

Prot. N. 156/20

DECREE
on the Mass in Time of Pandemic

The plague that prowls in the darkness you will not fear (cf. Ps 90, 5-6). These words of the psalmist are an invitation to have great faith in the steadfast love of God who never abandons his people in time of trial.

In these days, during which the whole world has been gravely stricken by the Covid-19 virus, many requests have come to this Dicastery to be able to celebrate a specific Mass to implore God to bring an end to this pandemic.

Therefore this Congregation, in virtue of the faculties granted to it by the Supreme Pontiff FRANCIS, gives permission to celebrate the Mass in Time of Pandemic, on any day except Solemnities, the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, days within the Octave of Easter, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week (cf. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, n. 374), for the duration of the pandemic.

The text of the Mass formulary is attached to this Decree.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 30 March 2020.

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IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

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Entrance Antiphon

Is 53:4

Truly the Lord has borne our infirmities,
and he has carried our sorrows.

Collect

Almighty and eternal God,
our refuge in every danger,
to whom we turn in our distress;
in faith we pray
look with compassion on the afflicted,
grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners,
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,
strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders
and the courage to reach out to all in love,
so that together we may give glory to your holy name.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we offer
in this time of peril.
May they become for us, by your power,
a source of healing and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 11:28

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

O God, from whose hand we have received
the medicine of eternal life,
grant that through this sacrament
we may glory in the fullness of heavenly healing.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

O God, protector of all who hope in you,
bless your people, keep them safe,
defend them, prepare them,
that, free from sin and safe from the enemy,
they may persevere always in your love.
Through Christ our Lord.