

LITURGY LESSON

Lesson 3: The Gloria and Liturgy of the Word

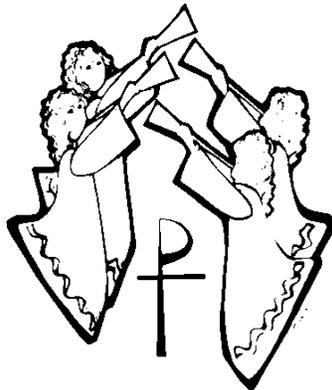


*Preparing for the 3rd Edition of
the Roman Missal*

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace to people of good will.” We, and Catholics throughout the world, will begin the Gloria, our prayer of praise at Mass, with these words, words that restore the beauty of the language found in the Latin texts. As we begin using the revised translation of the Roman Missal on November 27, you will notice throughout this prayer that the wording has changed. The language is richer, fuller, more descriptive of the relationship we have with God. Also, with the new revisions, many of the Scriptural passages that we know and love so well have now been woven into the fabric of the Mass. Those familiar with the Christmas story will hear in these opening lines an echo of the angels announcing peace at the birth of Jesus.

Our prayer then continues. “We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, Heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.” The prayer, though somewhat longer, more intimately defines our relationship with the Father. It gives full voice to the expressions of faith and love through which we can truly experience the overwhelming joy of meeting God in prayer.

The use of the Gloria and its change. It will still be proclaimed for those during Advent and Lent. new changes, and with these to proclaim God’s goodness and Lesson sheet as you exit today so texts of the Gloria side-by-side.



placement within the Mass will not on all Sundays of the year except The music we sing will reflect the words, we come, hearts full of love, mercy. Be sure to pick up a Liturgy you may see the former and the new

There are virtually no changes to the English texts we use for the Liturgy of the Word, except for the Creed. The scripture readings are in a separate volume entitled the *Lectionary for Mass*. A revised version of this book is also underway but that is its own separate project. Three cycles of the Sunday readings exist and we are currently in Cycle A. Cycle B will begin on the first Sunday of Advent. The readings will conclude the same way. The reader will say, “The Word of the Lord,” and we answer, “Thanks be to God.” When the priest or deacon stands at the ambo and greets us prior to the reading of the Gospel, he will still say, “The Lord be with you,” but our response will now be “And with your spirit.” This follow the practice established in the Introductory Rites of the Mass. When the Gospel is announced, we will still say, “Glory to you, Lord.” At the conclusion we still say, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.” Thus, this new translation will not affect the scripture readings, with the exception of the Creed, which will be discussed in next week’s Liturgy Lesson.



Printed below is a comparison of the current text used at Mass and the words from the New Edition of the Roman Missal...

Changes in the People's Parts : The Gloria & the Liturgy of the Word

<p><i>Gloria</i></p>	<p>Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.</p> <p>Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.</p> <p>Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;</p> <p>you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.</p> <p>For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</p>	<p>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.</p> <p>We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.</p> <p>Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;</p> <p>you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.</p> <p>For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</p>
<p>At the Gospel</p>	<p>Deacon (or Priest): A reading from the holy Gospel according to N. People: Glory to you, Lord.</p>	<p>Deacon (or Priest): A reading from the holy Gospel according to N. People: Glory to you, O Lord.</p>

More information concerning the 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal including extended commentary on the new translation visit the website of the American Bishops at

<http://old.usccb.org/romanmissal/index.shtml>