

Concluding Rite

Greeting and Blessing

The priest extends his hands and greets the people saying, "The Lord be with you". They respond, "And also with you". The priest, joining his hands again and then immediately placing his left hand on his breast adds, "May almighty God bless you", as he makes the Sign of the Cross over the people, and continues, "the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit". All answer, "Amen". On certain days and occasions this blessing is expanded and expressed by a Prayer over the People or another more solemn blessing.

Dismissal

Immediately after the blessing, with hands joined, the deacon or priest says, "The Mass is ended, go in peace" or similar words and all answer, "Thanks be to God".