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 HYMN | FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH**

1. For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies, For the love which from our birth
2. For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,

1-2. Over and around us lies: Lord of all, to

1-2. you we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

Text: 77 77 77; Lyra Eucharistica, 1864; Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
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

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.
Liturgical Vignettes

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING | WISDOM 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

The people reply: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | PSALM 86

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SECOND READING | ROMANS 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God’s will.

The people reply: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | MASS OF THE RESURRECTION


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VERSE | Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
GOSPEL | MATTHEW 13:24–30

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ His slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”

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**

LORD’S PRAYER | DOXOLOGY | SIGN OF PEACE

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 HYMN | LOVING AND FORGIVING

Refrain
Lov-ing and for-giv-ing are you, O Lord; slow to an-ger,
rich in kind-ness, lov-ing and for-giv-ing are you.

Verses
1. All my be-ing, bless the Lord, bless the ho-ly
2. God for-gives us all our sins, heal-ing those who
3. Good and gra-cious is the Lord, slow to an-ger,
4. As heav-en soars a - bove the earth, so great the love of

1. name of God. All my be-ing, bless the Lord, re-
2. live in pain, sav-ing us from fi-nal death. God
3. rich in love. God re-mem-bers not our sins; for-
4. God for us. As far as east is from the west, the

1. mem-b’ring the good-ness of God.
2. fills us with good-ness and love.
3. giv-ing and lov-ing is God.
4. Lord takes our sins from us.

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THE CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING

The people reply: And with your spirit.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE | BLESSING

DISMISSAL

The people reply: Thanks be to God!

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