



Living the Liturgy 4: for your notes

Creation

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image. (A)

You are worthy of our thanks and praise Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your Word, and all things have come into being. You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. (F)

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. (G)

Incarnation

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; (B)

yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ, you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness. Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation. (F)

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.
In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. (H)

Cross, Resurrection and Ascension

we remember now his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension (A)

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension (B)

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand (G)

Kingdom / End

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes, and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth (E)

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with (*N and*) all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection (F)

Bring us at the last with (*N and*) all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ our Lord (G)



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He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. (Col 1:15-17)

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ... The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. (Jn 1:3,4,9)

John 1:9 can also be translated: "This was the true light who enlightens everyone who comes into the world."

Incarnation

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (2 Cor 8:9)

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. (Phil 2:6-7)

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, ... Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect. (Heb 2:14,15,17)

Cross, Resurrection and Ascension

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Gal 2:19-20)

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, ... he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. (Heb 9:11-12)

Kingdom / End

The creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. (Rom 8:21)

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory. (Phil 3:20-21)

He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away. (Rev 21:3-4)



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Giving of Communion

The president invites the people to receive communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The president and people receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

The president says the post-communion collect, then all say together

Either

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Or

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Holy Eucharist ||

Technically part of the Liturgy of the Sacrament, these prayers orient us outwards

Ite, missa est

“In antiquity, missa simply meant ‘dismissal.’ However in Christian usage it gradually took on a deeper meaning. The word ‘dismissal’ has come to imply a ‘mission.’ These few words succinctly express the missionary nature of the Church.”
Benedict XVI *Sacramentum Caritatis* 51

The Dismissal

Blessing

These or other appropriate words are used.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Or

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

