



The
HOLY
SACRIFICE
of the MASS is ...

*Christ's Passion and
Death on Calvary*

The following constitutes a pious reflection on the Mass, which the faithful may use to derive spiritual fruit.

THE PRIEST AT MASS

1	Enters the Sanctuary	Enters the Garden of Olives
2	Begins prayers at the foot of the Altar	Begins prayer in the garden
3	Says the <i>Confiteor</i> ("I Confess")	Falls down in agony, sweats blood
4	Goes to the Epistle side of the Altar	Is bound and as a prisoner is led to Annas
5	Reads the Introit	Is falsely accused by Annas and blasphemed
6	Goes to the middle of the Altar, recites <i>Kyrie Eleison</i>	Is brought to Caiphass; is denied 3x by Peter
7	Turns to the people and says "Dominus vobiscum"	Looks at Peter and converts him
8	Goes to the Roman Missal and reads the Collect and Epistle	Is brought to Pilate
9	Goes to the middle of the Altar, then to the Gospel side	Is taken to Herod and mocked
10	Returns to the middle of the Altar	Is led back to Pilate

CHRIST

OFFERTORY

11	Uncovers the chalice	Is stripped of His garments
12	Offers the bread and wine	Is scourged at the pillar
13	Covers the chalice with the pall	Is crowned with thorns
14	Washes his hands at the Epistle side of the Altar	Is declared innocent by Pilate
15	Turns to the people and says "Orate Fratres..." ("Pray brethren...")	Is shown to the people by Pilate who says "Ecce Homo" ("Behold the man")
16	Prays in a low voice, the Secret (prayer)	Is mocked and spat upon
17	Recites the Preface and Sanctus – bell is rung	Christ is condemned; Barabbas is freed

CANON OF THE MASS

18	Makes the Commemoration of the living	Carries the Cross to Calvary
19	Blesses the bread and wine with the sign of the cross 5x	Is nailed to the Cross

CONSECRATION

20	Consecrates the Host, adores and elevates It	Christ is raised on the Cross
21	Consecrates the wine and elevates the chalice	Blood of Christ flows from His wounds
22	Prays in a low voice	Hangs on the Cross; sees His Mother kneeling
23	Says aloud, "Nobis quoque peccatoribus"	Prays for all mankind
24	Recites aloud the <i>Pater Noster</i> ("Our Father")	Speaks the seven last words on the Cross
25	Breaks the Sacred Host	Dies on the Cross
26	Drops a particle of the Host into the chalice	Christ's soul descends into Limbo
27	Recites the <i>Agnus Dei</i> ("Lamb of God")	Christ is acknowledged to be the Son of God by those standing beneath the Cross

COMMUNION

28	Receives the Body and Blood of Christ	Christ's body is laid in the sepulcher
29	Cleanses the chalice	Christ's body is anointed in the sepulcher
30	Prepares the chalice on the Altar again	Rises from the dead
31	Turns to the people and says "Dominus vobiscum"	Appears to His Mother and Disciples
32	Reads Communion and Post Communion prayers	Teaches for forty days
33	Turns to the people and says the last "Dominus vobiscum"	Bids farewell to His Disciples
34	Says the "Ite Missa est"	Commissions the Apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations; ascends into Heaven
35	Gives the blessing to the people	Sends down the Holy Ghost on Pentecost
36	Reads the last Gospel	Is preached and worshiped throughout the world as the Son of God made Man

Adoro Te Devote

O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore Thee,
Who truly art within the forms before me;
To Thee my heart I bow with bended knee,
As failing quite in contemplating Thee.

Sight, touch, and taste in Thee are each deceived;
The ear alone most safely is believed:
I believe all the Son of God has spoken;
Than Truth's own word there is no truer token.

God only on the Cross lay hid from view,
But here lies hid at once the Manhood too:
And I, in both professing my belief,
Make the same prayer as the repentant thief.

Thy wounds, as Thomas saw, I do not see,
Yet Thee confess my Lord and God to be:
Make me believe Thee ever more and more;
In Thee my hope, in Thee my love to store.

O Thou memorial of Our Lord's own dying!
O Bread that living art and vivifying!
Make ever Thou my soul on Thee to live;
Ever a taste of Heavenly sweetness give.

O loving Pelican! O Jesu, Lord!
Unclean I am, but cleanse me in Thy blood,
Of which a single drop, for sinners spilt,
Is ransom for a world's entire guilt.

Jesu! Whom for the present veil'd I see,
What I so thirst for, O vouchsafe to me:
That I may see Thy countenance unfolding,
And may be blest Thy glory in beholding.
Amen.

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