

Mass of the Mother

Words to be said are in this style: **All:** say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

There are numerous versions of the Mass intended to celebrate the female charism of God. This form was adapted from the works of Bishop Maryn Brandt of St Michaels, Naarden Holland and the Gnostic Church of St Mary Magdalene by Bishop David Upton of OCAC Derby. The language has been modernised by Bishop Adrian.

The Procession

The people stand as the Clergy enters in procession. All singing the following responsively:

All: God the Father, seen of none,
God the Mother, Radiant Sun,
Holy Child, the Three in One,
Hear us, Holy Trinity.

For your life and strength pervade
Whatsoever You have made,
All-Preserver, strong to aid,
We, Your Church adore You.

Word of God and Source of Light,
Throned in glory, robed in might,
Morning Star, serene and bright,
Queen of Heaven, we hail You.

Your beauty, shining like a star
Throbbing in the void afar,
Only earth-born clouds can mar,
We, Your Church adore You.

Your wisdom made and all things planned,
Held by whose almighty hand,
All things in their order stand,
We, Your Church adore You.

For your praise, in heavenly choir,
Angel forms of living fire,
Wake the everlasting lyre,
Three in One, we hail You.

God the Father, seen of none,
God the Mother, Radiant Sun,
Holy Child, The Three in One,
Hear us, Holy Trinity

Priest: In the Name of the Father + and of the Mother and of the Holy Child, Christ Melchizedek.

All: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Priest: There was Space; The One willed, and Space became Form.

The congregation are seated.

The Canticle of Wisdom

Priest: O Mother of the Universe, the worlds have risen,
From the deep of your lasting Wisdom;
And at the end of time they will return again to You.
From the very beginning I was there;
Before the earth existed.
When there were no depths,
I was brought forth;
When there were no springs,
Abounding with water.
When the heavens were prepared, I was there;
When the foundations of the Universe were laid.
Then I was rejoicing always before God.

All: O Mother of the Universe, the worlds have risen from the deep of your Wisdom; and at the end of time they will return again to you.

The Meditation

Priest: Mother of the World, Queen of the Angels, with all our hearts we pour out our love and devotion at your feet, and we offer ourselves as channels of your wondrous tenderness, as agents of your ever ready peace.

All: Ave Maria!

The Lighting of the Candles

Seven candles in suitable holders are arranged in the sanctuary or other suitable location. The candles either side of the central candle are larger than the others. A candle bridge may be used. Four candles are used on the altar.

Priest: The Earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

During the next sentence the two large candles are lit.

Priest: And the Spirit of Silence moved upon the face of the waters;

During the next sentence the central candle is lit.

Priest: And God said; Let there be Light, and there was Light.

The remaining candles are lit.

Priest: And there were seven Lamps of Fire burning before the Throne, the Seven Spirits of God; and before the throne there was a sea as made of glass, like unto crystal.

The Altar candles are now lit.

Priest: And in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne were four Living Creatures, full of eyes before and behind, not resting night nor day saying; "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."

All: Kodosh, Kodosh, Kodosh, Adonai Elohim.

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Asperges

Priest: Purify me + that I may serve You well.

The priest then sprinkles Holy Water at the place of service.

Priest: In Your strength we fill this sacred space with the Light of Christ,

And the Love of the Mother.

Let Your Glory hallow this altar.

We release all limiting thoughts and beliefs

As we are surrounded with Your Light and Love,

And we set aside this place for your work;

And we ask that you will send The Holy Angel to build for us a spiritual temple through which your strength and blessing may be poured forth upon your people; through Christ our All and Everything.

All: Amen.

Veni Creator

Priest: Let us invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit.

All: Come, now Creator Spirit blest,

And in our souls take up your rest,

Come with your grace and heavenly aid,

To fill the hearts which you have made.

Great Mother Goddess of the Earth,

In obedient love did's't give us birth;

We humbly at Your feet do rest,

Of you love, we are forever blest.

All glory while the ages run,

Be to the Father and the Son,

And to You, Wise Mother of us all,

Help us each hour to heed your call.

All: Amen.

Priest: We are about to take a journey up the Holy Hill, enter into the Sacred Temple, and worship at the Holy Altar. It is a journey within for the Altar of God is in the secret place of our hearts. Let us join together on this joyful journey.

Priest: I will go unto the altar of God; even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

I was glad when they said unto me:

We will go into the house of the Lord,

I will be glad and rejoice in You: I will sing of your Holy Name, O Divine most high.

O send out light and truth, that they may lead me;

and bring me to the Holy Hill and to Your dwelling.

Priest: Glory be to the Father and to the Mother; and to the Holy Child.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

I will go unto the altar of God; even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Priest: +Our help is in the Name of the Lord

All: Who has made heaven and Earth.

Turn us again, O Mother, and quicken us:

That all people may rejoice in You.

Trust then in The Christ for ever;

For The Rock of Ages is our peace.

Confiteor

All: O Christ, I rest in Your Eternal Life,

I recognise and accept the perfection of everything that has brought me to this moment.

I forgive everyone and everything I have judged as wrong.

Pour out Your Love upon them.

I open myself to your forgiveness, and accept myself just as I am right now.

I rest in your eternal perfection.

Now and forever more. Amen.

Priest: In the Name and Power of the Christ I + Absolve you from the bonds of the past and welcome you into the purity of this eternal moment. Rest with open hearts, surrounded by the Love + of the Father, the Grace of the Mother, and the Joy of the Holy Child.

All: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Priest: With praise and with prayer shall our temple be built.

All: To God alone be the Glory.

The Censing

Priest: Be + blessed by the one in whose honour you burn.

The priest censes the altar, after which the people stand. The censuring may be done in silence, or alternatively a canticle may be sung.

Priest: Dominus vobiscum. (the Lord be with you)

All: Et cum Spiritu tuo. (and with thy Spirit)

Priest: Let us kneel and recognise the Divine Life which is pouring down upon us.

The congregation kneel or sit for the Kyries:

All: Kyrie eleison

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Christe eleison

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Mater eleison

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All stand and say

All: Glory be to God in the highest and on earth peace to those of goodwill. We praise you, we worship you, we glorify you; we give thanks for your great Glory; Our Father God and our Holy Mother God.

Praise the Christ, the Word who dwells among us; O Lord God, indwelling light, Child born within us, whose wisdom mightily and sweetly orders all things, pour forth your love; Your strength upholds and sustains all creation, receive our praise; Your beauty shines through the whole universe, unveil Your Glory.

For only you are Holy, Only you the Radiant One; Only you, O God endless Flame of Life; + are revealed in the glory of all creation. Amen.

Priest: Dominus vobiscum (the Lord be with you)

All: Et cum Spiritu tuo (and with thy Spirit)

An Act of Faith

Remain standing

All: We believe that God is love and power and truth and life; that perfect justice rules the world; that all are returning to the Light, whatever path they take. We hold the unity of All- In God we live and move and have our being. We now our service to others is truly service to God. So shall we live in + peace and joy for evermore.

All: Amen, Amen. Amen.

The people are seated

The Offertorium

The priest offers the host, raising the paten;

Priest: We adore you. You are the source of all life and goodness and with true and thankful hearts we offer unto you this token of your own life-giving gifts bestowed upon us. We join our offering with that of all Nature, for the regeneration of the world. For you are the giver of all.

The priest makes the sign of the cross over the altar stone with the paten and wafer. Wine and water are poured into the chalice.

Priest: According to immemorial custom, we now mix water with this wine, praying that we may evermore abide in Christ as Christ abides in us.

Priest: We offer unto you this chalice with joy and gladness; may the worship which we offer ascend before your divine majesty as a sacrifice, pure and acceptable in your sight; + through Christ our All. Amen.

The Second Censing

The priest censes the altar, this time saying:

Priest: I bind these elements to me in spirit, substance, and matter; in the name of the Father and of the Mother and of the Holy Child. Amen.

Priest: As this incense rises before you so let our prayer be set forth in your sight. Let the holy angels encompass the people and breathe forth on them the spirit of your blessing. May the fire of divine love and the flame of everlasting charity be enkindled within us.

The clergy present and then the people are censed, bowing as the thurifer approaches and again after being censed.

Orate Fratres

Priest: As we grow into union with The Silence and all creation, we gladly sacrifice our limited lower self to the Holy Child within. Pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to Almighty God.

All: May the Eternal High Priest receive the sacrifice at your hands and sanctify our lives in spiritual service.

Priest: We lay before you these creatures of bread and wine, + linking them spiritually with ourselves and praying that you will receive through them our offering of praise and thanksgiving; for here we offer and present unto you ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and continual sacrifice to You.

In surrender we find victory; in dying we find life; in service we know freedom. We recognise our oneness with Your Mystical Body, which is the blessed company of all beings. We rejoice in You. Amen

The Canon

Priest: Dominus vobiscum (the Lord be with you)

All: Et cum Spiritu tuo (and with thy Spirit)

Sursum Corda

Priest: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up unto the Lord

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Glorious God

All: It is meet and right so to do

Priest: It is meet and right and our joyful duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto you O God, our Father, and our ever blessed Mother.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones, Dominations, Princedoms, Virtues, Powers, with Cherubim and Seraphim and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you and saying;

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory; glory be to you, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Word. + Hosanna in the Highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

Priest: Wherefore, O most loving Father; glorious Mother, these our oblations have served as tokens and channels of our love and devotion towards You; but now we + Break the link with all lower things and we pray that you will + Receive, + Purify and + Hallow them as earthly channels of Your wondrous power.

Priest: We send forth the blessing of this holy sacrifice for the healing and transformation of the world, for all beings, especially for ...; and for...:

All: Amen

The Consecration

Priest: We pray that you will look down on and accept these offerings, which we your servants and the whole congregation make unto You, in obedience to the command of Jesus the Christ;

The Epiclesis

Priest: O God, let thy spirit come upon these gifts to + Bless, + Sanctify and + Consecrate them that they may become for us the most precious + Body and + Blood of The Christ.

The day before he suffered Jesus took bread into his holy and venerable hands and, with his eyes lifted up to heaven, giving thanks to You, he + blessed, brake and gave it to his disciples saying; Take and eat this, for

THIS IS MY BODY

The sanctus bell is rung three times.

In like manner, after he had supped, taking also this noble chalice into his holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to You, he + Blessed it and gave to his disciples, saying; Take and drink of this, for

THIS IS MY BLOOD

The sanctus bell is rung three times.

As often as you do these things, you do them in remembrance of me.

All clergy:

(Tune Abide with me)

Thee we adore, O hidden splendour, Thee,
Who in Thy sacrament dost deign to be;
We worship Thee beneath this earthly veil
And here Thy presence we devoutly hail.

All clergy:

We your humble servants offer unto you this, the most precious gift which you have bestowed upon us, in token of our love + and the perfect + devotion + and sacrifice + of our minds + and + hearts to You; and we pray that You will command your holy angel to bear our oblation to your altar on high, there to be offered by the Eternal High priest, who is for ever poured out as the eternal sacrifice.

And we pray for your servant who ministers at this altar that, rightly celebrating the mysteries of the most holy + Body and + Blood, he/she/they may be + filled with your mighty power and blessing.

Likewise we pray that you sanctify your people here present with these heavenly gifts and through these mysteries do You will + hallow, + quicken and + bless them, that both in their hearts and in their lives they may show forth your praise and glorify your holy name.

The priest holds the host over the chalice, making the sign of the cross three times;

All these things we ask in the name and through the mediation of the Christ. We acknowledge and confess with all our hearts and lips that + You have made all things in heaven and earth, + You are the indwelling life through which all things exist and + in Your transcendent glory all things live and move and have their being;

Then horizontally three times between the chalice and breast.

To you, O mighty + Father, in union with the Divine + Mother and the + Holy Child be ascribed all honour and glory, throughout the ages of ages. Amen.

The priest here holds the host directly over the chalice and raises both to eye level then genuflects. The sanctus bell is rung three times.

Priest: O Christ who shows yourself this day upon a thousand altars and yet are one and indivisible, in token of Your great sacrifice we break this Your Body.

The priest breaks the host in half over the chalice and with a small particle makes the sign of the cross thrice over the chalice and finally at the words "one in thee" drops the particle into the chalice.

Priest: Praying that by this action ordained from of old, Your + strength, Your + Peace and Your + Blessing, which you give us in this holy Sacrament, may be spread abroad upon the world; as You, O Christ, were made known to your disciples in the breaking of bread and the Magdalene is made known through the Chalice, so may your many children know themselves to be One in You, even as You are One with all that is. Amen

Priest: Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum (The peace of the Lord be always with you)

All: Et cum Spiritu tuo (and with thy Spirit)

Priest: As You have left us in this adorable sacrament a living memorial and pledge of your marvellous love for all beings and therein graciously draws us into wondrous and mystic communion with You, help us to so receive the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood that our souls may be lifted into the immensity of your love and that being filled with holy life, we may ever be mindful of Your indwelling presence and live in the joy of Perfect Holiness. Amen

The Communion

The priest genuflects, receives communion, and communicates those serving on the altar and then blesses the people, saying;

Priest: + You that desire to partake of the Divine life, come forward and receive this most Holy Sacrament.

The people come forward

Priest: The Body and Blood of the Christ keep you in life eternal.

Each one: Amen.

The people return to their places. Covering the elements on the altar the priest says:

Priest: Under the veil of earthly things now have we communion with You, Soon with open face shall we behold You, and rejoicing in Your Glory, be transfigured into Your Holy image. Then shall we live with joy in the presence of Your Divine Glory

All: Amen, Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Postcommunio

Priest: Let us pray.

We who have been refreshed with these heavenly gifts do pray that Your grace may be so grafted inwardly in our hearts that it may continually be made manifest in our lives.

Amen

Priest: Dominus vobiscum (the Lord be with you)

All: Et cum Spiritu tuo

Priest: Ite missa est

All: Deo gratias

The benediction

Priest: May the Holy Ones, whose pupils you aspire to become, show you the Light you seek, give you the strong aid of their compassion and their wisdom. There is a peace that passes understanding; it abides in the hearts of those who live in the Eternal. There is a power that makes all things new; it lives and moves in those who know the self as one. May that peace brood over you, that power uplift you, until you stand at the altar of heaven, until you see the + Light shine forth.

All: Amen

The sacrifice of God is mirrored in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. When the mighty scheme of evolution has come to fruition, and God's plan has been fulfilled, creation comes to an end.

The four candles on the altar are extinguished: the four Living Creatures, the Guardians of the Law, and their fiery hosts vanish again into the Fire of God.

During the next sentence all the seven candles are extinguished:

Priest: The Seven Spirits of God and their angel hosts merge into the Light of Light
And humanity perfected returns to the eternal home in transcendental bliss. The whole of Creation has then been returned into the Silence of the All-One.

The clergy process out.