

# **DEACON's MASS**

**A Deacon's Celebration of The Liturgy of The Word  
[With Holy Communion]  
In the Absence of a Priest**



## **The International Communion Of The Charismatic Episcopal Church**

Authorized to be translated into the language of the nation and distributed to Deacons and their congregations for use in the celebration of Holy Communion in the absence of a priest, but using bread and wine having been consecrated by a Priest or Bishop.

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*Prior to the beginning of the service, all communion ware (chalice, paten, corporal, purificator, missal, missal stand, etc...) should be placed upon a side table (credence table). The altar should be covered in fair linen only. The elements (ciborium and cruet) should be covered and placed either in the Tabernacle or upon the credence (not on the altar).*

### **Prelude**

### **The Acclamation**

*A hymn, psalm or anthem may be sung.*

*The people standing, the Deacon says*

*Deacon*        Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
*People*        And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

*In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost*

*Deacon*        Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
*People*        The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*In Lent and on other penitential occasions*

*Deacon*        Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People*        His mercy endures for ever.

*The Deacon may say*

### **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

Jesus said, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

*One of the following is used*

Lord, Have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

or

Kyrie eleison.  
*Christe eleison*  
Kyrie eleison.

*or this*

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

*When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing. The Gloria is omitted in Advent and Lent.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

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.

## **A Time of Praise and Worship**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*The Deacon says to the people*

*Deacon*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*        And with your spirit.  
*Deacon*        Let us pray.

*The Deacon says the Collect.*

*People*        Amen.

### **The Word of God**

#### **The Lessons**

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading (Lesson) from \_\_\_\_\_.

*A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.*

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

*or the Reader may say*        Here ends the Reading (Epistle).  
*Silence may follow.*

## **The Old Testament Reading**

### **The Psalter**

### **The Epistle Reading**

*A Hymn will be sung as the Gospel is taken into the Congregation*

### **The Holy Gospel**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                     according to \_\_\_\_\_.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### **The Sermon**

*On Sundays and other Major Feast there follows, all standing*

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the  
Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made,  
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our  
salvation he came down from heaven: He was Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, Born of the  
Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the  
Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of The People**

*Prayer is offered with intercession for*

*The Universal Church, its members, and its mission*

*The Nation and all in authority*

*The welfare of the world*

*The concerns of the local community*

*Those who suffer and those in any trouble*

*The departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate)*

**The following form may be used**

**Deacon: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;**

**People:** That we all may be one.

**Deacon: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;**

**People:** That Your Name may be glorified by all people.

**Deacon: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;**

**People:** That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

**Deacon: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;**

**People:** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

**Deacon: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;**

**People:** That our works may find favor in your sight.

**Deacon: Have compassion of those who suffer from any grief or trouble;**

**People:** That they may be delivered from their distress.

**Deacon: Give to the departed eternal rest.**

**People:** Let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Deacon: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;**

**People:** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

**Deacon: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.**

*The people are invited to add their own petitions.*

*After reasonable time has been allowed for prayers, the Deacon continues*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

*All kneel. Silence may be kept.*

*Deacon and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, Because we dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; But most of all because we have offended You, our God, who are all good and deserving of our love.

Therefore, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Deacon says, while kneeling*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Deacon says to the people*

*Deacon*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

*The Deacon may begin the Offertory with one of the following Scriptures.*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." John 6:35

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." John 6:51, 55-56

Jesus said, "Abide in me, as I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. By this the Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. John 15: 4-5a, 8-9

*During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of money or other gifts, to the Deacon. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the altar.*

## **Communion from the Reserved Sacrament**

*The Deacon reverently places the consecrated Sacrament on the altar, and receives the tithes and offerings of the people, saying the following:.*

**DEACON: Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have these tithes and offerings which are symbols of our life and labor; may they be used in Your Church for the work You have set before us and for the furthering of Your Kingdom.**  
**PEOPLE: Blessed by God forever.**

**DEACON: Blessed are You, Lord God of all ceation.**

**Through Your goodness we have this Bread and this Wine which have been consecrated and have become for us the Body and the Blood of Christ.**

**PEOPLE: Blessed be God forever.**

**DEACON: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:**

*The Lord's Prayer is then said, the Deacon first saying, "Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us."*

*People and Deacon using either version*

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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen

*The Deacon then genuflects. Taking the Bread and Cup, the Deacon raises them slightly over the altar and, facing the people, says the following invitation,*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*And may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him with thanksgiving.

*The Deacon receives the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately delivers them to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen*]

*or with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen*]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen*]

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.*

*After Communion, the Deacon says*

Let us pray.

*Deacon and People*

(1 ) Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

*or the following*

(2) Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

*The Deacon then dismisses the people with these words*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*or this*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*or this*

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*or this*

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to any of the dismissals.*

*The people respond* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.