

The Mass

“Ite, MISSA est”

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy = “People’s works”

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharist = “Thanksgiving”

“Gather the People”

Entrance (Bless yourself w/ holy water to recall your Baptism)

Processional Song

Sign of Cross (entire Mass is a prayer, this begins that prayer)

Greeting/ Exhortation (Prepare self for Liturgy)

Invocation (Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)

Opening Prayer (Let us pray)

Concluding AMEN (It is so!
This makes it everyone’s prayer)

“Tell the Stories”

1st Reading (Hebrew Scriptures - OT)

Response (Psalm)

2nd Reading (Christian Scriptures – NT after Gospels)

Alleluia (Praise God)

(Prepare for Gospel/ Good News)

Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
(May God’s Word be on my mind, lips and heart)

Profession of Faith/ Creed

(Our response to the Scriptures. This response continues through the rest of the celebration!)

Intercessions (Prayers of the faithful)

- Church
- World
- Oppressed, those in special need
- Local community

“Share the Meal”

Offertory Song (prepare the table)

Offertory (Financial gifts & bread/wine)

Eucharistic Prayer (“Lift up your hearts” - prepare to approach the Lord’s table)

- Recall God’s plan for us
- Recall Christ’s Passion, Death and Resurrection
- Ask God to continue to intervene in our lives

Our Father/ Sign of Peace (So we can approach altar as brothers and sisters)

Lamb of God (our response is, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed”)

Communion Song(s)

Communion (Eucharist)

“Send Them Out”

Communion for the Sick and Homebound (Eucharist Without Walls, (Spread the hope/ healing to those who were missed at the table)

Closing Prayer

Blessing (Sign of Cross ends our Mass-prayer)

Commissioning (This is the purpose of the entire Mass – “Go, you are sent”)

Closing Song

Highlighted Areas = Can vary at every Mass!