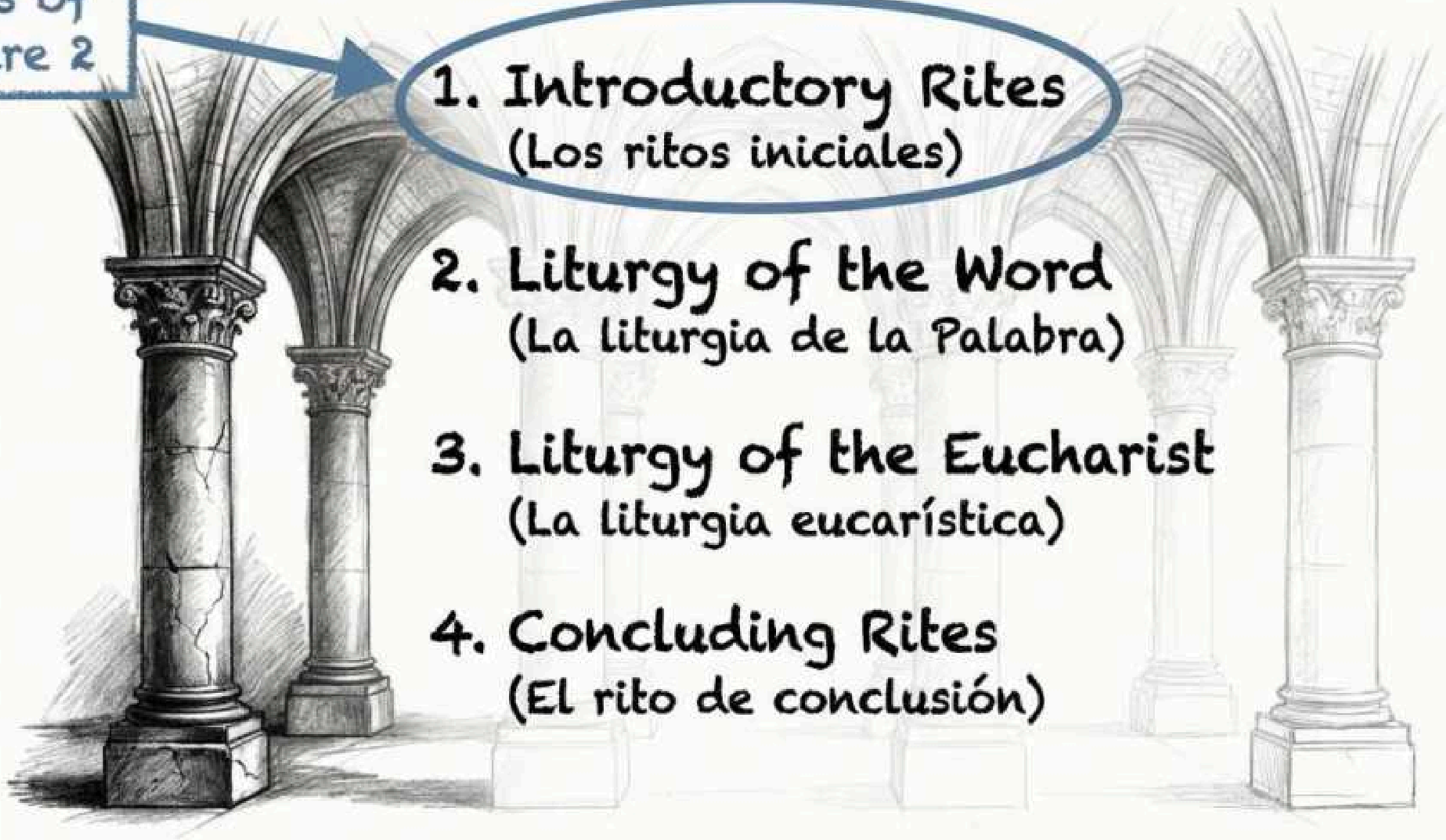
The Four Pillars of the Mass

Focus of Lecture 2



1. Introductory Rites
   (Los ritos iniciales)
2. Liturgy of the Word
   (La liturgia de la Palabra)
3. Liturgy of the Eucharist
   (La liturgia eucarística)
4. Concluding Rites
   (El rito de conclusión)

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The Entrance & Sign of the Cross

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Step 1: Action

Entrance Song (El canto de entrada)

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Priest processes to the altar.

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Step 2: The Formula of the Cross

$$\sum (\text{Padre} + \text{Hijo} + \text{Espíritu Santo}) = \text{In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit}$$

Spanish Dictation

En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.

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Step 3: Resolution

The Response → Amén.

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The Greeting (First Response)

Call (Priest):
El Señor esté con ustedes
(The Lord be with you)

Response (People):
Y con tu espíritu
(And with your spirit)



Priority: First response to learn!
(This exchange returns several times during the Mass).

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The Penitential Act (El acto penitencial)

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The Confiteor / El Confieso:

Start:

Yo confieso ante Dios todopoderoso...
(I confess to almighty God)

Action Trigger:

...por mi culpa
(through my fault)

Visitor Tip: If you do not yet know the prayer, simply listen. It is often printed in the missalette.

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The Invocations

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The Etymology Equation

Verb: tener (to have)

+ Noun: piedad (mercy/pity)

= Ten piedad (Have mercy)

The 3-Part Structure
(Priest/Cantor repeats to People)

1. Señor, ten piedad → (Lord, have mercy)
2. Cristo, ten piedad → (Christ, have mercy)
3. Señor, ten piedad → (Lord, have mercy)

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The Gloria (Gloria a Dios)

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Context: Sung on Sundays (outside Advent/Lent) & feast days.

Opening Line: Gloria a Dios en el cielo, y en la tierra paz a los hombres que ama el Señor
(Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace to the people the Lord loves).

Hymn of Praise to Father, Son, Holy Spirit

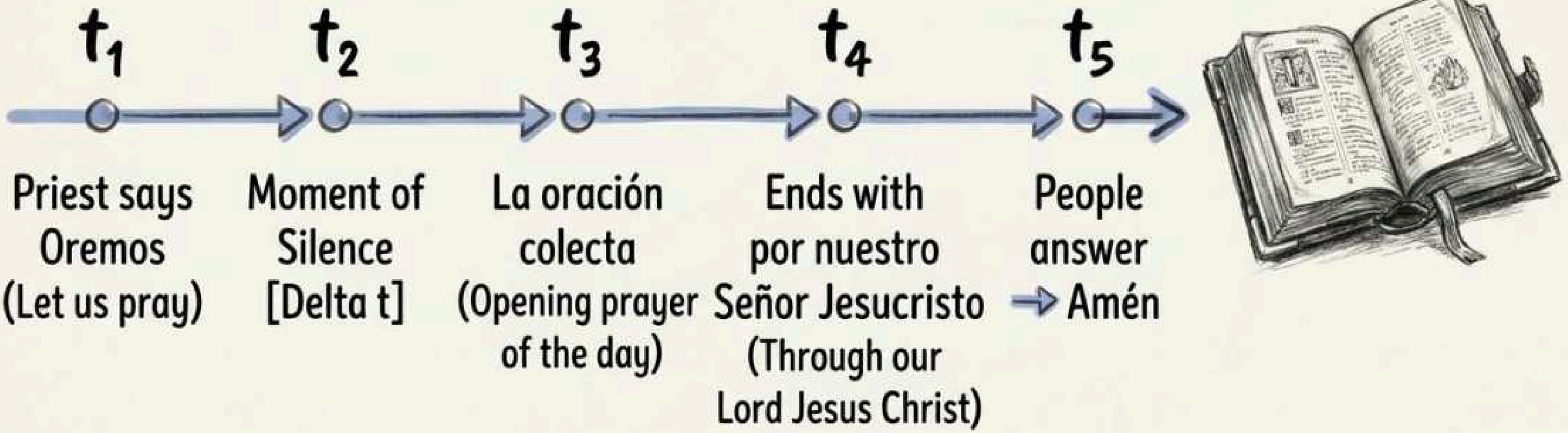


- Te alabamos ⇒ We praise you
- Te bendecimos ⇒ We bless you
- Te damos gracias ⇒ We give you thanks

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The Opening Prayer (La oración colecta)



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The Function of Amén



The Mechanism: Prayer x Amén = Personal Ownership

(It is the people's way of making a prayer their own).

Visitor Strategy

Answering Amén clearly is the easiest, lowest-barrier way to join the Mass from the very start.

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Synthesis: The Essential Responses

Set of Essential Responses = {A, B, C}

[A]	Amén	→ Universal agreement & ownership.
[B]	Y con tu espíritu	→ Response to the Priest's greeting.
[C]	Señor / Cristo, ten piedad	→ The repeated invocations for mercy.

With these three fundamentals alone, you can take part in the opening of any Mass in Latin America.

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