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Common Elements of the Early Rites

- The reading of scripture – Old + New Testament, and Psalms
- The lessons were read in a loud voice from a convenient place where they could be heard
- The reciting of the Lord's Prayer
- Extempore / non-formal prayer
- Bread and wine brought to the altar at the appropriate moment
- Remembrance of the Lord's Supper / “the breaking of bread”

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Tridentine Rite

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Novus Ordo

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Structure of the Mass

Introductory Rites

- Entrance Procession and Hymn
- Greeting
- Penitential Rite – includes the Confiteor* and Kyrie Eleison*
- Hymn of Praise – Gloria*
- Opening Prayer

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Structure of the Mass

Liturgy of the Word

- First Reading – a passage from one of the Books of the Old Testament
- Responsorial Psalm – a reciting of one of the Old Testament Psalms [a religious chant, song or poem of praise]
- Second Reading – a passage from one of the non-Gospel texts in the New Testament, eg. Paul's Letters to members of the early Church, The Acts of the Apostles, etc
- Gospel Greeting
- Gospel – a passage from one of the four Gospels
- Homily
- Profession of Faith – Nicene Creed*
- Intercessions – Bidding Prayers

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Structure of the Mass

Liturgy of the Eucharist

- Collection of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar
- Prayer over the Gifts
- Preface and Acclamation - Sanctus*
- Eucharistic Prayer – includes Words of Consecration and moment of Transubstantiation*
- Memorial Acclamation
- Great Amen
- The Lord's Prayer*
- Sign of Peace
- Breaking of the Bread
- Lamb of God – Agnus Dei*
- Holy Communion
- Communion Hymn
- Thanksgiving Prayer

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Structure of the Mass

Concluding Rites

- Closing Prayer
- Blessing
- Dismissal
- Recessional Hymn

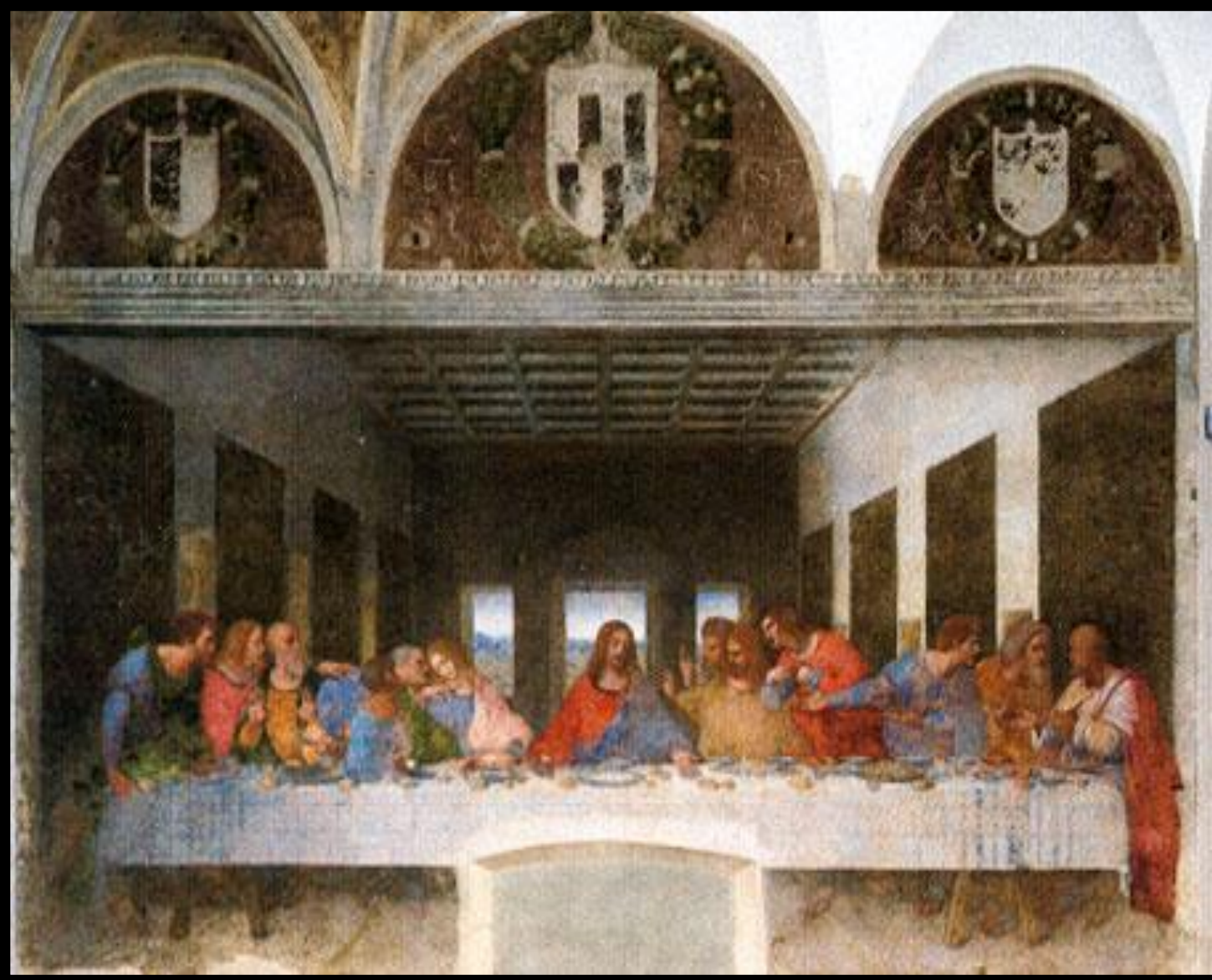
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Structure of the Mass

A Closer Look

- Confiteor (I)
- Kyrie Eleison (I)
- The Gloria (I)
- The Preface and The Sanctus (E)
- Transubstantiation (E)
- The Lord's Prayer (E)
- Agnus Dei (E)

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Leonardo da Vinci
The Last Supper
(after cleaning)
Tempera on plaster
460 x 880 cm
(15 x 29 ft.)
Convent of Santa
Maria delle Grazie
(Refectory), Milan

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The Roman Catholic

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