Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

All of the information needed for today’s liturgy is found in this Order of Worship, including the readings, responses and hymns.

**Introductory Rites**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | ALL YOU PEOPLE, CRY TO GOD WITH SHOUTS OF JOY**

All you people, cry to God with shouts of joy!

**SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING**

The people reply: **And with your spirit.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT | ICEL CHANT**

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;

**(THEN THEY CONTINUE)**

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.**
GLORIA | GLORIA DE LOURDES

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, heav’nly 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.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING | ISAIAH 55:10–11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

The people reply: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | PSALM 65

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING | ROMANS 8:18–23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The people reply: Thanks be to God!
On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

The disciples approached him and said, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” He said to them in reply, “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

You shall indeed hear but not understand,
you shall indeed look but never see.
Gross is the heart of this people,
they will hardly hear with their ears,
they have closed their eyes,
lest they see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their hearts and be converted,
and I heal them.

“But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

“Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

The people reply: Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.
HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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,

(AT THE WORDS THAT FOLLOW, ALL BOW)

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

PRAYER FOR ACCEPTANCE | PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

PREFACE DIALOGUE

The priest prays: The Lord be with you. The people reply: And with your spirit.

The priest prays: Lift up your hearts. The people reply: We lift them up to the Lord.

The priest prays: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. The people reply: It is right and just.
SANCTUS | MYSTERY OF FAITH | AMEN | HERITAGE MASS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

Amen, amen, amen.

LORD’S PRAYER | DOXOLOGY | SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI | HERITAGE MASS

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. world, grant us peace.
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The priest prays: 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.

And together with the people he adds once: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON | GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat; Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING

The people reply: And with your spirit.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE | BLESSING

DISMISSAL

The people reply: Thanks be to God!

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE