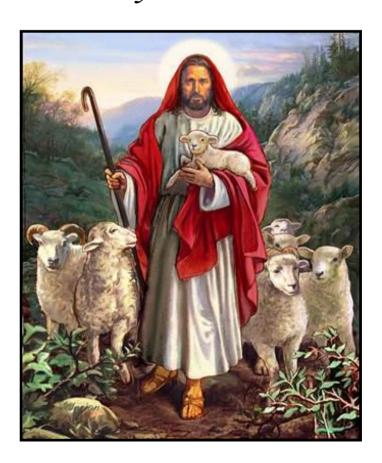






## GOOD SHEPHERD MASS

St. George's Catholic Church Worcester Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025



Principal Celebrant Fr. Stephen says NOT a bishop = just leave off whole text 2026

The Rt. Rev. David Evans
Bishop of Birminaham



#### THE ORDER OF THE MASS

#### **GATHERING HYMN: What a Beautiful Name**

You were the Word at the beginning. One with God the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation, Now, revealed in You our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is. The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this,
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us So, Jesus, You brought heaven down. My sin was great, Your love was greater What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is. The Name of Jesus Christ my King.

What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this,

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

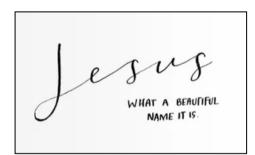
Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You, You silenced the boast of sin and grave The Heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival; You have no equal Now and forever, God, You reign Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the Glory Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is. The Name of Jesus Christ my King.

What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against,

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.





#### **ENTRANCE HYMN: Our God is Here**

Here in this time, here in this place, here we are standing face to face. Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.

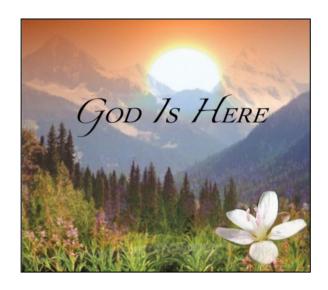
Here for the broken, here for the strong, here in this temple we belong. Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.
And we cry:

"Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here.
Our God is here.

Here in the Word, God is revealed, here where the wounded can be healed. Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.

Here we become what we receive, here in this Eucharistic feast. We are his body, living as one; our God is here. And we cry:

"Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here.
Our God is here.



#### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Bishop: Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.



#### PENITENTIAL ACT

Bishop: Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,

and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned,

in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever -Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Bishop: May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Bishop: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Bishop: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Bishop: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,

lead us to a share in the joys of heaven so that the humble flock may reach

where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

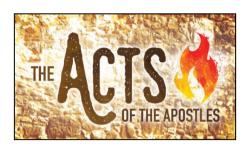
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen



#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit as the readers go to the ambo



#### FIRST READING

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

13:43-52 – 'Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.'

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.

Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when Jesus saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him.

And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying,

"It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you.

Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

'I have made you a light for the Gentiles,

that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'

And when the Gentiles heard this,

they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord,

And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas and drove them out of their district.

But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium;

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Reader: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

All: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Reader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.

All: We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Reader: Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

All: We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Reader: Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age.

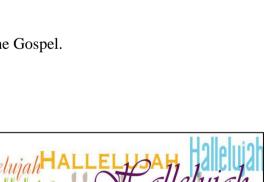
All: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Please <u>stand</u> as we sing the Alleluia and prepare to listen to the Gospel.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Sing alleluia to the Lord.
Sing alleluia to the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia,
Sing alleluia to the Lord. (Repeat)

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.







#### **GOSPEL**

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John - 10:27-30

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said,

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish,

and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

The Father, who gave them to me, is greater than all,

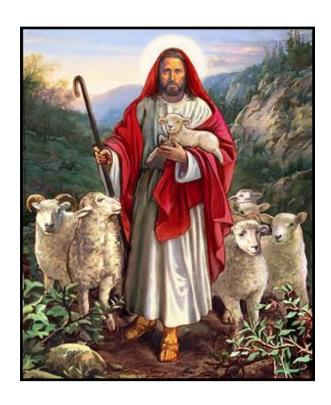
and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

I and the Father are one."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sing alleluia to the Lord. Sing alleluia to the Lord. Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, Sing alleluia to the Lord.





#### THE HOMILY

Please <u>sit</u> as Bishop David gives the homily.

#### **BIDDING PRAYERS**

Bishop: Loving Father, we humbly come before you aware that we are sinners.

We are the lost sheep in need of your Son, the Good Shepherd.

Listen now to the prayers which we make.

1. Dear Lord, you chose your servant Pope Leo X1V as successor of St. Peter and shepherd of your flock. We pray that the whole Church be in communion with him in his mission to bring your peace, love and compassion to the whole world.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

2. We pray to our Father in heaven, that in this Jubilee Year, we may be inspired to renew our faith, increase our hope and ignite our love.

Help us to be Pilgrims of Hope, bringing joy and peace to the world.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

3. We pray for the weak and vulnerable, for those who depend on others to care for them. We pray for the sick and those in despair, especially those caught up in regions of war and unrest.

Help us to be encouragers and advocates for those who can't speak up for themselves.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

4. We pray for all those associated with Father Hudson's Caritas, as they provide essential services and support for so many children, adults, and families. May their mission, taken from Christ's command to 'love one another as I have loved you', continue to inspire them to help those in need.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.



5. As we approach the great feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, we ask the Holy Spirit to penetrate our lives even more deeply, inspiring us to transform our world into a community of justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy.

#### Hear our prayer.

6. We pray for Mary, the Mother of God, with whom we have a unique bond.

Let us never fail to acknowledge the unconditional love that she bestows upon us.

We therefore ask Mary, to pray with us and for us as we all say together –

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

Bishop: Merciful Father, you give us the example of Jesus who is the Good

Shepherd; the face of Mercy. May we always follow his example, and may we come one day to share with him in his resurrection.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

All: Amen.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Please <u>sit</u> as the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the Altar.

During the offertory procession, two representatives from each school present their gifts to the Bishop whilst we sing the following hymns:



#### **OFFERTORY HYMN** – Remembrance

I take the bread of life Broken for all my sin.

Your body crucified To make me whole again.

I will recall the cup Poured out in sacrifice To trade this sinner's end For Your new covenant.

Hallelujah I'll live my life in remembrance Hallelujah Your promise I won't forget.

I'll walk salvation's road With fear and trembling Your way borne as my own As Christ is formed in me.

Hallelujah I'll live my life in remembrance Hallelujah Your promise I won't forget.

If ever I should lose my way
If ever I deny Your grace
Remind me of the price You paid
Hallelujah,
I'll live in remembrance.

You've been so, so good to me You've been so, so good to me Oh to think where I would be If not for You If not for You. (x3)

As far as heights reach from the depths As far as east is from the west So far Your grace has carried me.

Until I see You face to face Until at last I've won my race Remind me You're not finished yet.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, I'll live in remembrance.





Bishop: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given, and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Bishop: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,

fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Please stand as the Bishop continues:

Bishop: Pray, brothers and sisters,

that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,

the almighty Father.

All: 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**

Bishop: Grant, we pray, O Lord,

that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,

so that the renewal constantly at work within us

may be the cause of our unending joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** - PREFACE III OF EASTER

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Bishop: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

at all times to acclaim you, O Lord,

but in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously,

when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

He never ceases to offer himself for us

But defends us and ever pleads our cause before you:

He is the sacrificial victim who dies no more,

for his death is our ransom from death, the lamb, once slain, who lives forever.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,

every land, every people exults in your praise

and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory,

as they acclaim:

#### **HOLY HOLY** - (Sung)

<u>First verse solo</u> - Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed, blessed is he, Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.





#### Please kneel

#### **Eucharistic Prayer III**

Bishop: You are indeed Holy, O Lord,

and all you have created rightly gives you praise,

for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you gave life to all things and made them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy, These gifts we have brought to you for consecration, so that they may become the body and blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Bishop: The Mystery of Faith.

(Sung)

First verse <u>solo</u> We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection.

Until you come again, until you come again. (Repeat)



Bishop: Therefore, O lord, as we celebrate the memorial

of the saving Passion of your Son,

His wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven,

and as we look forward to his second coming,

we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial victim by whose death

you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit,

may become one body, one Spirit in Christ.

Priest May he make of us

and eternal offering to you

so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,

especially with the most Blessed virgin Mary, Mother of God,

with blessed Joseph, her spouse

with your blessed Apostles and glorious martyrs

and with all the Saints,

on whose constant intercession in your presence

we rely for unfailing help.

Priest May this sacrifice of our reconciliation,

we pray, O Lord,

advance the peace and salvation of all the world.

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity

your pilgrim Church on earth,

with your servant Leo our Pope and Bernard our Bishop,

the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,

and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Priest Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,

whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

Priest To our departed brothers and sisters

and to all who were pleasing to you

at their passing from this life,

give kind admittance to your kingdom.

There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory

through Christ our Lord,

through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.



Bishop: Through him, and with him, and in him,

O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours,

for ever and ever.

All: Amen,

(Sung) We lift our hearts and voices to you

as we say, Amen,

so shall it be forever Amen.

(Repeat)

Please stand for the Communion Rite.

#### THE COMMUNION RITE

Bishop: At the Saviour's command

and formed by divine teaching,

we dare to say:

All: 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.

Bishop: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,

graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin, and safe from all distress

and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope

and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom.

the power and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Bishop: Lord Jesus Christ,

who said to your Apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;

look not on our sins,

but on the faith of your Church,

and graciously grant her peace and unity

in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.





Bishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

#### LAMB OF GOD - (Sung)

First verse solo -

Lamb of God, you take away, the sins of the world have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away, the sins of the world have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away, the sins of the world have mercy on us. Grant us peace.



#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Please kneel as the Bishop holds the host and/or chalice above the Altar.

Bishop: Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word

and my soul shall be healed.

During the administering of Holy Communion please follow the directions from the ushers.





#### **COMMUNION HYMN** (1) – Make Me Holy Lord

Prepare my mind, prepare my soul, prepare my heart and make me whole, prepare me for the awesomeness of you.

Renew in me a spirit strong, remind me Lord of all that's wrong, create in me complete desire for you.

Make me Holy Lord, Make me Holy Lord, Make me Holy Lord, Like you.

Consume my mind, consume my soul, consume my heart and make me whole, consume me with the awesomeness of you.

Destroy the pride, destroy the hate, destroy the things that separate and keep me from returning back to you.

Make me Holy Lord, Make me Holy Lord, Make me Holy Lord, Like you.

Restore my mind Restore my soul, restore my heart and make it whole, restore me with the awesomeness of you.

Redecorate me from within, refurnish me with sacredness, rebuild me with a yearning love for you.

Make me Holy Lord, Make me Holy Lord, Make me Holy Lord, Like you. x2





#### **<u>COMMUNION HYMN</u>** (2) – This is Communion

This is communion, Your body broken The cup we're drinking is bittersweet The gift of friendship, truest salvation Borne of Your suffering on Calvary.

We remember the sacrifice of love We remember the blood poured out for us We remember the only Son of God upon the cross

From stained to spotless, from wrath to favour Through You our Saviour, the work complete. In full repentance, led by Your kindness Partake of presence as we receive.

We remember the sacrifice of love
We remember the blood poured out for us
We remember the only Son of God upon the cross
We remember the price You had to pay
We remember the wounds that made a way
We remember the Lamb for all was slain upon the cross.

How can it be, there is a table For all who would come, for all who would come Taste now and see, there is a table For all who would come, for all who would come.

How can it be, there is a table (Take of the bread, receive the cup) For all who would come (For His mercy is enough) For all who would come (For the many and the one) (This is communion)

Taste now and see, there is a table (Take it as often as you will) For all who would come (For His blood has power still) For all who would come (By His wounds we shall be healed) (This is communion) x3

We remember the sacrifice of love
We remember the blood poured out for us
We remember the only Son of God upon the cross
We remember the price You had to pay
We remember the wounds that made a way
We remember the Lamb for all was slain upon the cross.





#### <u>COMMUNION HYMN</u> (3) – Amazing Grace <u>NOT USED</u> 2025 = COMMUNION FINISHED

#### 2026 = 2 HYMNS ONLY

All these pieces Broken and scattered

In mercy gathered Mended and whole. Empty-handed But not forsaken I've been set free I've been set free

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost
But now I'm found
Was blind but now I see.

Oh, I can see it now Oh, I can see the love in Your eyes Laying yourself down Raising up the broken to life.

You take our failure You take our weakness You set Your treasure In jars of clay. So take this heart, Lord I'll be Your vessel The world to see Your life in me.

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost
But now I'm found
Was blind but now I see.





#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Please stand.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures

the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

#### **CLOSING REMARKS** – Fr. Hudson's Caritas

Please sit down





#### **THE CONCLUDING RITES**

Please stand.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: May almighty God bless you,

the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy + Spirit.

All: Amen.

Deacon: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



#### CLOSING HYMN: Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be your name In a land that is plentiful Where your streams of abundance flow Blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name When I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through wilderness Blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be your name When the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be Blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name On the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be your glorious name. x2

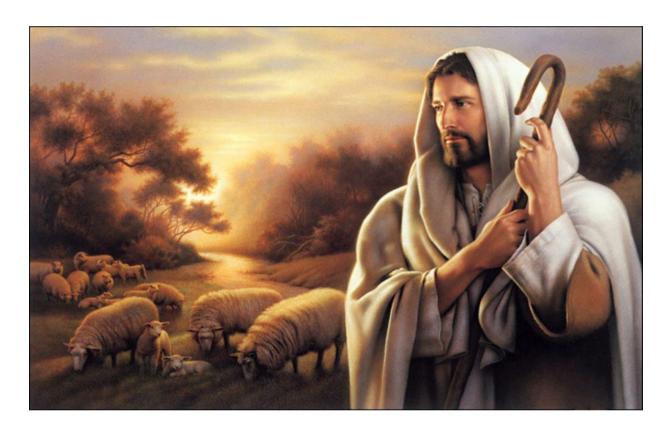
You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be your name. x3

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be your glorious name.











You are welcome to keep this Order of Service as a memento of your attendance at this 2025 Good Shepherd Mass in Worcester.

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for refreshments in St. George's Parish Hall after Mass.

### **2026**

# = MUST GO TO MASS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY = 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER = GET NEWLETTER = PREFACE OF EASTER EUCHARISTIC PRAYER READINGS FOR NEW LECTIONARY CHURCH YEAR 2025 WAS C Etc...

2024 = AFTER THE HOMILY = HOLY DAY Please stand for the Profession of Faith.

#### **THE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker 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, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

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 he is adored and glorified. who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.