

## I. Introductory Rites

### Entrance into the Church

Gathering of the Local Church  
for the Procession

(Ideally at and from the  
founding parish, where an  
overnight vigil has been  
kept with the relics to be  
entombed.)

Greeting and Invitation to Rejoice

Procession of the Church to the  
Church

Let us go rejoicing  
to the house of the Lord.  
(Psalm 122)

Meeting the Builders

The Pastor Opens the Doors

Lift high the ancient portals.  
The King of glory enters.  
(Psalm 24)

### Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

First Use of the Presider's Chair

Invitation to Prayer and  
Blessing of Water

Sprinkling of the People and  
the Walls (Humanity and Cosmos)  
and Sprinkling of the Altar

I saw water flowing  
from the right side of the temple,  
alleluia.

I brought God's life and his salvation,  
and the people sang in joyful praise:  
alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of Blessing

Hymn: Gloria

Opening Prayer

## II. Liturgy of the Word

The Presentation of the Lectionary  
to the Bishop by Readers and  
Psalmist

The Showing of the Lectionary to  
the Assembly

The First Use of the Ambo

I. Nehemiah 8 (always used, with  
Psalm 19: "Your words, Lord,  
are spirit and life")

II and III (from the *Lectionary*,  
701-706)

Homily

Profession of Faith

## III. Prayer of Dedication and the Anointings

Invitation to Prayer and  
Litany of the Saints

Depositing of the Relics

Prayer of Dedication

Rites of Anointing, Incensation,  
Covering, and Lighting of the  
Altar

Concelebrated Anointing of the  
Altar and Walls  
(Christ and His People)

See the place where God lives among  
his people; there the Spirit of God will  
make his home among you;  
the temple of God is holy  
and you are that temple.  
(Psalm 84)

Incensation of the Altar  
and the Church

An angel stood  
by the altar of the temple,  
holding a golden censer.  
From the hand of the angel,  
clouds of incense rose  
in the presence of the Lord.  
(Psalm 138)

Covering of the Altar and  
the Lighting of Altar

Your light will come, Jerusalem, upon

you the glory of the Lord will dawn  
and all nations will walk in your light,  
alleluia.  
(Canticle of Tobias)

*"This altar is an object of  
wonder: by nature it is a stone,  
but it is made holy when it receives  
the body of Christ"*

*St. John Chrysostom*

## IV. Liturgy of the Eucharist

Procession of Gifts to the Chair

The First Kiss of the Altar

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer I or III

Special Preface

Special "Father, Accept"

Communion Rite

May the children of the Church  
be like olive branches  
around the table of the Lord.  
(Psalm 128)

Inauguration of the Blessed  
Sacrament Chapel

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.  
(Psalm 147)

Blessing and Dismissal