ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

GREETING
In the name of the Father ………..Amen.
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT
Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us …..Amen.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we glorify you, we thank you for your glory.
Lord God, heavenly King.
O God, almighty Father.
We give you thanks for your great glory.
And on earth peace to people of good will.

THE GLORIARY
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
We do not deserve the things you do for us.
But, because of your great mercy, we receive them.
So we pray, Lord, open our hearts to receive them.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Jesus said to his disciples:
There are many rooms in my Father’s house, and a place for each of you.

R.
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 32:1-2, 4-5, 16-19
R.
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

4. O Lord, hear my plea;
May your love be upon us, O Lord.
As I hope in you, I speak in your name:
Lord, show mercy to me.

SECOND READING
1 Peter 2:4-9
A reading from the first letter of St Peter
The living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious in his sight;
set yourselves close to him so that you too,
the holy priesthood that offers spiritual sacrifices who is Jesus Christ
has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house.
As scripture says: "See how the stones lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and an honourable base stone before the Lord." You also, who believe, build yourselves up toward the Lord.

FIRST READING
Acts 6:1-7
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists were complaining against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them: 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to serve food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word. The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.
The word of the Lord continued to spread:
the number of disciples in Jerusalem was increasing:
Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a people set apart to sing the praises of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said:
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.

GOSPEL
John 14:1-12
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said to his disciples:
'No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!

John 14:1-12
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
No one can come to the Father except through me.

Jesus said to his disciples:
'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, and trust in me.'
There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may also be.
You know the way to the place where I am going.

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'
Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.
Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.'
Have I been with you so long time.
Philip said to Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?
John 14:1-12
I have seen me to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”?
Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as I myself: it is the Father, living in me, who does this work.
You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of these works if for no other reason.'
I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I go to the Father.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
NICHENE CREDEN
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
creator 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.
To whom be ascribed all dominion
in heaven and on earth.
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 acknowledge the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead them to the joy of your kingdom.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
May the Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
May the blessing of almighty God,
The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit
remain with you and may you find
for ever.

THE SIGN OF PEACE
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

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LITURGY OF THE FIRST Eucharist
Pray brothers and sisters……
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by worthily making your priests to be the image of Christ our Lord.

THE Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to our Lord God.
It is right and just.

SANCTUS
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts……

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION
Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, and the Sacrifice of the Eucharist.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
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The life that Jesus prepares for us is diverse – in the house of God there are rooms for all of us, rooms that suit each of us.
As there are rooms in the Father's house, there are spaces in God's heart for all of us. God’s heart is big enough to love each of us just as we are.
We often say of someone, 'he/she has a big heart'. This can mean someone is generous, kind, forgiving. A big-hearted person can see the good in others.
This sort of heart is close to the heart of God.

This gospel is often read at funeral masses, with its consoling message that Jesus has gone before us, and our death will be our meeting with him. It’s consoling also because he is our way to God, the truth about life and God, and all of our existence is sharing in his life.

Lord Jesus, be the way that guides our steps in life, the truth that enlightens our minds and the life that gives love to our hearts.

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The centre of Christianity is not a rule of law, a code of behaviour, but a Person. We receive and love a Person, Jesus. Jesus is in this manner, "the way, the truth and the life.

Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin

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