

The Chrism Mass

Historically on Maundy Thursday there were three Masses. The first was the Mass of the Reconciliation of the Penitents. This elaborate Mass is no longer celebrated in any church, and is lost to history. The main Mass on Maundy Thursday was, and is, the Mass of the Institution of the Sacrament of the Altar, celebrated in the evening.

The Chrism Mass, celebrated as the second Mass of Holy Thursday, was held historically only in Cathedral churches, and presided over by the Bishop. At this Mass, oil was blessed for use in the upcoming year. The timing of the Mass allowed for the oil blessed on Holy Thursday to be distributed to the churches for use on those baptized into Christ during the great Easter Vigil.

Today two kinds of oil are blessed at the Chrism Mass – Oil for the Infirm and Sacred Chrism. Oil for the Infirm is plain, extra-virgin olive oil used for the anointing of the sick and dying. Sacred Chrism is also extra-virgin olive oil, mixed with balsam, frankincense, and myrrh. Chrism is used for the anointing of the recently baptized, those recently confirmed, and the hands of those being ordained.

The word “Chrism” is related to the Greek word Χριστός “Christ” and the Hebrew word מָשִׁיחַ “Messiah.” They all convey the concept of anointing. Christ is the Anointed One.

The use of oil in anointing is practiced and commanded in Holy Scripture. The oil blessed today will anoint God’s children as an external symbol of His grace and Spirit.

Holy Mass

CHRISM MASS

It is a laudable custom to kneel in prayer after entering the pew.

It is a laudable custom to bow the head whenever the holy name of Jesus is mentioned in the Mass and at those points marked with a diamond (♦).

At those points marked with a cross (✠), it is a laudable custom to cross oneself.

Due to the penitential character of Passiontide, the organ is only used to accompany the Faithful, and bells are omitted.

Preliminaries

Processional Hymn

Please STAND when the organ sounds to honor the cross of Our Blessed Lord and those in procession with it. Please BOW when the processional crucifix passes.

“LORD JESUS CHRIST, MY LIFE, MY LIGHT”

The Lutheran Hymnal #148 (stanzas 1-6)

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Versicles

I will go to the altar of God:

To God my exceeding joy.

Our ✠ help is in the Name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

Please KNEEL.

Confiteor

During a period of silence, call to mind both your sinfulness and those sins you have committed against the Ten Commandments.

I confess to almighty God,

before all the company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed

Strike your chest three times saying:

**through my fault, through my own fault, through my own
most grievous fault;
wherefore I pray almighty God, for the sake of Jesus Christ
His Son, to have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring
me to everlasting life.**

Absolution

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my Office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Liturgy of the Word

Please STAND.

Introit—Exodus 30.25, 31; Psalm 89.1

The Introit is chanted while the Celebrant censers the Altar.

(The Gloria Patri is omitted throughout Passiontide.)

✠ *You shall make a holy anointing oil and speak thus to the children of Israel*

This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever:

With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

You shall make a holy anointing oil and speak thus to the children of Israel

This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations.

Kyrie Eleison



Lord, have mer- cy up- on us! Lord, have mer-cy up- on us!
Christ, have mer- cy up-on us! Christ, have mer-cy up- on us!
Lord, have mer- cy up-on us! Lord, have mer-cy up- on us!



Lord, have mer- cy up- on us!
Christ, have mer- cy up- on us!
Lord, have mer- cy up-on us!

Our help ✠ is in the Name of the Lord.



Who made heav'n and earth.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you ✠ peace.



A- men, A-men, A - men

Silent Prayer

*Give thanks to God and bless His Name for, having given Himself to you in His Gospel preaching and Sacrament, our gracious God has forgiven you, comforted you and delivered you from all harm and danger!
Pray that you remain in Christ just as He is in you.*

Retiring Procession Hymn

Please STAND when the organ sounds and BOW when the processional crucifix passes.

“GLORY BE TO JESUS”
The Lutheran Hymnal #158

Please depart in silence and leave this Ordo at the door.

The Offering is received at the door.

Collect

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us pray.

Lord God, who for the regeneration of Your people instituted the Holy Ministry, grant that, by Your grace, Your Ministers may faithfully serve You, that Your people may increase in number and true godliness; through † Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men

Please BE SEATED.

Old Testament—Isaiah 61.1-9

After the Reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual—Psalm 28.7-8

My heart trusted in the Lord, and I am helped:

Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him:

The Lord is their strength:

And He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Epistle—James 5.13-16

After the Reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please STAND.

Tract—Psalm 133

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is:

For brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron:

Running down on the edge of his garments.

It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion:

For there the Lord commanded the blessing - life forevermore.

Holy Gospel—St. Luke 4.16-22

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

While the Gospel is announced, make the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips and heart.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please BE SEATED.

Preaching of the Gospel

Chief Hymn

Please STAND when the organ sounds.

“JESUS GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING”

The Lutheran Hymnal #144

Please STAND.

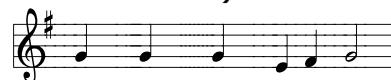
Communio—St. Mark 6.12

The apostles preached that people should repent:

And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

Post-Communion Collect

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

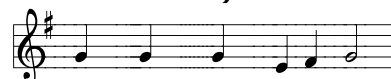
Let us pray. Grant, we beseech You, O Lord, that as the types and shadows of former times are transformed by Your grace, so may we put off our former nature and be renewed in holiness of mind; through † Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Dismissal

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us bless the Lord.

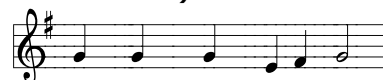


Thanks be to God.

Please KNEEL.

Bishop’s Benediction

Peace be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Prayers During Holy Communion

Before approaching the Altar, kneel and silently say:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father with the Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by this, Your most holy Body and Blood, deliver me from all my sins and from every evil, and enable me ever to abide in Your commandments, and allow me never to be separated from You; who lives and reigns with the same Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, living and reigning now and forever. Amen

Before receiving the Body of Christ at the Altar, kneel and silently say:

I shall receive the bread of heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed. ✠ May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen

At the Altar before receiving the Blood of Christ, kneel and silently say:

What shall I give to the Lord for all the benefits that He has given to me? I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies. ✠ May the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen

After Returning from the Altar, kneel and silently say:

Let Your Body which I have received and Your Blood which I have drunk, O Lord, cleave to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me, whom You have refreshed with a pure and holy sacrament; who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

I give You thanks, Lord God heavenly Father, that You have refreshed me with the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. And I pray that this heavenly food may strengthen my faith that I may bear all crosses, sicknesses and trials with patience and trust; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

Communion Hymnody

“OH, HOW GREAT IS THY COMPASSION”

The Lutheran Hymnal #384

“LORD JESUS CHRIST, MY LIFE, MY LIGHT”

The Lutheran Hymnal #148 (stanzas 7-11)

After all have communed, the Celebrant cleanses the sacred vessels.

Credo

The Nicene Creed is chanted in monotone.

I believe in one God,
**the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord † 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 substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

Please GENUFLECT on the kneelers in honor of Our Lord's incarnation.

And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

Please STAND.

**And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried;
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;
And ascended into heaven,
And sits at the right hand of the Father;
And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
The Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is † worshipped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe 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. Amen**

Please KNEEL.

Intercessions

After each petition:

Lord, in Your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

After the final petition is prayed:

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

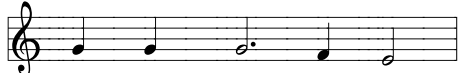
Please STAND.

Blessing of the Oils

Blessing of Olive Oil

Olive Oil is blessed for use in anointing the sick and dying.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.



Who made heav'n and earth.

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant chants the Collect, ending with the words:

... one God, now and forever.



A - men

Agnus Dei



○ Christ, the Lamb of God, who take a- way the sin of the
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world: have mer- cy up- on us.
world: have mer- cy up- on us.
world: grant us Your peace. A - men.

Distribution of Our Lord's Body and Blood

Please REMAIN KNEELING or BE SEATED.

Please follow the Ushers' instructions to approach the Altar.

Reception of the Lord's Supper indicates unity in confession and faith.

If you are a guest, please refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper unless you have first visited with the Pastor.

The Body of Christ is received on the tongue.

The Blood of Christ is received from the Chalice.

You may assist the minister by guiding the Chalice to your mouth.

Women are asked to remove lipstick before drinking from the Chalice.

Acclamation

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



A - men.

When the chimes are rung at the Minor Elevation, we again adore Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament and acclaim Him as eternal God.

Pater Noster

Taught by Our Lord and trusting His promise, we are bold to pray:

The Our Father is chanted in monotone.

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 ✕ evil. Amen

Embolism

The Celebrant concludes the Our Father with a prayer for deliverance and peace, ending with the words:

...one God now and forever.



A - men

Pax Domini

The peace of the ✕ Lord be with you always.



A - men

Blessing of Sacred Chrism

Sacred Chrism (olive oil mixed with balsam, frankincense, and myrrh) is blessed for use in anointing the newly baptized, confirmands, and those being ordained.

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant prays the blessing, ending with the words:

... one God, now and forever.



A - men

The oils are blessed with incense.

Please BE SEATED.

Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

Offertory

The offering is received at the door.

While the Altar is prepared,

you are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Our Lord's Service in His Body and Blood.

After the Altar is prepared, the Celebrant censes the Altar.

Then the Celebrant, Assistants and the Faithful are censed.

Please STAND when signaled and BOW when being incensed.

Offering Hymn

“DRAW NIGH AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD”

The Lutheran Hymnal #307

Offertorium—Psalm 45.7

You love righteousness and hate wickedness:

Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness.

Please STAND.

Oblation

The Celebrant prays the Offertory Prayer, ending with the words:

...one God, now and forever.

Amen

Preface

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



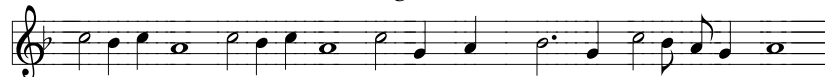
It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should humbly implore Your mercy, that those, who have been restored to life by the Sacrament of Baptism, after the corruption of the first birth has been submerged, may be a holy temple, redolent with the sweet fragrance of innocent life which pleases You. And as You have established by this mystery, bestow upon those on whom this blessed oil is poured royal, priestly, and prophetic honor, and clothe them with the robe of immortality; through † Jesus Christ, Our Lord,

through Whom the angels acclaim Your majesty, dominions adore, and powers worship in awe, the whole company of heaven, and the blessed Seraphim sing Your praise, and joining them, we laud and magnify Your holy Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Please KNEEL when the Server rings the Sanctus bell three times.



♦ **Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho- ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth.**



Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo- ry. Ho- san-na! Ho-



san- na! Ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is



He, Bless-ed is He who ✕ comes in the Name of the Lord!



Ho-san-na! Ho- san-na! Ho-san- na in the high- est!

Eucharistic Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving is prayed ending with the words:

...which You now graciously bestow upon us through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

Verba Christi

The Celebrant chants the Words of Our Lord's Last Will and Testament. During the two Major Elevations, the chimes are rung and we adore Our Lord's Body and Blood.

Anamnesis

The Prayer of Remembrance is prayed ending with the words:

...until He comes again in power and great glory as victorious Lord of all.