

Tridentine Community News

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A Comparison of the Texts of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms of Mass – Part 13

We continue our comparison of the Tridentine and Novus Ordo Mass texts. Not all options in either missal are presented; rather, we present Mass as typically experienced in both forms. Keep this series together to see a complete comparison of both forms of Holy Mass.

Extraordinary Form/Tridentine Mass

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

[The priest or deacon gives Holy Communion to each communicant, saying:]

P: May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

[When all have received Communion, the priest returns to the altar and replaces the Ciborium in the tabernacle. He then receives wine in the Chalice and says:]

P: Into a pure heart, O Lord, may we receive the heavenly food which has passed our lips; bestowed upon us in time, may it be the healing of our souls for eternity.

[The priest goes to the Epistle side and, while the server pours wine and water over his fingers, he says:]

P: May Thy Body, O Lord, which I have received, and Thy Blood which I have drunk cleave to mine inmost parts: and do Thou grant that no stain of sin remain in me, whom pure and holy mysteries have refreshed: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

THE COMMUNION ANTIPHON

[The priest at the Epistle side recites the Communion Antiphon for the Mass being celebrated.]

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy Spirit.

P: Let us pray.

[The priest at the Epistle side recites the Postcommunion Prayer for the Mass being celebrated.]

R: Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

[Then he returns to the middle, kisses the altar, and turning toward the people says:]

P: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy Spirit.

P: Go, the Mass is ended.

R: Thanks be to God.

[Bowing down over the altar, the priest says:]

P: May the lowly homage of my service be pleasing to Thee, O Most Holy Trinity: and do Thou grant that the sacrifice which I, all unworthy, have offered up in the sight of Thy majesty, may be acceptable to Thee, and, because of Thy loving kindness, may avail to atone to Thee for myself and for all those for whom I have offered it up. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ordinary Form/Novus Ordo Mass

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

[The priest, deacon, or minister of Holy Communion goes to the communicants and says to each:]

P: The Body of Christ.

R: Amen.

[When all have received Communion, the priest returns to the altar and replaces the Ciborium in the tabernacle. He then receives wine in the Chalice and says:]

P: Lord, may I receive these gifts in purity of heart. May they bring me healing and strength, now and for ever.

THE COMMUNION ANTIPHON

[If there is no Communion hymn, a Communion Antiphon is recited.]

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

[The priest now says the Postcommunion Prayer and the people respond:]

R: Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

P: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

P: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

[The priest or deacon dismisses the people with one of the following formulas:]

P: Go in the peace of Christ.

P: The Mass is ended, go in peace.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.