

Tridentine Community News

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A Comparison of the Texts of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms of Mass – Part 12

We continue our comparison of the Tridentine and Novus Ordo Mass texts. Not all options in either missal are presented; rather, we present Mass as typically experienced in both forms. Keep this series together to see a complete comparison of both forms of Holy Mass.

Extraordinary Form/Tridentine Mass

PRAYERS BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who, according to the will of the Father, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world: deliver me by this Thy most Sacred Body and Blood from all my iniquities, and from every evil; make me always cleave to Thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from Thee, Who with the same God, the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

P: Let not the partaking of Thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, all unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but through Thy loving kindness may it be to me a safeguard and remedy for soul and body; Who, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.

[The priest genuflects, rises, and says:]

P: I will take the bread of heaven, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

[Taking the Sacred Host with his left hand, the priest strikes his breast three times, saying (here the bell is rung each of the three times with the priest):]

P: Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed. (three times)

[Holding the Sacred Host in his right hand, the priest makes the sign of the cross with it and says:]

P: May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

[The priest receives Holy Communion and after a brief meditation continues:]

P: What shall I render unto the Lord for all the things that He hath rendered unto me? I will take the chalice of salvation and will call upon the name of the Lord. With high praises will I call upon the Lord, and I shall be saved from all mine enemies.

[The priest takes the Chalice in his right hand and makes the sign of the cross, saying:]

P: May the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

[Then, he priest faces the people with the Ciborium and, holding up one of the Sacred Particles before the communicants, he says:]

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who taketh away the sins of the world.

A: Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed. (three times)

Ordinary Form/Novus Ordo Mass

PRAYERS BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, your death brought life to the world. By your holy body and blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to your teaching, and never let me be parted from you.

- or -

P: Lord Jesus Christ, with faith in your love and mercy I eat your body and drink your blood. Let it not bring me condemnation, but health in mind and body.

[Then, he priest faces the people with the Ciborium and, holding up one of the Sacred Particles before the communicants, he says:]

P: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

A: Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. (once)

[Before consuming the Host, the priest saying silently:]

P: May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

[Before drinking the Precious Blood, he says silently:]

P: May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life.