

6. Glorify the Lord by your life

The Concluding Rites

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



In spirit and in truth
material for small groups

Listen to Scripture

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28: 16-20

Read & reflect

1. Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Or:

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Or:

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Or:

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

2. Documentation

217 After the Communion Rite, the Mass closes with a brief Concluding Rite. Its purpose is to send the people forth to put into effect in their daily lives the Paschal Mystery and the unity in Christ which they have celebrated. They are given a sense of abiding mission, which calls them to witness to Christ in the world and to bring the Gospel to the poor.

219 Just as the introductory comments by the priest at the beginning of the celebration may help the assembly to a better appreciation and experience of the mysteries celebrated in the Eucharist, so also the pastoral announcements at the end may help the people make the transition from worship into renewed Christian witness in society. They should help people become aware of the faith life and pastoral activity of the community, and invite participation in the ongoing work of the Church.

222 The greeting The Lord be with you helps the assembly to focus attention again on the prayerful aspect of the blessing

225 The Dismissal sends the members of the congregation forth to praise and bless the Lord in the midst of their daily responsibilities.

Celebrating the Mass

Act:

- How does the community reach out to and stand up for others in matters of justice and compassion? Can you take part in this in some way (in family life, in community service of some description, in the way you conduct yourself at work?)

Prayer

May the God of all consolation
order our days in his peace
and grant us the gifts of his blessing.
R. Amen.

May he free us always from every distress
and confirm our hearts in his love.
R. Amen.

So that on this life's journey
we may be effective in good works,
rich in the gifts of hope, faith and charity,
and may come happily to eternal life.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down on us and remain with us for ever.
R. Amen.

cf. Order of Mass: Solemn Blessing for Ordinary Time 4