

# Latin Mass Responses

*Common dialogues, ordinary texts, and a starter memorization set — with Ecclesiastical pronunciation notes.*

## Dialogues

### Dominus vobiscum.

*The Lord be with you.*

**Response:** Et cum spiritu tuo — And with your spirit.

### Sursum corda.

*Lift up your hearts.*

**Response:** Habemus ad Dominum — We have them lifted up to the Lord.

### Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**Response:** Dignum et iustum est — It is right and just.

### Ite, missa est.

*Go, the Mass is ended.*

**Response:** Deo gratias — Thanks be to God.

## Ordinary Texts

### Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Greek (not Latin), traditionally used in the Roman Rite.

### Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus.

*Holy, Holy, Holy.*

**ct** stays clear — SAHNK-toos.

### Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.*

**gn** sounds like ny — AH-nyoos.

### Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Glory to God in the highest.*

**x** = ks, **c** before e softens — in-ek-SHEL-sees.

### Credo in unum Deum.

*I believe in one God.*

Opens the Creed (Nicene). KREH-doh.

## Good First Memorization Set

Start with three responses that appear most often: *Et cum spiritu tuo*, *Dignum et iustum est*, and *Deo gratias*. Each teaches useful Catholic Latin vocabulary — *spiritus, dignus, iustus, gratia* — that appears across prayers, Scripture, and the Mass.

**Ecclesiastical pronunciation in brief:** *c* before *e/i/ae/oe* = ch (caelum → CHEH-loom). *gn* = ny (agnus → AH-nyoos). *ti* before a vowel (not after *s/t/x*) = tsee (gratia → GRAH-tsee-ah). *v* = v (not w). *j* = y (Iesus → YEH-soos).