## **ANCIENT REFERENCES TO THE LITURGY**

### DIDACHE (100 AD)

The document describes how Christians come together on the Lord's Day "to break bread and give thanks," first confessing their sins and being reconciled with their neighbors for a pure sacrifice to the Lord. Only baptized Christians are to partake.

The service of the Eucharist begins with thanksgiving over the cup and the loaf. In offering the cup, the leader gives thanks for "the holy vine of David." A doxology, or expression of praise to God, follows: "To you be glory forever." Then the leader gives thanks over the broken bread, thanking God "for the life and knowledge you have revealed through Jesus, your [servant]," concluding with a doxology. Then follows a prayer comparing the bread to the gathering of the church into the kingdom, again ending with a doxology.

Afterwards, the leader again offers thanksgivings for the Lord's holy name dwelling within his people, and for God's creative activity and his provision of food and drink for all people. He then prays that the Lord would deliver the church from evil, perfect it in love, and gather it into his kingdom. Each of these acts concludes with a doxology. The service concludes with responses and extemporaneous thanksgivings by the church prophets, who are to be allowed to give thanks in their own way, following no particular text.

### APOLOGIA OF JUSTIN MARTYR (155 AD)

Only those who accept the Christian faith and have "received the washing" for forgiveness of sins and for rebirth, and who live by Christ's principles, are allowed to partake of the Eucharist.

The Eucharist begins with common prayers for the assembly: for themselves, for the new convert, and for others. Then the worshipers greet one another with a kiss. Bread, wine and water are then brought to the president, who offers the eucharistic prayer. The prayer begins by ascribing glory to the Father in the name of the Son and Spirit, and continues with thanksgiving that worshipers have been judged worthy to receive the bread and wine. At the end, the congregation says the Amen.

Deacons then give to those present a portion of the bread, wine and water. Justin's account adds, "For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Savior being incarnate by God's word took flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food consecrated by the word of prayer which comes from him, from which our flesh and blood are nourished by transformation, is the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus." Justin then repeats Jesus' words in delivering the bread and cup at the Last Supper. At the conclusion of the service, the Eucharist is also taken to those members of the Christian community who were absent. Justin goes on to mention the ongoing common life of the Christian community, in which "those who have more come to the aid of those who lack," and God is blessed for his gifts.

The service begins with readings from the "memoirs of the apostles" (the Gospels) or writings of the prophets, as long as time allows. Then the president teaches from the Scriptures. The speaker was probably seated while the people stood, as was the custom in ancient times. Prayers and the celebration of the Eucharist follow, as described above. At the end, those who have prospered voluntarily bring their gifts to the president, who will distribute them to those in need.



RITE	LOCATION	LANGUAGE	PATRIARCH	ORIGIN
1.ROMAN	All Roman Catholics	Latin	Bishop of Rome	Rome
MOZARABIC	Archdiocese of Toledo Spain	Latin	Bishop of Rome	Spain
AMBROSIAN	Archdiocese of Milan, Italy	Latin	Bishop of Rome	Milan
BRAGAN	Archdiocese of Braga, Portugal	Latin	Bishop of Rome	Braga
DOMINICAN	Dominican Priests	Latin	Bishop of Rome	St. Dominic
CARMELITE	Carmelite Priests	Latin	Bishop of Rome	St. Berthold
CARTHUSIANS	Carthusian Priests	Latin	Bishop of Rome	St. Bruno
2. BYZANTINE	Belarussian	Old Slavonic		Belarussia
	Bulgarian	Old Slavonic	Apostolic Exarch in Bulgaria	Bulgaria
	Croatian	Old Slavonic	Bishop of Kricevci	Croatia
	Greek	Greek	Apostolic Exarch in Greece	Greece
	Hungarian	Greek	Bishop of Hajdudorog	Hungary
	Italo-Albanian	Greek	Local Latin Bishop	Italy
	Melkite	Greek	Melkite Greek Patriarch of Damascus	Syria/Lebanon/Israel
	Romanian	Romanian	Archbishop of Fagaras and Alba Julia	Romania
	Russian	Old Slavonic	Apostolic Exarch in Russia	Russia
	Ruthenian	Old Slavonic	Bishop of Mukacevo	Ukraine
	Slovakian	Old Slavonic	Bishop of Presov	Slovakia
	Ukrainian	Old Slavonic	Major Archbishop of Lviv	Ukraine
<b>3.ALEXANDRIAN</b>	Coptic	Coptic	Patriarch of Alexandria of the Copts	Egypt
	Ethiopian	Ge'ez	Archbishop of Addis Ababa	Ethiopia/Somalia
4. SYRIAC	Syriac	Syriac	Syriac Patriarch of Antioch	Syria
	Malankarese	West Syriac	Metropolitan of Trivandrum	India
5. ARMENIAN	Armenian	Classical Armenian	Patriarch of Cilicia of the Armenians	Armenia
6. MARONITE	Maronite	Aramaic	Maronite Patriarch of Antioch	Lebanon
7. CHALDEAN	Chaldean	Syriac	Patriarch of Babylon of the Chaldeans	Iraq
	Malabar	Syriac	Major Archbishop of the Malabar rite	India

## **1962 & BEFORE**

### 1969 & AFTER

[SIGN OF THE CROSS]	ENTRANCE CHANT
[PSALM 42]	
[I CONFESS]	SIGN OF THE CROSS
ENTRANCE CHANT	I CONFESS
LORD HAVE MERCY	LORD HAVE MERCY
GLORY TO GOD	GLORY TO GOD
OPENING PRAYER	OPENING PRAYER
PROPHECY or EPISTLE	PROPHECY
GRADUAL PSALM	PSALM RESPONSE
	EPISTLE
ALLELUIA	ALLELUIA
[CLEANSE MY HEART]	[CLEANSE MY HEART]
GOSPEL	GOSPEL
[BY THE WORDS OF THE GOSPEL]	[BY THE WORDS OF THE GOSPEL]
HOMILY	HOMILY
CREED	CREED
	INTERCESSIONS
OFFERTORY CHANT	
[PRAYERS OVER GIFTS]	PRAYERS OVER GIFTS
	[LORD WASH AWAY]
[PRAYER TO HOLY SPIRIT]	
[PRAYER TO THE TRINITY]	
PRAY MY BROTHERS	PRAY MY BROTHERS
[OFFERTORY PRAYER]	OFFERTORY PRAYER
PREFACE	PREFACE
SANCTUS	SANCTUS
[EUCHARISTIC PRAYER]	EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER	LORD'S PRAYER
[SIGN OF PEACE]	SIGN OF PEACE
	LAMB OF GOD
[PREPARATORY PRAYERS]	[PREPARATORY PRAYERS]
[PURIFICATION PRAYERS]	COMMUNION CHANT
COMMUNION CHANT	[PURIFICATION PRAYERS]
COMMUNION PRAYER	
DISMISSAL	
BLESSING	BLESSING
[PRAYER TO THE TRINITY]	DISMISSAL
LAST GOSPEL	
LEONINE PRAYERS	

## **1962 & BEFORE**

#### I CONFESS ...

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren: that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed: through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

#### **PRAYERS OVER THE GIFTS**

Accept, O Holy Father, Almighty and eternal God, this spotless host, which I, your unworthy servant, offer to You, my living and true God, to atone for my numberless sins, offenses and negligences; on behalf of all here present and likewise for all faithful Christians living and dead, that it may profit me and them as a means of salvation to life everlasting. Amen

We offer You, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, humbly begging of Your mercy that it may arise before Your divine Majesty, with a pleasing fragrance, for our salvation and for that of the whole world. Amen.

## 1969 & AFTER

I CONFESS ... I confess to almighty God,

and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

and 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.

#### **PRAYERS OVER THE GIFTS**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

# Prayers from the 1962 Liturgy

### **PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT** (at the Offertory)

Come, O Sanctifier, Almighty and Eternal God, and bless, this sacrifice prepared for the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

### **PRAYER TO THE TRINITY** (at the Offertory)

Accept, most Holy Trinity, this offering which we are making to You in remembrance of the passion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, Our Lord; and in honor of blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Blessed John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the Saints; that it may add to their honor and aid our salvation; and may they deign to intercede in heaven for us who honor their memory here on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

### **PRAYER TO THE TRINITY** (at the end of Mass)

May the tribute of my worship be pleasing to You, most Holy Trinity, and grant that the sacrifice which I, all unworthy, have offered in the presence of Your Majesty, may be acceptable to You, and through Your mercy obtain forgiveness for me and all for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### LEONINE PRAYERS (after Low Mass)

Hail Mary ... (three times)

Hail Holy Queen ...

#### Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and our strength, look down with mercy upon the people who cry to Thee; and by the intercession of the glorious and immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of Saint Joseph her spouse, of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the saints, in Thy mercy and goodness hear our prayers for the conversion of sinners, and for the liberty and exaltation of the Holy Mother the Church. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: have mercy on us. (three times)