Overview of the Children’s Mass

**Introductory Rites**

Greeting

Father welcomes us, and says: ‘The Lord be with you.’

**ALL: *And with your spirit.***

**Penitential Act**

Father: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord have mercy.
**All: Lord have mercy.**
Father: You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
**All: Christ, have mercy.**
Father: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy,
**All: Lord, have mercy**.
Father: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
**All: Amen**

**First Reading** –

Father: A Reading from...

**ALL**: ***Thanks be to God***

**Responsorial Psalm**

Father will state the response, we repeat after each statement

**Gospel**

Father: The Lord be with you.

**ALL**: ***And with your spirit.***

Father:  A reading from the Holy Gospel according to...

**ALL**: ***Glory to you, Lord!***

***(Father will read the Gospel)***

Father: The Gospel of the Lord

**ALL: *Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ!***

***(Father will give the homily)***

**ALL: *AMEN***

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

Father will say the Response, we are to respond after each prayer

**L I T U R G Y O F T H E E U C H A R I S T**

**Presentation of the Gifts:**

Father: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**ALL**: ***Blessed be God for ever.***

Father:  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**ALL**: ***Blessed be God for ever.***

Father: 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.***

(Father asks God to bless and accept the gifts)

**ALL**: ***Amen.***

Father: the mystery of faith.

**ALL: *Amen.***

Father:  The Lord be with you.
**ALL**: ***And with your spirit.***

Father:  Lift up your hearts.
**ALL**: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***Father:  Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
**ALL**: ***It is right and just.***

Father:

God our Father, you have brought us here together so that we can give you thanks and praise for all the wonderful things you have done.

We thank you for all that is beautiful in the world and fro the happiness you have given us. We praise you for daylight and for your word which lights up our minds. We praise you for the earth, and all the people who live onit, and for our life which comes from you.

We know that you are good. You love us and do great things for us.

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

 **Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Father:

Father, you are always thinking about your people; you never forget us. You sent us you Son Jesus, who gave his life for us and who came to save us. He cured the sick people; he cared for those who were sad. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive each other. He loved everyone and showed us how to be kind. He took children in his arms and blessed them. So we are glad to say:

**ALL: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

 **Hosanna in the highest.**

Father:

God our Father.

All over the world your people praise you. So now we pray with the whole Church: with Francis our Pope and Burgie our Bishop. In heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles and all the Saints always sing your praise. Now we join with them and with the Angels to adore you as we say:

 **ALL: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.***

 ***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

 ***Hosanna in the highest.***

 ***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

 ***Hosanna in the highest.***

(Father with hands extended says:)

God our Father, you are most holy and we want to show you that we are grateful. We bring you bread and wine

(Father joins his hands and holding them extended over the offering says:)

and ask you to send your Holy Spirit to make these gifts

Father joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and the chalice together, saying:)

The Body and Blood of Jesus you Son.

(He joins his hands)

Then we can offer to you what you have given to us.

On the night before he died, Jesus was having supper with his Apostles.

(he takes the bread and holding it slightly raised above the altar)

He took bread from the table.

He gave you thanks and praise.

The he broke the bread,

Gave it to his friends and said:

(he bows slightly)

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body which will be given up for you.

(he shows the communion host to the people, places it again on the paten and genuflects in adoration)

When supper was ended,

(He takes the chalice and holding it slightly raised above the altar, he continues)

Jesus took the chalice that was filled with wine. He thanked you, gave it to his friends, and said:

(he bows slightly)

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.

Then he said to them: Do this in memory of me.

(He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration)

We do now what Jesus told us to do. We remember his death and his resurrection and we offer you, Father, the bread that gives us life, and the chalice that saves us. Jesus brings us to you; welcome us as you welcome him.

Let us proclaim our faith:

**ALL: *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.***

(he joins his hands, takes the chalice and the paten with the host and raising both)

Father: 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.***

**C O M M U N I O N R I T E**

**Lord's Prayer**

***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.***

**Father :** Deliverus, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin 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 forever.***

**Sign of Peace**

Father:  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***

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

**ALL: *And with your spirit.***

Father:  Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

**Breaking of the Bread**

**ALL: *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, grant us peace.***

**Reception of Communion**

Father: 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.***

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

**My Jesus,**

**I believe that You are present in communion.**

**I love You above all things,**

**And I desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive communion, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself completely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.**

**AMEN**

**Prayer after Communion**

Father: Let us pray.

(The priest says a short prayer)

**ALL: *Amen.***

**C O N C L U D I N G R I T E**

Father:  The Lord be with you.

**ALL**: ***And with your spirit.***

(The priest says a short blessing.)

***Make the sign of the cross* as Father says,**

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

**ALL: *Amen.***

Father:  The mass has ended, go in peace.

**ALL: *Thanks be to God.***