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#### **CELEBRATING THE MASS**

#### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

When the Entrance Chant has concluded, the Priest and the faithful sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross. The Priest sings or says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The people reply:



Then the Priest greets the people:

- A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **B** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **C** The Lord be with you.
- In this first greeting, a Bishop sings or says:

  Peace be with you.

*The people reply:* 



The Priest, or a Deacon, or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

Then follows the Penitential Act, to which the Priest invites the faithful, saying:

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

Then one of the following formula of general confession is used:

A I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.





