



Sunday of the Word of God

Many of the prayers and rituals that are part of our celebration of the Mass are steeped in, inspired by and flow from the Word of God.

Try to match each part of the Mass listed below with its biblical root or inspiration.

Parts & Prayers of the Mass		Biblical Roots
Sign of the Cross		The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector Luke 18:9-14
Priest's Greeting: 'The Lord is with you'		Song of the angels on the first Christmas
People's Response: 'And with your Spirit'		Jesus teaches his disciples to pray Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4
Lord have mercy.		New Testament accounts of the Last Supper Matthew 26, Mark 14 and Luke 22 1 Corinthians 11:24-25
Gesture of beating your breast during the Confiteor.		Ratification of the Covenant at Sinai Ex 24:7 "They took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people."
Gloria: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill		Jesus heals a centurion's servant Luke 7:6-7
Liturgy of the Word		Exodus 30:17-20: Purification before coming to the altar
Gesture of Standing for the proclamation of the Gospel		Final blessing from St Paul to Timothy 2 Tim 4:22
Alleluia [<i>Meaning: Praise the Lord! in Hebrew</i>]		The Annunciation of the angel Gabriel to Mary - Luke 1:28
The Washing of Hands by Priest		Psalms of Praise [<i>Hallel Psalms</i>] Psalms 111-117]
Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts		John the Baptist's description of Jesus John 1:29
Words of Consecration		Jesus farewell commissioning of his disciples - Matthew 28:19
The 'Our Father'		Isaiah's Vision of the heavenly Throne Isaiah 6:3 The heavenly vision in Rev 4:8
Prayer for Peace: 'Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: My peace I leave you, my peace I give you'		John 14:27 Jesus' Farewell Discourse at the Last Supper
'This is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world'		The Healing of Bartimaeus Mark 10:46-52
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.		Renewal of the Covenant in Nehemiah 8:5

