

ROMAN RITE MASS

Ordinary listed in **BLUE**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance:

INTROIT (antiphonal)

KYRIE

GLORIA

Collect

Readings:

Epistle

GRADUAL (Psalm) (Responsorial)

ALLELUIA (or TRACT in Lent) (Responsorial)

+SEQUENCE (on prescribed feast days)

Gospel

Sermon

CREDO

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY (antiphonal)

Prayers and Psalm

Secret

Eucharistic prayers:

Preface

SANCTUS

Canon

Communion:

Pater Noster

AGNUS DEI

COMMUNION (antiphonal)

Prayers

ITE MISSA EST or BENEDICAMUS

ROMAN RITE - MASS ORDINARY

KYRIE

Kyrie (3 statements, "Have Mercy")

- 226 catalogued melodies – 30 in LU
- Complete chant has 3 sections...each section has 3 proclamations
- 3 "calls for mercy"...litany
- Repetitive nature of this form suggests that it may have been the usual one for congregational singing

GLORIA

Gloria ("Heavenly Hosts")

- The song of the angels...a song of praise
- Usually a two part form
- Known as the "hymnus angelicus" or Greater Doxology
- Intonation – then congregation
- After congregational singing disappeared – choir performed antiphonally
- Omitted during Advent and Lent (penitential seasons)
- Only 56 melodies for Gloria known
- Length of text prohibited expansive melodic treatment

CREDO

Credo (Central to the Liturgy)

- Established at Council of Nicea – 325
- Placed in the central position of the liturgy
- First liturgical use was as a baptismal creed
- Usually stated in unison.
- Accepted by the church of Rome in 1014
- Late adoption undoubtedly one of the factors that produced only a few melodies
- Credo I was the authentic melody
- Intonation
- Antiphonal singing of texts was frowned on because everyone was expected to recite the whole text
- Chant is almost completely syllabic

SANCTUS/ BENEDICTUS

Sanctus ("Heavenly Hosts")

- The song of the angels...a song of praise
- Usually a two part form
- Combines passages from both Old and New Testaments:
Isaiah 6:3 Matthew 21:9
- Song for all people – found a place in all Christian liturgies
- 230 settings – only 21 in LU

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei (3 statements, "Have Mercy")

- Related to Kyrie in a number of ways
- 3 statements calling for mercy...litany
- Both texts originally formed part of the litany
- Both were standard items in Eastern liturgies before introduction into the Roman Mass
- One of the last items added to the Mass
- 300 melodies – 20 available for study

PROPER OF THE TIME

Christmas Cycle

Preparation:

- Advent (fourth Sunday before Christmas)

Celebration:

- Christmas Eve (Dec. 24)
- Christmas Day (Dec. 25)
- Circumcision (Jan. 1)
- Epiphany (Jan. 6)

Prolongation:

- 1-6 Sundays after Epiphany...until Lent

Easter Cycle

Preparation:

- 3 Sundays before Lent (Septuagesima, Sexagesima, Quinquagesima)
- Ash Wednesday
- 1st Sunday of Lent: Quadragesima
- 2-4 Sundays of Lent
- Passion Sunday
- Palm Sunday
- Holy Week

Celebration:

- Easter and Easter Week
- Low Sunday—octave of Easter
- 2-5 Sundays after Easter
- Ascension of Our Lord—40 days after Easter
- Sunday after Ascension
- Pentecost—50 days after Easter
- Week after Pentecost

Prolongation:

- Trinity Sunday—1st Sunday after Pentecost
- Corpus Christi—Thursday after Trinity Sunday
- 2-23 Sundays after Pentecost (ordinary time)
- 1-5 additional Sundays possible

PROPER OF THE SAINTS

Days of Commemoration for Various Saints

- **Feria/Ferial:** a weekday on which no festival occurs.
- **Octave:** eighth day after a feast
- **Ember:** days of fasting and prayer (can be Ember Day or Ember Weeks)
- **Rogation Days:** three days preceding Ascension
- **Vigil** (Jewish tradition): night watch before a feast...the eve before a feast.
- **1st Vespers/2nd Vespers:** Christmas Eve (Dec. 24)...1st Vespers on Dec. 23