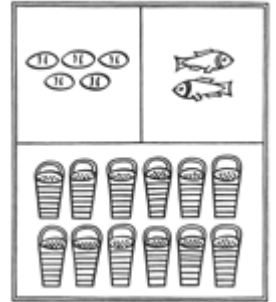


Biblical Texts related to the Catholic Mass

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Background Events for the Celebration of the Christian Eucharist:

- The Jewish Passover Meal (Exod 12:1-28, 43-51; Num 9:1-14; Deut 16:1-8)
- The Feeding of the 5000 (Mark 6:30-44; Matt 14:13-21; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14)
- The Feeding of the 4000 (Mark 8:1-10; Matt 15:32-39)
- The Last Supper of Jesus (Mark 14:12-27; Matt 26:17-30; Luke 22:7-39)
- The Post-Easter Meal at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)
- The Post-Easter Breakfast at the Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-14)
- Early Christians “breaking bread” in Jerusalem (Acts 2:42-47)
- Early Christians celebrating the Lord’s Supper in Corinth (1 Cor 11:17-34)



Use of Scripture in Early Christian Worship:

- Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah during synagogue services (Luke 4:16-22)
- The resurrected Jesus explains the meaning of scriptures (Luke 24:25-47)
- Apostles base their preaching on scriptures (Acts 2:14-36; 7:2-53; 17:1-11)
- Christians read from the Law and the Prophets (Acts 13:15-44)
- Application of Scripture to Christian Living (2 Tim 3:15-16)
- Letters of Paul already considered “scripture” (2 Peter 3:15-17)

Biblical Background of Texts Used during the Mass:

The Entrance Rite:

- Sign of the Cross (Matt 28:19; cf. John 14:13-14; Acts 2:21)
- Formal Greetings:
 - “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...” (2 Cor 13:14)
 - “The grace and peace of God our Father...” (Eph 1:2)
 - “The Lord be with you.” (2 Tim 4:22; cf. Matt 1:23; 28:20)
- Lord, Have Mercy (Matt 15:22; 17:15; 20:30-31)
- Glory to God (Luke 2:14; cf. Rev 4:11; 5:11-14)
- Prayers & Amen (Neh 8:6; Ps 41:13; Rom 16:27; Heb 13:20-21; Rev 7:16)



The Liturgy of the Word:

- Alleluia (Psalms 146-150; Rev 19:1-6)
- Profession of Faith (Mark 9:24; John 11:27)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist:

- Holy, Holy, Holy (Isa 6:3; Rev 4:8);
 - Blessed is he... (Ps 118:26; Mark 11:10)
 - Words of Institution (Mark 14:22-24; Matt 26:26-28; Luke 22:19-20; 1Cor 11:23-25)
 - Memorial Acclamations:
 - “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again” (cf. 1 Thess 4:14-15; 1 Cor 15:3-23)
 - “Dying you destroyed our death...” (1 Cor 16:22)
 - “When we eat this bread...” (1 Cor 11:26)
 - “Lord, by your cross and resurrection...” (Luke 4:42)
 - Lord’s Prayer (Matt 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4; cf. Mark 14:36; Gal 4:6)
 - Doxology: "for the kingdom, the power, and the glory..." (after Matt 6:13 only in some biblical manuscripts; cf. Rev 4:11)
 - Greeting of Peace (John 14:27; 16:33; 20:19-20; 20:26)
 - Lamb of God (John 1:29, 36; cf. Rev 5:6-13; 22:1-3)
 - Communion Preparation: “Lord I am not worthy...” (Luke 7:1-10)
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Non-Liturgical Prayers:

- **The Hail Mary:**
 - “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you” (Luke 1:28);
 - “Blest are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (Luke 1:42; cf. Deut 7:12-13; 28:4)
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