

Sermon Handout for “Ite Missa Est”

Mystical Stage	Part of the Mass	Spiritual Action	Mystical Meaning
<p style="text-align: center;">Purgative Way <i>katharsis</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Prayer of the Priest (Psalm 43), Confiteor, <i>Kyrie Eleison</i>, <i>Absolution</i>, <i>Collect</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Repentance and purification</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Soul is purified</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Illuminative Way <i>theoria</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Gloria, Liturgy of the Word, Sermon, Creed, Prayer of the Faithful</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Enlightenment or illumination through the Word of God</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Soul is illumined</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Unitive Way <i>Henosis/theosis</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Offertory, Eucharistic Prayer, Consecration, Eucharistic Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Offering, Sacrifice, and Divine Union through the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Soul is united to God as Mystical Body of Christ (deification, <i>theosis</i>)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mission / Return <i>apolusis</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dismissal <i>Procedamus in pace... in nomine Christi. Amen</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Let us go forth in peace... <i>in the name of Christ. Amen.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sending forth in peace to do the work of love: “<i>ite missa est</i>” (“<u>missa</u>” being the root of the word “Mass” (for which the entire liturgy is named). But also, the word from which we get <u>dismissal</u> and <u>mission</u>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The soul bears God into the world as an <i>“alter Christus”</i> (“another Christ”): We go forth in peace to do the work of Gospel Justice.</p>