

# Manner of Serving Low Mass

(One server)

*Always genuflect when passing the Altar, and always kneel on the opposite side to the Missal when it is open.*

## PREPARATION

Before Mass prepare everything at the Altar. See that the Altar is uncovered, the Altar cards in place, and the stand for the Missal is on the Epistle (right) side and not at an angle. If the Missal is not to be brought in procession place it on the stand, closed, with the opening towards the left. Place this serving card in position on the left side on the bottom step.

Place on the Credence the two cruets (with wine and water), the ablutions bowl, bell and the card with the Prayers to be said after Mass. Cover the cruets with the folded towel.

Finally, light the two smaller candles used at Low Mass beginning with the one on the Epistle side.

## ENTRANCE

Bow with the Priest to the Sacristy Crucifix, ring the Sacristy bell once (if it is the custom), offer the Priest holy water, make the sign ✠ of the Cross, and then lead the Priest to the Altar going to the Epistle side. Genuflect when the Priest bows or genuflects, then take the Priest's biretta, if he has one, and place it on the Credence or the Ministers' bench. Return and kneel on the floor on the Gospel (left) side, making the sign of the Cross with the Priest.

PRIEST In ✠ nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, Amen.

Introibo ad altare Dei.

SERV. Ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam.

At Requiem Masses and during Passion Time all is omitted up to the sign \*\* below.

PRIEST Judica me, Deus,...et doloso erue me.

SERV. Quia tu es, Deus, fortitudo mea : quare me repulisti, et quare tristis incedo, dum affligit me inimicus?

PRIEST Emitte lucem tuam, ... et in tabernacula tua.

SERV. Et introibo ad altare Dei : ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam.

PRIEST Confitebor tibi in cithara, ...et quare conturbas me?

SERV. Spera in Deo , quoniam adhuc confitebor illi: salutare vultus mei, et Deus meus.

PRIEST Gloria Patri, bow with the Priest, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

SERV. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

PRIEST Introibo ad altare Dei.

SERV. Ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam.

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PRIEST Adjutorium make the sign ✠ of the Cross nostrum in nomine Domini.

SERV. Qui fecit caelum et terram.

PRIEST Confiteor Deo omnipotenti....ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

SERV. Misereatur bow slightly towards the Priest tui omnipotens Deus, et, dimissis peccatis tuis, perducatur te ad vitam aeternam.

PRIEST Amen.

SERV. Confiteor bow moderately and remain bowed until the end of the following *Misereatur vestri* Deo omnipotenti, beatae Mariae semper Virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistae, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus Sanctis, turn towards the Priest et TIBI, PATER : quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo et opere : mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa strike breast three times.

Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaellem Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, turn towards the Priest et TE, PATER, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

PRIEST Misereatur vestri ..., perducatur vos ad vitam aeternam.

SERV. Amen.

PRIEST Indulgentiam, make the sign ✠ of the Cross, ... tribuat nobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.

SERV. Amen.

PRIEST Deus tu conversus vivificabis nos.

SERV. Et plebs tua laetabitur in te.

PRIEST Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

SERV. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

PRIEST Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

SERV. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

PRIEST Dominus vobiscum.

SERV. Et cum spiritu tuo.

PRIEST Oremus

Rise with the Priest and kneel on the lowest step of the Altar.

## AT THE KYRIE

PRIEST Kyrie, eleison

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SERV. Christe, eleison

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## AFTER THE KYRIE or THE GLORIA

PRIEST Dominus vobiscum.

SERV. Et cum spiritu tuo.

At the end of the first and last Collects,

PRIEST Per omnia saecula saeculorum.

SERV. Amen.

At the end of the Epistle (the Priest usually gives a sign, raising his left hand, placing it on the altar, or turning towards the server) answer **Deo gratias**. Then rise, move to the centre, genuflect, and going by the longer way, stand at the Epistle corner at the foot of the steps.

When the Priest goes to the middle of the Altar carry the Missal by the direct way to the Gospel side, genuflecting in the middle at the foot of the Altar, and place it diagonally on the corner of the Altar. Stand beside the Missal on the top step.

## AT THE GOSPEL

PRIEST Dominus vobiscum.

SERV. Et cum spiritu tuo.

PRIEST Sequentia (or Initium) sancti Evangelii secundum N.

SERV. Gloria ✠ tibi, Domine.

Return to the Epistle side and stand facing the Missal, saying

SERV. Laus tibi, Christe. at the end of the Gospel .

If there is a homily, or if the readings are read in English, genuflect in the middle and go to the server's bench. Sit for the Epistle and homily, stand for the Gospel. Return to your place after the homily genuflecting in the middle. If the Creed is said, kneel throughout (except in a dialogue Mass, when, to lead the congregation, stand) bowing moderately at the words *Et incarnatus est*.

## AT THE OFFERTORY

PRIEST Dominus vobiscum.

**SERV. Et cum spiritu tuo.**

PRIEST Oremus, etc.

When the Priest removes the Chalice Veil rise, genuflect in the middle, and go to the Credence. Take the cruets, the wine in the right hand, water in the left. As the Priest approaches mount to the top step, bow, present first the wine, and then the water. Bow and replace the cruets on the Credence.

Place the towel on your left arm, and take the water cruet with your right hand, and the bowl with your left. Bow, and pour a little water on the Priest's fingers. Let him take the towel to dry his fingers, bow again, and then bring back cruet and towel. Return to the front of the Altar, taking the bell with you, and kneel on the lowest step on the right (Epistle) side.

PRIEST Orate Fratres, ....Deum Patrem omnipotentem.

Wait until the Priest has again turned to the Altar, then,

**SERV. Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis ad laudem, et gloriam nominis sui, ad utilitatem quoque nostram, totiusque Ecclesiae suae sanctae.**

## AT THE PREFACE

PRIEST Per omnia saecula saeculorum.

**SERV. Amen.**

PRIEST Dominus vobiscum.

**SERV. Et cum spiritu tuo.**

PRIEST Sursum corda.

**SERV. Habemus ad Dominum.**

PRIEST Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.

**SERV. Dignum et justum est.**

## AT THE SANCTUS

Bow and ring the bell three times distinctly   

## AT THE CONSECRATION

Ring  the bell once when the Priest extends both hands over the chalice at the *Hanc igitur*. When he withdraws his hands rise, genuflect, mount the Altar steps and kneel behind him on his right side on the top step. Lift with the left hand the bottom hem of the chasuble.

**During the Elevation**   

Ring the bell twice at each genuflection of the Priest, and twice when he elevates the sacred Host and Chalice. Raise the hem of the chasuble at each elevation. After the Elevation and the Priest's genuflection following, return to your place on the Epistle side without genuflecting and kneel.

## AT THE PATER NOSTER and THE COMMUNION

PRIEST Per omnia saecula saeculorum.

**SERV. Amen.**

PRIEST Pater noster, ....Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

**SERV. Sed libera nos a malo.**

PRIEST Per omnia saecula saeculorum.

**SERV. Amen.**

PRIEST Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.

**SERV. Et cum spiritu tuo.**

At the *Agnus Dei*, strike your breast three times at the same time as the Priest.

  Ring the bell once each time the Priest says the words *Domine Non Sum Dignus*

At the Communion of the Priest, bow.

At the Communion of the Faithful, after the Priest has received the Sacred Host he uncovers the Chalice and genuflects. Rise, prepare the altar rails, if necessary, for the faithful to receive communion, take the bell and server card to the Credence, fetch the communion plate, and kneel on the top step at the Epistle side facing the Gospel side. If not receiving communion kneel on the bottom step. If no one is receiving communion proceed directly with ablutions.

After receiving Communion take the communion plate and passing behind the Priest stand on his right to hold the plate for each communicant. After the final communicant has received the Sacred Host the Priest will return to the altar taking the communion plate with him. Kneel in your place on the Epistle side. When the Priest closes and locks the tabernacle go to the Credence for the ablutions.

## Ablutions

Stand on the top step with the wine cruet in the right hand and water cruet in the left. Move forward to pour wine into the Chalice when the priest holds it out. Return to the top step.

When the Priest comes to the corner of the Altar, pour wine and then water on his fingers until he signs to stop. Bow and return the cruets to the Credence table.

Take the veil of the chalice and carry it to the Gospel side. Unfold it and either place it on the edge of the Altar with the cross in front or hand it to the Priest. Bring the Missal back to the Epistle side, take up the Communion plate and place it on the Credence. Collect the card with the "Prayers at the foot of the Altar", then return to the front of the Altar, genuflect, and kneel on the Gospel side.

PRIEST Dominus vobiscum

**SERV. Et cum spiritu tuo.**

After each OREMUS, answer AMEN.

## AT THE ITE, MISSA EST

PRIEST Dominus vobiscum

**SERV. Et cum spiritu tuo.**

PRIEST Ite, Missa est (In Easter octave he adds Alleluia, Alleluia) or Benedicamus Domino.

**SERV. Deo Gratias** (During Easter octave add Alleluia Alleluia.)

At Requiem Masses, instead of *Ite Missa est*,  
PRIEST Requiescant in Pace **SERV. Amen.**  
(There is no blessing at a Requiem Mass)

In Palm Sunday Masses without a procession the Missal is left open after the Postcommunions as a sign to the server. After the *Ite Missa Est* mount the steps directly and carry the Missal again to the Gospel side kneeling in the middle for the Priest's Blessing.

PRIEST Benedicat ✠ vos.....Pater et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.

**SERV. Amen.**

## AT THE LAST GOSPEL, stand

PRIEST Dominus vobiscum.

**SERV. Et cum spiritu tuo.**

PRIEST Initium (or Sequentia) sancti Evangelii, secundum N.

**SERV. Gloria tibi, Domine.**

Not forgetting the prayer card, move to the Epistle side, genuflecting in the middle. Genuflect with the Priest at *Et Verbum caro factum est*. At the end of the Gospel answer: **Deo gratias.**

Hand the Priest the prayer card and recite with him the Prayers to be said after Low Mass.

When the Priest ascends the steps to collect the chalice, fetch his biretta (and the Missal if it was brought in procession), genuflect when the Priest bows or genuflects, hand him his biretta, and walk in front of him to the Sacristy.

In the Sacristy, bow with the Priest to the Sacristy crucifix, and kneel for the Priest's blessing, if it is given. Return to the altar, extinguishing the candles (beginning with the Gospel side) and then bring back the cruets and the Missal to the sacristy.

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