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**PRAYERS**

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**JESUS INSTITUTES THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

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# THE ORDER OF MASS

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## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Acts of prayer and penitence prepare us to meet Christ as he comes in Word and Sacrament. We gather in worship to celebrate our unity with him and with one another in faith.

**STAND**

*Mass begins with an entrance procession of the ministers to the sanctuary, during which a chant is sung or the Entrance Antiphon of the day is recited.*

### **GREETING (3 forms)**

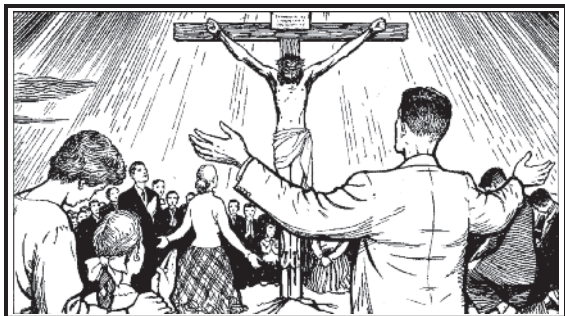
*Priest:* In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy  
Spirit.

*People:* **Amen.**

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

*People:* **And with your spirit.**



## **PRAYERS TO GOD THE SON**

**Our knowledge of God is communicated to us by God the Son made Man, Jesus Christ. In Him we have access to the Father. By entrusting ourselves to Him in prayer we attain our true goal in life.**

**Jesus poured out on His people the Spirit of adoption by making us children of God. United with Jesus, this new people of God constitutes “the whole Christ.” He offers them to His Father and gives Him glory. This is the aim of His Father’s plan for the salvation of all.**

### **Prayer to Jesus, True Man**

**O JESUS, You are true Man. You took upon Yourself a human body and soul, You thought**

## 1. Jesus Is Condemned to Death

O Jesus, You desired to die for me that I may receive supernatural life, sanctifying grace, and become a child of God. How precious must be that life. Teach me to appreciate it more and help me never to lose it by sin.



## 2. Jesus Bears His Cross

O Jesus, You have chosen to die the disgraceful death on the Cross. You have paid a high price for my redemption and the life of grace that was bestowed upon me. May I love You always and bear my crosses for Your sake.



## THE FIVE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

(Said on Mondays and Saturdays, and Sundays from Advent until Lent)

*The Joyful Mysteries direct our mind to the Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Who took human nature from a human mother, Mary. They also bring to our attention some of the extraordinary events that preceded, accompanied, and followed Christ's Birth.*

### 1. The Annunciation

Mary, you received with deep humility the news of the Angel Gabriel that you were to be the Mother of God's Son; obtain for me a similar *humility*.



Lk 1:26-38; Isa 7:10-15

### 2. The Visitation

Mary, you showed true charity in visiting Elizabeth and remaining with her for three months before the birth of John the Baptist; obtain for me the grace to *love my neighbor*.



Lk 1:39-56