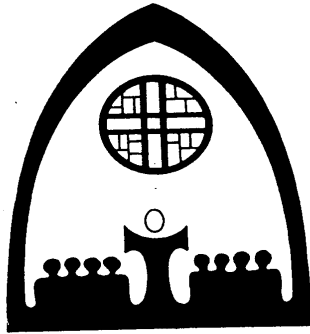


THE MASS

GATHERING

We come to the home of our faith community for the Great Feast



Arriving at church
Greeting each other
Moment of Silence
Gathering Song and sometimes a Procession into church

Sprinkling Rite OR Penitential Rite OR Glory To God
OR
Another Special Rite
[for example, welcoming parents with infants for baptism]

Gathering Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

We tell the great stories of our ancestors in faith and remember who we are as followers of Jesus.

Introduction

First Reading

[from Hebrew Scriptures or, in Easter Season, from Acts]

Psalm

Introduction

Second Reading

[from letters written by Paul or other Apostolic persons]

Gospel Acclamation [Alleluia or, in Lent, another]

Gospel

Homily

[a reflection on the readings for us today]

Creed

Prayer of the Faithful [also called the General Intercessions]



After the homily there may be:

BAPTISM OF INFANTS OR CONFIRMATION

OR

Another sacrament or special rite



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

We give God thanks and praise for all the wonderful deeds done for us, most especially giving us Jesus who is our savior, and we share a meal.

Preparation of the Table and the Gifts

The Eucharistic Prayer

[Our prayer of blessing and thanksgiving to God]

Preface and the Holy, holy...

Invocation of the Holy Spirit to make the gifts and us
into the Body of Christ

Institution Narrative [telling the story of the Last Supper when Jesus
said, "This is my Body.... "this is my Blood.."]

Memorial and Offering ["remembering.....we offer you.."]

Intercessions

Doxology and Great Amen

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Communion Procession

Communion Prayer

SENDING FORTH

We go home and out into the world to love and serve as Jesus did



Announcements

Blessing

Song and Procession out of Church