

## WE COME TO PRAISE GOD

As people who believe in Jesus, we begin Mass by making the Sign of the Cross:

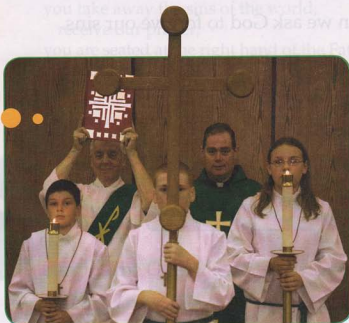
**Priest:** In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

We show our love for God and one another as we pray:

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

**All:** And with your spirit.



## WE ASK PARDON

We remember that we have not always loved God and others as we should, and we pray.

**All:** 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,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
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 priest reminds us that God loves us.

Then we ask God to forgive our sins.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

### THINK

For what sins are you sorry?

## WE SING OUR PRAISE TO GOD

On special days, everyone  
prays or sings the Glory to God.



**All:** 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.

The priest begins the Opening Prayer by saying  
“Let us pray.” We answer “Amen” to the prayer.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE BIBLE

At the end of the first reading, the reader says:

The word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.

We respond with a psalm.



Before the priest or deacon reads from the Gospel, we stand and sing the joyful word—alleluia—to show we are happy to hear about Jesus:

**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_.

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

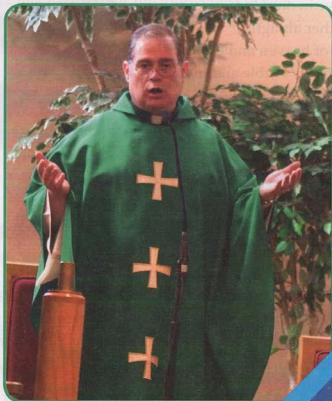
The Gospel tells us about Jesus and his teachings. At the end, the priest or deacon says:

The Gospel of the Lord

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



## THE PRIEST EXPLAINS THE READINGS



**Draw** a picture of your favorite Gospel story about Jesus.



## THE NICENE CREED TELLS WHAT WE BELIEVE

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,  
(bow your heads as you pray the next phrase)  
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.



## WE PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE

We ask God our Father to give everyone  
whatever he or she needs to become closer to him.

### We Pray for

our family

the pope

our bishop

people who are dead

ourselves

people who have sinned

people who are sick

people who are poor

government leaders

Lord, hear our prayer.

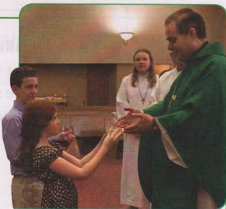
### THINK

For whom do you want to pray?



## WE PREPARE OUR GIFTS

We may sing as we bring our gifts to the altar. We answer the priest as he says the next two prayers.



**Priest:** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

**All:** Blessed be God for ever.

**Priest:** By the mystery of this water and wine may we  
come to share in the divinity of Christ,  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

**All:** Blessed be God for ever.

**Priest:** Pray, brothers and sisters,  
that my sacrifice and yours  
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.



## WE THANK GOD

The priest invites us to get ready to offer Jesus' gift.

**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 tells us why  
it is good to thank God.  
Then with all the  
angels in heaven,  
we sing or pray our joy.

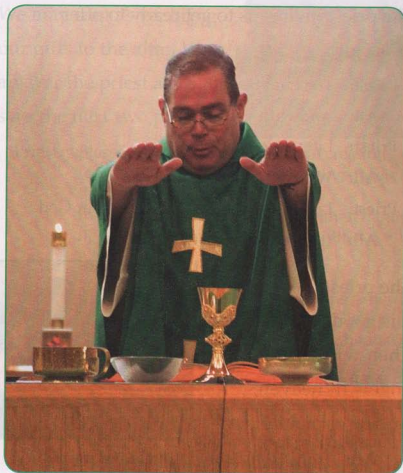


**All:** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full  
of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### THINK

For what things do you want to thank God?

## THE PRIEST CONSECRATES THE BREAD AND WINE



### LISTEN

The priest asks the Father to let our gifts of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Then he says:

... this is my Body, which will be given up for you.  
... for this is the chalice of my Blood.



### **LOOK AND SILENTLY ADORE**

The priest genuflects to honor Jesus Christ present now in his Body and Blood.

### **PRAY**

My Lord and my God!