

# Worship Aid

Welcome! We're so glad you've joined us today! This Worship Aid will help you through the order of the Catholic Mass. If you are visiting with us today, be sure to pick up a Guest Card (located in the pews) for additional information about St. Catherine church.

Before the service begins, we sit in silence to quietly prepare ourselves to encounter Jesus in the Mass.

## Introductory Rites

### Entrance

Please stand and sing as the priest and servers process to the altar. Today's entrance hymn number can be found on the song board at the front. All songs and readings can be found in the blue book.

### Greeting

The priest welcomes and addresses all present.

*While forming the sign of the cross:*

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

*Response: Amen*

*Priest: The Lord be with you.*

*Response: And with your spirit.*

### Penitential Act

This is a form of confession that takes place at the start of every Mass. We recite this to reflect on our sins and God's mercy:

*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.*

OR

*Priest: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord have mercy.*

*Response: Lord have mercy.*

*Priest: You came to call sinners: Christ have mercy.*

*Response: Christ have mercy.*

*Priest: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord have mercy.*

*Response: Lord have mercy.*

*Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.*

*Response: Amen.*

### Glory to God

This declaration of thanksgiving and praise is either recited or sung:

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks; we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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.*

### Opening Prayer

The priest offers a prayer for all present, opening with the words, "Let us pray."

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A reading from the Old Testament of the Bible.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

*Response: Thanks be to God*

### Response Song

A prayerful sung response to the first reading, selected from the Book of Psalms.

### Second Reading

A reading from the New Testament of the Bible.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

*Response: Thanks be to God*

### Alleluia

Please stand to celebrate Christ's presence in the Word of God by singing 'Alleluia.'

### Gospel Reading

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John.

*Priest: The Lord be with you.*

*Response: And with your spirit.*

*Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to [Mark].*

*Response: Glory to you, O Lord. (while tracing the Sign of the Cross with your thumb over forehead, then mouth, then heart as a sign that the gospel should be on our minds, lips, and heart.)*

*Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

### Homily

A message that reflects on today's readings

### Profession of Faith

Please stand to affirm our beliefs as Catholics:

*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, 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.*

### General Intercessions

A list of prayer intentions and petitions is read

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Preparation of the Altar & Presentation of the Gifts

Please be seated while the priest prepares the altar for the celebration of communion (bread and wine becoming Jesus' body and blood). A monetary offering is collected for the poor and brought to the altar with the bread and wine and presented to the priest while an offertory song is sung.

Please stand

*Priest: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.*

*Response: 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.*

## Eucharistic Prayer

The priest leads a prayer over the gifts of bread and wine.

*Priest: The Lord be with you.*

*Response: And with your spirit.*

*Priest: Lift up your hearts.*

*Response: We lift them up to the Lord.*

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

*Response: It is right and just.*

## Eucharistic Acclamations

Please kneel (if you are able). This is an acknowledgment of Christ's presence in the Eucharist and shows our humility before God. The Eucharist is the most sacred part of the Mass.

*All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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.*

*Priest: The Mystery of Faith*

*Response: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.*

## Great Amen

'Amen' is sung to conclude the Eucharistic prayer.

## The Lord's Prayer

Please stand and recite the Lord's Prayer:

*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.*

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

*Response: And also with you.*

*Priest: Let us now share the sign of peace.*

## Sign of Peace

Shake hands with those around you and say, "Peace be with you."

## Lamb of God

We pray for God's mercy and peace during the breaking of the bread:

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

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*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

*Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those that are call to His supper.*

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

## Communion

While communal songs are sung, Catholics in a state of grace approach the altar to receive communion (the body and blood of Christ). If you are not Catholic, you are still invited to come forward to receive a blessing. To indicate your desire for a blessing, cross your arms over your chest as you approach the priest or eucharistic ministers. After receiving a blessing, return to your seat to kneel or sit in silent prayer, in respect for this most holy sacrament.

## Concluding Rites

### Blessing & Dismissal

The priest may share church announcements and gives a final blessing, sending forth the church so that they may do God's will in their lives.

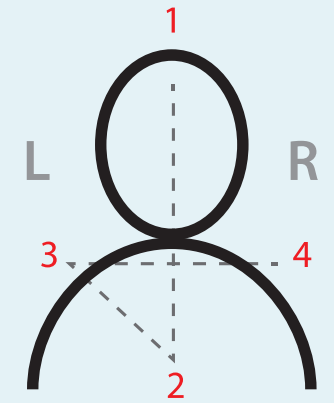
*Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

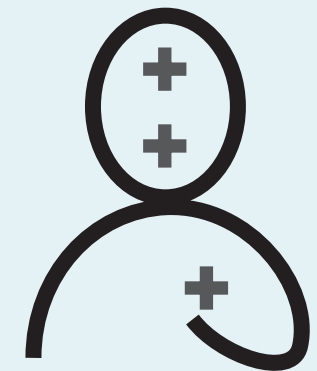
### Recessional

The priest processes out of the sanctuary, accompanied by music. Please remain in your seat until the priest has exited completely and the song ends.

Sign of the Cross



Crossing for the Gospel Reading



Crossing Arms for Blessing



## Have a Question?

We are here to help! Further information about our parish and the Catholic faith can be found in the Welcome Area of the lobby or on our website.

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