# **Guidelines for the Reception of Communion**

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

# Mass of Christian Burial

for

# [name]

June 22, 1929 + February 18, 2012

Of necessity we must be sorrowful when those whom we love leave us in death. Although we know that they have not left us behind forever but only gone ahead of us, still when death seizes our loved ones, our loving hearts are saddened by death itself. Thus the apostle Paul does not tell us not to grieve, but "Not to grieve like those who are without hope."



Let us grieve, therefore, over the necessity of losing our loved ones in death but with the hope of being reunited with them. If we are afflicted, we still find consolation. Our weakness weighs us down but faith bears us up. We sorrow over the human condition but find our healing in the divine promise.

Saint Augustine of Hippo

March 8, 2012 10:30 AM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Lake Ridge, VA

# Order of Mass

FOR THOSE CATHOLICS WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED MASS IN A WHILE, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FAMILIAR CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RETRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH FROM THE ORIGINAL LATIN. PLEASE USE THIS PROGRAM OR THE LAMINATED CARD IN THE PEW FOR THE REVISED RESPONSES.

#### **Prelude**

Requiem aeternam

Gregorian chant mode VI

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

#### **Procession**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Vatican II Hymnal #355

# **Opening Prayer**

PLEASE BE SEATED.

# Liturgy of the Word

# **First Reading**

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

AT THE END OF READING:

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm** 

Psalm 143

O Lord, hear my prayer.

O LORD, hear my prayer; hearken to my pleading in your faithfulness; in your justice answer me.

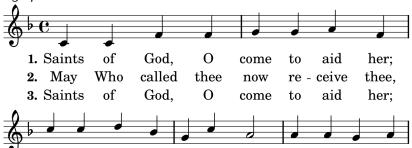
And enter not into judgment with your servant, for before you no living man is just. R.

### **Prayer After Communion**

PLEASE STAND.

#### **Final Commendation**

Song of Farewell



An-gels, go her soul to meet. First re-ceive and He Who Shep-herd is and Lamb, And may all the An-gels, go her soul to meet. First re-ceive and



then pre-sent her For the Lord of Lords to see.

An-gels lead thee To the breast of A-bra-ham.

then pre-sent her For the Lord of Lords to see.

THE PRIEST THEN COMMENDS THE SOUL OF THE DECEASED TO THE MERCY OF GOD.

#### Procession to the Place of Committal

In Paradisum

Vatican II Hymnal #265

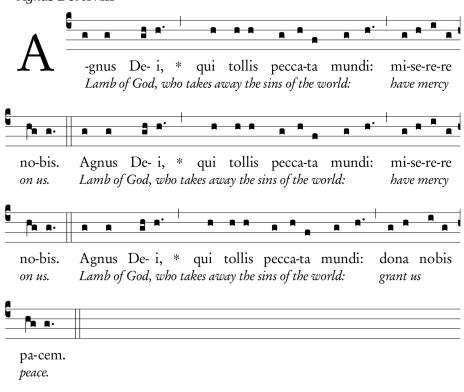
Hearken, Shepherd of the Sheep

Vatican II Hymnal #264

PLEASE JOIN IN THE PROCESSION, FOLLOWING THE PRIEST.

### The Breaking of the Bread





PLEASE KNEEL.

#### Communion

*Priest:* Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

PLEASE SEE BACK COVER FOR THE GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION.

Lux aeterna

May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord, with your saints forever, for you are merciful.

Jesus, Son of Mary

Vatican II Hymnal #373

#### O Lord, hear my prayer.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all your doings; the works of your hands I ponder.

I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like parched land. *R. O Lord, hear my prayer.* 

Hasten to answer me, O LORD; for my spirit fails me.

At dawn let me hear of your mercy, for in you I trust. **R. O Lord, hear my prayer.** 

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

May your good spirit guide me on level ground. R. O Lord, hear my prayer.

## **Second Reading**

Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

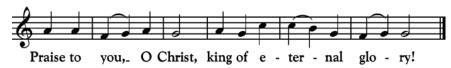
AT THE END OF READING:

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

PLEASE STAND.



This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall rise him on the last day.

R.Praise to you, O Christ...

Gospel John 6:37-40

*Priest/Deacon:* The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

*Priest/Deacon:* A reading from the holy Gospel...

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

AT THE END OF GOSPEL:

Priest/Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED.

# Homily

#### **General Intercessions**

PLEASE STAND. AFTER EACH INTERCESSION, RESPOND:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

PLEASE BE SEATED AFTER THE INTERCESSIONS.

# *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

# **Preparation of Altar and Offerings**

*May the Grace of Christ, Our Savior* 

Vatican II Hymnal #300

PLEASE STAND WHEN THE PRIEST SAYS:

*Priest:* Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,

the Almighty Father.

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

# **Prayer over the Offerings**



# **Eucharistic Prayer**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right and just.

THE PRIEST BEGINS THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER. THE CONGREGATION SINGS THE FOLLOWING TWO ACCLAMATIONS DURING THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

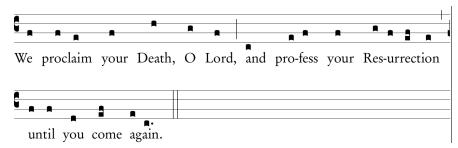
#### Sanctus

# Vatican II Hymnal #113

PLEASE KNEEL. THE PRIEST CONTINUES WITH THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER. AFTER THE CONSECRATION, THE SAYS:

*Priest:* The mystery of faith.

All:



AT THE END OF THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER, THE PRIEST LIFTS UP THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, SAYING:

*Priest*: Through him, with him, in him...for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

PLEASE STAND.

# The Lord's Prayer

*Priest:* At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to sav.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ... but deliver us from evil.

*Priest*: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, ... and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

*Priest:* Lord Jesus Christ .... Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.