

Prayers of Preparation

In preparation for Mass in the sacristy, the Priest may say the following hymn:

Veni, Creator Spiritus

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
 And lighten with celestial fire.
 Thou the anointing Spirit art,
 Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

- 2 Thy blessed unction from above ...

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Priest Send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be made;
Ministers **And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.**

After the Priest and Deacons have vested, the following prayers may be said in preparation for Holy Mass, either in the sacristy or at the foot of the altar. If the following is prayed at the foot of the altar, and if the People join in saying the responses and praying the Confiteor, this form may replace the usual Penitential Rite.

Priest ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Servers Amen.

Priest I will go unto the altar of God.

Servers Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

At Masses for the Dead and during Passiontide, the following Psalm is omitted.

Psalm 43. *Judica me, Deus.*

Priest Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people; O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

Servers For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee? and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

Priest O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

Servers And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

Priest Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Servers O put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Priest Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

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

Priest I will go unto the altar of God.

Servers Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Priest Our help is in the ☩ Name of the Lord.

Servers Who hath made heaven and earth.

At the discretion of the Priest, the following forms of the Confiteor may be omitted, and the Preparatory Prayers may continue then with the versicle, Wilt thou not turn again.

Priest 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, deed; [*he strikes his breast thrice*] by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, Blessed Michael the Archangel, Blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brethren, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Servers May almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.

Priest Amen.

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Priest May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

Servers Amen.

Priest The almighty and merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of our sins.

Servers Amen.

Priest Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O God?

Servers That thy people may rejoice in thee.

Priest O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Servers And grant us thy salvation.

Priest O Lord, hear my prayer.

Servers And let my cry come unto thee.

If the Preparation is prayed in the sacristy, the Priest says:

Priest The Lord be with you.

Servers And with thy spirit.

Priest Let us pray.

Most gracious God, incline thy merciful ears unto our prayers, and enlighten our hearts by the grace of the Holy Spirit: that we may be found meet to serve thy holy Mysteries; and worthy to love thee with eternal charity; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or if prayed at the foot of the altar, the Introit follows. The Priest ascends to the altar and venerates it with a kiss and, if appropriate to the dignity of the celebration, he censes the altar and cross. Mass continues with the Collect for Purity.