

The People's Prayers at Mass

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The Word of God

Epistle
Server (at low Mass) concludes: Thanks be to God.

Gospel
Deacon (or Priest): The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Deacon (or Priest): + A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew . . .
People: Glory to you, O Lord.
Server (at low Mass) concludes: Praise to you, O Christ.

Creed
Priest: I believe in one God.
People: The Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, * and of all things visible and invisible. *
And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, * the only-begotten Son of God.
Born of the Father before all ages. *
God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God. *
Begotten, not made, * of one substance with the Father. *
By whom all things were made. *
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. *
And he became flesh by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: * and was made man. *
He was also crucified for us, * suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. *
And on the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. *
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. *
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. *
And of his kingdom there will be no end. *
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, * who proceeds from the Father and the Son. *
Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, * and who spoke through the prophets. *
And one holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. *
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. *
And I await the resurrection of the dead. *
+ And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Priest: Let us pray.
Prayer over the Gifts (Secret)
Priest: . . . per omnia saecula saeculorum.
People: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Preface
Priest: Dominus vobiscum.
People: Et cum spiritu tuo.
Priest: Sursum corda.
People: Habemus ad Dominum.

Priest: Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.
People: Dignum et iustum est, Sanctus.
People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Conclusion of Canon
Priest: . . . per omnia saecula saeculorum.
People: Amen.

The Eucharistic Banquet

The Lord's Prayer
Priest: Let us pray: Taught by our Savior's command and formed by the word of God, we dare to say:
People: 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. * Amen.

Prayer for Peace
Priest: . . . per omnia saecula saeculorum.
People: Amen.
Priest: Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.
People: Et cum spiritu tuo.

Agnus Dei
People: Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, * have mercy on us. *
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, * have mercy on us. *
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, * grant us peace.

(In Requiem Masses: . . . grant them rest . . . grant them rest . . . grant them eternal rest.)

Communion of the Faithful
Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, * behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
People (three times): Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. * Speak but the word and my soul will be healed.

Priest: The Body of Christ.
Communicant: Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer
Priest: Dominus vobiscum.
People: Et cum spiritu tuo.
Priest: Oremus . . .
People: Amen.

Dismissal
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Deacon (or Priest): Go, the Mass is ended.
People: Thanks be to God.

(In Requiem Masses: May they rest in peace. People: Amen.)

Blessing
Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

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Folk Music For Masses Predicted

Detroit — (NC) — A noted composer and choir director declared here that contemporary church music has more meaning to Catholics than traditional Gregorian chant.

Dr. Alexander Pelouquin, teaching a summer course at Marygrove College, stated in an interview that modern church music "has something for this century that chant never had — relevance, a meaningfulness to contemporary Catholics."

Pelouquin described much of the popular church music of the past as "musical plaster statues."

"What we want to evolve is something that sounds distinctly American while being conscious of the rich heritage of the past," he said. "The Church can't be a musical backwash, left with the crumbs of the secular music of our culture. It must have and use the best of what the artist, the composer has to give."

"Many contemporary Masses have been written which stress traditional chant origins," he continued. "Others have reflected folk influences. I have tried to incorporate elements of both, retaining the splendor of church music which the trained choir expresses so well."

Ecumenical Rights Rite

Brooklyn — (RNS) — Whites and Negroes from Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches recited a stirring "Litany for Racial Justice" here in a neighborhood playground.

Some 300 parishioners of the two congregations joined to give thanks, in English and in Spanish, for the Civil Rights Act.

The congregations marched from the playground to their churches after the service: the Lutherans marching 12 blocks behind a four-piece brass band playing "Onward, Christian Soldiers"; the Catholics walking a single block silently behind altar boys carrying crosses and candles.

The ecumenical service consisted of such chants as "For the Civil Rights Bill and those who enforce it" followed by the reply of the congregation, "We thank you, O Lord."

Liturgy Week Enrolls, Throngs

St. Louis — (NC) — Advance registrations already nearing 1,600 indicate the 1964 Liturgical Week to be held here Aug. 24 to 27 will be the largest such gathering since they were organized 25 years ago, Father David Thomas said.

The advance registration is running almost three times greater than for any previous Liturgical Week, Father Thomas, local vice chairman declared. He forecasts a total registration of about 20,000 persons for the four-day convention. Last year's Philadelphia convention drew some 13,000.

Polish Reds Step Up Atheism

London — (RNS) — The Fourth Congress of the Polish Community Party, meeting in Warsaw, authorized an intensive pro-atheism campaign against the "shocking" spread of religion in Poland.

It endorsed a major training program for some 2,000 teachers of atheism, who should be ready for services throughout Poland before June 1965, according to reports reaching here.

The congress voted to allocate increased appropriations from the party's fund to bring atheism "closer to the people."

Spurring the accelerated pro-atheism campaign was a secret report submitted to the party's Central Committee which revealed a "shocking state of affairs."

Members of the Community Party, it held, are sending their children to religious classes conducted by the Roman Catholic Church. Polish intellectuals and professional men attend Sunday Mass, though they may state publicly that they oppose religion, and though they may even be employed by the state, it added.

Some physicians, reportedly "good Communists," complained that they would be socially ostracized by their communities if they didn't attend Sunday Mass.

The state ban against religious teaching is only a half-way solution, Polish atheist publications have declared. They call for an active program of atheist education in all Polish schools.

Papal Encyclical Awaited

By JAMES C. O'NEILL

Vatican City — (NC) — A major papal document, most likely an encyclical, is expected to be issued some time before the third session of the Vatican Council opens here on Sept. 14.

No official announcement of the document has been made by the Vatican, but officials of various Vatican sources confirm the fact that Pope Paul VI is working on what will probably be the first encyclical of his pontificate.

Italian newspapers have been full of speculations on the document's form and content. Several pages have stated flatly that it will be devoted to birth control. One paper linked the subject of the document with its rumored date of issue, the feast of St. Anne, patroness of Christian mothers and called the fact that Pope Paul VI is working on what will probably be the first encyclical of his pontificate.

Reliable sources, however, seriously doubt both the rumored date and the statement that the document deals primarily with birth control. Instead, it is most likely that the encyclical will deal with Pope Paul's program of action for his beautiful, with perhaps some reference to problems posed by the so-called population explosion.

THE POPE has delayed issuing an encyclical for more than a year after his election.

Normally, custom dictates that a newly elected pope issue an encyclical shortly after his election to set forth the aims of his reign, a sort of platform document which sets the tone of the pontificate. But Pope Paul has not followed this custom. Instead, he noted in his speech opening the Council's second session last year that the address, setting forth the goals of the Council, would take the place of an encyclical.

Speculation that the Pope was readying a major document increased greatly in early July because all private and special audiences were cancelled by the Pope prior to his departure July 15 from the Vatican for his summer home in Castelgandolfo.

It has also been rumored that the document will be issued on Aug. 15. Although the document may carry that date, it is unlikely that it will be published on that day, because it is a major holiday in Italy when no newspapers are printed and almost the entire population of cities such as Rome leaves town.

The date of publication is still unknown by responsible Vatican officials, and the various offices that would be concerned with its publication, translation and distribution are not yet at work on it.

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