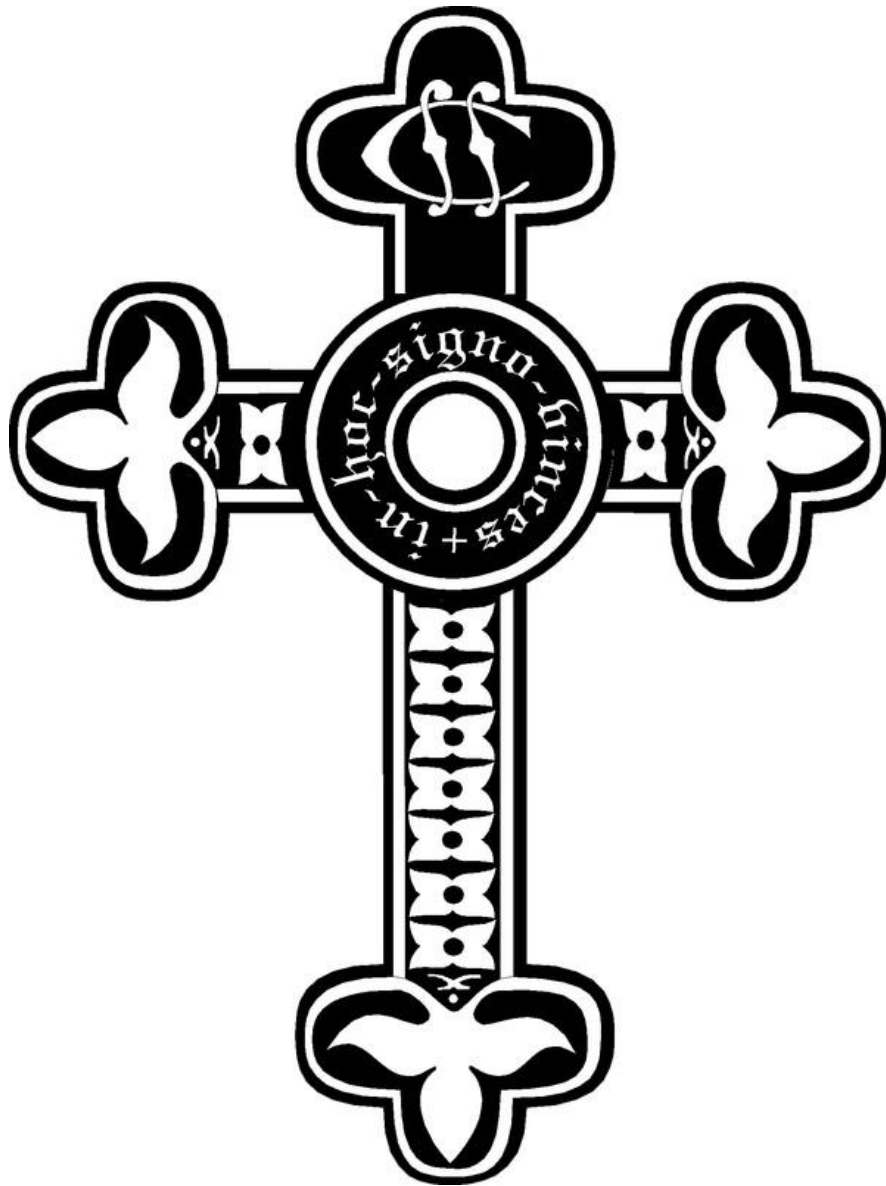


# The Order of Mass

## St Nicholas, Skirbeck



**The Society**  
under the patronage of Saint Wilfrid and Saint Hilda

This booklet is designed for the people to use at Public Masses as they are introduced to the worshiping life of the Church in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

+ indicates where we make the Sign of the Cross.

Words in bold are said by the people. Words in normal print are said by the priest.

Please take some time before Mass in quiet prayer. Please make use of the prayer stands to light votive candles and ask for the prayers of the saints, especially the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The numbers on the boards show you which number hymn in the book we are singing.

*Stand*

Hymn

Introductory Rites

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

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

In order to approach God we must be truly sorry (contrite) and repent (turn away from) of our sins, seeking God's forgiveness.

## Penitential Act

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

**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, 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.**

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

**Amen.**

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

The Gloria is an ancient hymn of praise to God used from the first days of the Church. As we say or sing it we join in with all the Church in giving God His rightful praise for his holiness and magnificence.

*On certain days the Gloria is said:*

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The priest collects the intentions of the day into the prayer of the collect, to which the people give their agreement that this is what the Church asks by saying: Amen.

**The Collect**

Let us Pray:

*The priest prays the collect at the end of all respond:*

**Amen.**

*Sit*

Sit for the readings  
from the Old and  
New Testament.

Liturgy of the Word.

*At the end of the readings:*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

Because the Gospel  
tells of the life,  
ministry, death, and  
resurrection of Jesus,  
we stand to hear it  
proclaimed.

Hymn

*At the Gospel:*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to *N*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sit after the priest  
makes the Sign of the  
Cross to listen to the  
preacher explain the  
readings, or theme of  
the day.

Homily

*Sit*

When we proclaim the Creed, which is the Faith of the Holy Church, in God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we affirm our faith in everything that the Holy Church teaches more strongly than if we had studied it for all of our lives.

*Stand*

## The Creed

*On certain days the Creed is said:*

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

**Hymn**

*Stand*

Because the Priest will be making the sacrifice of the Mass on behalf of the people, he asks for their prayers as he goes up to the Altar, as well as to remind the people to offer their own intentions at the Mass.

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Because the oblations (offerings) of bread and wine will become the Body and Blood of Christ, they must first be dedicated to God.

**Prayer over the Offerings**

*At the end of the offertory prayer the faithful respond:*

**Amen.**

Here the Priest  
against encourages  
the people to raise  
their hearts to God  
and thank Him for the  
sacrifice of Christ.

The Sanctus (Holy,  
Holy, Holy) is an  
ancient Hymn which  
calls on God to give  
us His divine help just  
as we show Him  
honour and glory,  
blessing Christ who is  
about to be present  
on the Altar with us.

The Priest will pray  
for the Church, the  
Pope, the Bishop, the  
community of the  
parish, the living, and  
the dead in the  
'Canon of the Mass.'  
He will speak the  
words which Jesus  
taught his disciples  
and, by grace, the  
bread and wine,  
though retaining their  
outward appearance,  
will be for us the  
Saviour's Body and  
Blood.

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

*The priest prays the preface after  
which he bows and all pray:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed  
is he who comes in the name of the  
lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Kneel*

*The priest continues the Eucharistic  
Prayer, beseeching God for the Church,  
the living and the dead.*

*When the priest elevates the Host and  
Chalice, we make the sign of the Cross.*

*After this all pray:*

The mystery of Faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and  
profess your Resurrection until you  
come again.**



At the end of this prayer, the people honour God, through the sacrifice of the Mass by replying: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer contains a prayer by the priest to ask that the Holy Church be delivered from every evil and preserved in peace until our Blessed Lord Jesus comes again.

## The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer until he concludes:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Stand*

## The Communion Rite

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord...our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

This peace is not our peace to each other, but us sharing in the Peace of our Blessed Lord Jesus. This is why the priest faces the altar to pray for peace from Christ before turning to the people to share His peace with them.

The priest takes the Blessed Sacrament (Jesus hidden under bread and wine) and shows him to the people, announcing the same words said by John the Baptist when the divinity of Jesus was hidden under the form of humanity.

## The Peace

lord Jesus Christ...in accordance with your will.

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your spirit.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

*Kneel*

Behold the lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

If you have made your First Communion and are in a state of grace you may receive the Sacrament. The Sacrament is given in one kind as Jesus is fully present in the Host in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. If you cannot receive, please bring this booklet with you as you come forward for a blessing.

The Post Communion Prayer gives thanks to God for feeding us with food for our soul, the Body and Blood of His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Holy Communion

The Body of Christ.

**Amen.**

Hymn

*Sit*

*Stand*

Post Communion

Let us pray.

The Post Communion prayer, which concludes by the faithful:

**Amen.**

## Concluding rites

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

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

**Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn*

Because we rely on the prayers of the saints in heaven to be kept safely in God's care on earth, we end the Mass by asking the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, to pray for us and all Christians in the words of the Angelus.

## The Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary.

**And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.**

**Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh.

**And dwelt amongst us.**

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of Christ, thy Son by the message of an angel, so by his Passion and Cross we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**