchsafed, not for any deserts of mine, but only out of the condescension of Thy mercy, to feed me a sinner, Thine unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that this Holy Communion may not bring guilt upon me to condemnation, but may intercede for me to my pardon and salvation. Let it be to me an armor of faith, and a shield of good purpose; a riddance of all vices; an extermination of evil desires and longings; an increase of love and patience, of humility and obedience, and of all virtues; a firm defense against the wiles of my enemies, visible and invisible; a perfect quieting of all my impulses, fleshy and spiritual; a firm adherence to Thee, the one true God; and a blessed consummation of my end. And I also pray Thee, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bring me a sinner to that ineffable feast where Thou, with Thy Son and the Holy Spirit, art to Thy holy ones true light, full satiety, everlasting joy, pleasure consummated, and perfect happiness. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.