

TEXTS SUNG OR SAID BY A DEACON IN THE ORDER OF MASS

OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Penitential Act

*The deacon may sing or say the invocations of the third Penitential Act when it is used.
Additional sample invocations can be found in Appendix VI of the Roman Missal.*

6. **The Priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:**

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

There follows a brief pause for silence.

**The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other
invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):**

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. **Or:** Kyrie, eleison.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy. **Or:** Kyrie, eleison.

The Priest:

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. **Or:** Christe, eleison.

The people:

Christ, have mercy. **Or:** Christe, eleison.

The Priest:

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. **Or:** Kyrie, eleison.

The people:

Lord, have mercy. **Or:** Kyrie, eleison.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

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

The people reply:

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gospel

14. Meanwhile, if incense is used, the Priest puts some into the thurible. After this, the Deacon who is to proclaim the Gospel, bowing profoundly before the Priest, asks for the blessing, saying in a low voice:

Your blessing, Father.

The Priest says in a low voice:

May the Lord be in your heart and on your lips
that you may proclaim his Gospel worthily and well,
in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

The Deacon signs himself with the Sign of the Cross and replies:

Amen.

15. The Deacon, or the Priest, then proceeds to the ambo, accompanied, if appropriate, by ministers with incense and candles. There he says (without extending his hands):

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Deacon, or the Priest:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

and, at the same time, he makes the Sign of the Cross on the book and on his forehead, lips, and breast.

The people acclaim:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Deacon, or the Priest, incenses the book, if incense is used, and proclaims the Gospel.

16. At the end of the Gospel, the Deacon, or the Priest, acclaim:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he kisses the book, saying quietly:

Through the words of the Gospel
may our sins be wiped away.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Gifts

24. The Deacon, or the Priest, pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

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.

The Rite of Peace

128. Then, if appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

And all offer one another a sign, in keeping with local customs, that expresses peace, communion, and charity. The Priest gives the sign of peace to a Deacon or minister.

CONCLUDING RITES

When there is a Solemn Blessing or a Prayer over the People, the deacon, after the greeting of the priest, says the invitation: Bow down for the blessing.

144. Then the Deacon, or the Priest himself, with hands joined and facing the people, says:
Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Or:

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Or:

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Or:

Go in peace.

The people reply:

Thanks be to God.