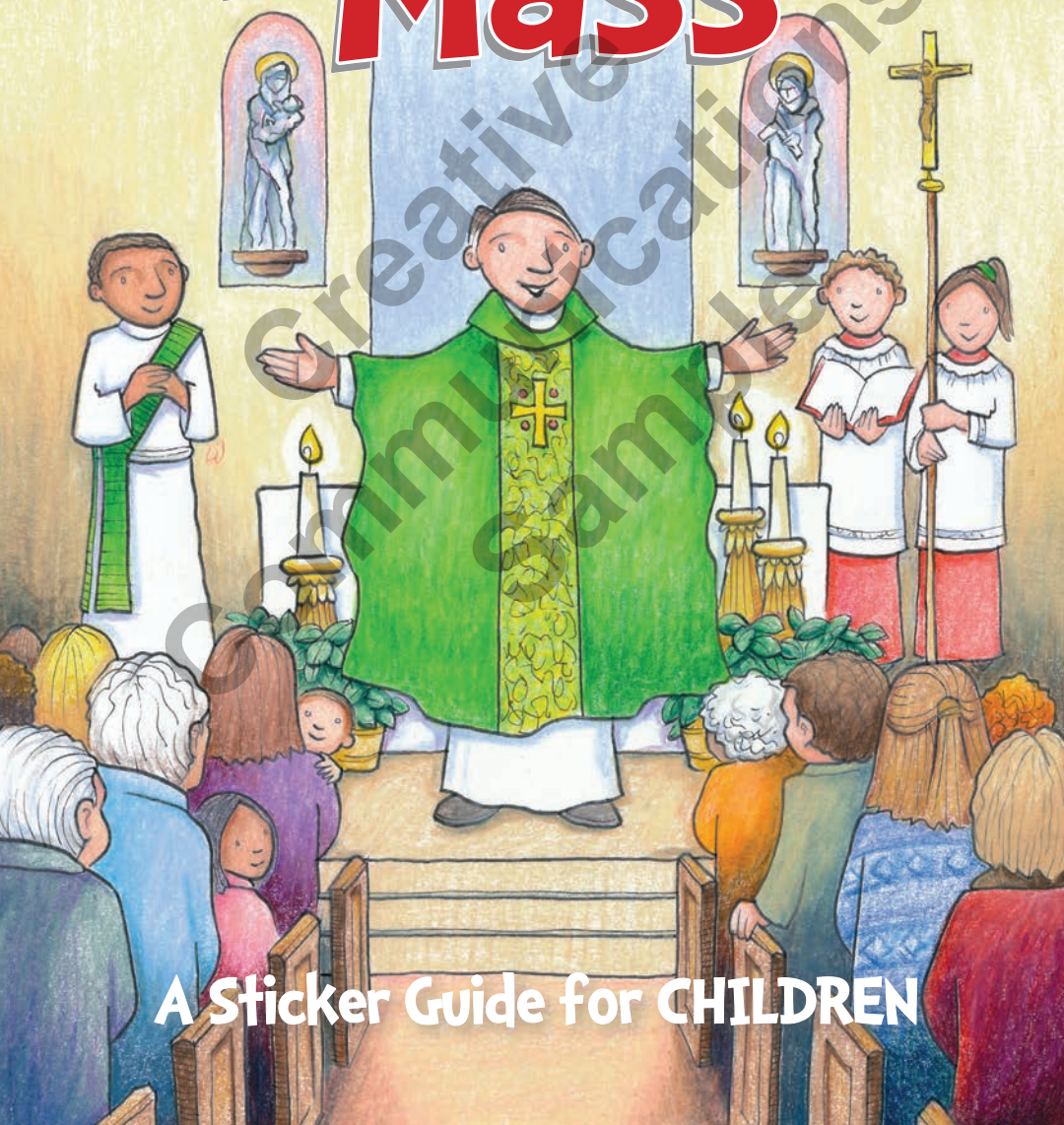


Praying the Mass



A Sticker Guide for CHILDREN

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INTRODUCTION

The Mass is a memorial of Jesus' saving death and glorious resurrection. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave the Apostles his Body and Blood and told us to "do this in memory of me." We celebrate each Eucharistic liturgy with reverence and joy, then go out to proclaim the Good News in our lives as faithful Christians.

The Mass has many parts—prayers, responses, gestures and songs—that together form the source of our Christian life and its highest expression.

By learning the Order of the Mass, you will be able to follow along and participate wherever the liturgy is celebrated. The **words the people say** are easy to find because they are all in **bold print**.



Read this book at home with your family or bring it along when you go to Mass. As you come to the sticker images, remove the matching stickers from the sheet and place them where they belong. When the book is filled and complete, you can continue bringing it with you to Mass until you know all the prayers and responses by heart.

THE ORDER OF THE MASS

We come together as God's people to worship and thank him for all his gifts. The Mass consists of four principal parts: the Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Concluding Rites.

The Introductory Rites

As the priest and other ministers approach the altar with reverence, we all sing the entrance song. After the priest kisses the altar, he greets the assembly.

GREETING

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

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

or

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

or

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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PENITENTIAL ACT

We know we have sinned, so the priest invites us to ask God for forgiveness in one of the following ways:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

or

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

or

**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.

After a period of silence or a song of praise, the Communion Rite concludes with a prayer by the priest, to which we respond:

Amen.

The Concluding Rites

We receive a blessing and go forth strengthened by God's grace.

18.



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.

or

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

or

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

or

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

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