



**Diocese of Peterborough**

# **CONFIRMATION MASS JOURNAL 1**



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# PARTS OF THE MASS

## **The Introductory Rite**

*Entrance Song:* A song to praise God, sung as a community as the priest and altar servers enter.

*Greeting:* All make the sign of the cross as a reminder of our Baptism and belief in the Trinity. The priest say a few words of welcome and sets the tone for the Mass.

*Penitential Rite:* The priest invites the people to recall their sins and repent of them. We say "Lord, have mercy" and "Christ, have mercy" three times.

*Gloria:* A joyful prayer, either sung or said, that praises the Trinity.

*Opening Prayer:* The priest says the opening prayer, specific to the day's readings.

## **Liturgy of the Word**

*Readings:* There are four readings from the Bible. The first is taken from the Old Testament; the second is usually sung and is from the book of Psalms; the third is from the New Testament; and the fourth is the Gospel, taken from Matthew, Mark, Luke or John.

*Homily:* The priest speaks about how to apply what we have heard in the readings to our own daily lives.

*The Creed:* The community professes their belief in the mystery of our Trinitarian God.

*Universal Prayers:* Prayers of intercession asking for God's help.

*Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

Jesus, Matthew 4.4



## **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

*Preparation of the Gifts:* The altar is set and the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward.

*Eucharistic Prayer:* The high point of the Mass. It begins with the Preface, a prayer of thanksgiving. We then sing the "Holy, Holy, Holy". The priest then consecrates the simple gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, really and truly present. After the consecration, the priest invites the people to proclaim the mystery of faith, which is usually sung. The Eucharistic Prayer continues with a memorial prayer, a prayer for the church, and a prayer for all who have died.

*Amen:* A sung response to the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

*Our Father:* All stand and join together in praying the Lord's Prayer.

*Sign of Peace:* All present extend a sign of peace to each other. Often the words "Peace be with you" and a handshake are used.

*Breaking of the Bread:* The Body and Blood are prepared for reception by the congregation. Everyone sings "Lamb of God".

*Holy Communion:* Those who are in union with the Catholic Church come to receive Jesus in the form of Bread. They may receive by hand or by tongue, standing or kneeling, as personal piety dictates.



## **Concluding Rite**

The Mass concludes with a blessing and a reminder to do good works, praising and blessing the Lord. A concluding song is sung as the priest and altar servers process out.

# 1: INTRODUCTORY RITE

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Location:**

**Priest:**

Pay special attention to the Opening Hymn and Prayer. Is there any part of it that you find interesting, any words or phrases that jump out at you? What about them do you find interesting?

# 2: READINGS

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Location:**

**Priest:**

Of the four readings (First Reading, Psalm, Second Reading, and Gospel), which one stood out to you the most? What did you find interesting about it? Was it an interesting story? Did it have a good life teaching or catchy wording? Go back to the reading, either online or using a Bible from home, to help you think about it more.

# 3: GOSPEL & HOMILY

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Location:**

**Priest:**

Describe in your own words, what you think the main message of the Gospel reading was. List one way that this can apply to your life, a way that this is relevant to you right now. The homily is a good springboard for this, so pay close attention during that.

# 4: CREED & UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Location:**

**Priest:**

Pay close attention to the words of the Creed as you say them. Which words or phrases interest you more than the others?

In the Universal Prayers, together we pray for our church, ourselves, and the world. What or who are you praying for today? Write a petition for it here.

# 5: PREPARATION OF GIFTS

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Location:**

**Priest:**

What one thing stood out to you the most during the Preparation of the Gifts (ie the song, the bringing up of the gifts, the motions of preparing the altar, the prayers used, etc)?

What gifts were brought to the altar today? What are they used for or what do they mean?