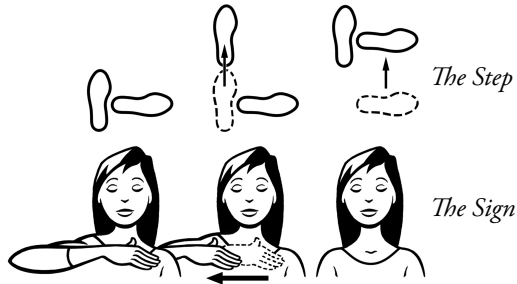


PARTICIPATION

Liber XV is a participatory ritual. The People should look to the Deacon for instruction, especially with regards to the steps & signs and sitting and standing. Here illustrated are the primary steps and signs.



Feet are squared as in the Step of a Man and a Brother



The Step

The Sign

The Step & Sign of a Man and a Brother:
Stand in Dieu Garde. Take a short pace with the left foot, bringing the right heel into its hollow. Then, with the open right hand (fingers together and thumb extended) draw the thumb sharply across the throat, and then drop it to the side.

Dieu Garde:
Feet square, hands, with linked thumbs, held loosely at base of torso, is the universal position when standing.



The Hailing Sign of a Magician



Kneeling in Adoration

The Gnostic Mass is a beautiful ritual that celebrates the mysteries of Thelema and OTO. It is a magical rite that exemplifies the union of the individual Soul with the Absolute, culminating in a eucharistic sacrament embodying Life and Joy. The Mass is a recognition of every person's inherent sacredness, and so glorifies the identification of the Self with the Divine.

Aleister Crowley wrote the Gnostic Mass in 1913 while in Moscow. In many ways it is similar in structure to the Mass of the Roman Catholic Church. However, the comparison ends there, as the Mass is a celebration of the principles of Thelema. It is a eucharistic ritual, and congregants are expected to "communicate" by partaking of the sacrament, which involves consuming a Cake of Light and drinking a glass of wine (water is also available), and then proclaiming, "There is no part of me that is not of the gods."

The officers do not act as mediators between congregants and their god(s), but rather illustrate a process by which anyone may come to their own direct knowledge (gnosis) of the divine. No part of the Mass requires devotion to any individual, historical or mythological, nor belief in any supernatural event. The Mass does not include a sermon or any ethical instructions beyond the summary of the Law of Thelema, which is "Do what thou wilt."

DO WHAT THOU WILT SHALL BE THE WHOLE OF THE LAW

A MISSAL for the People

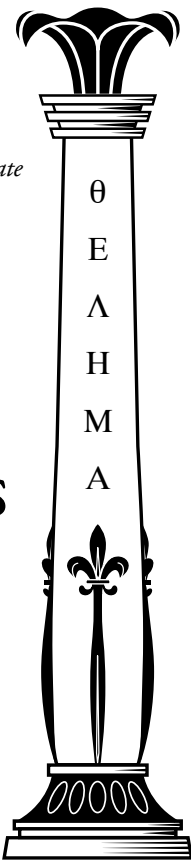
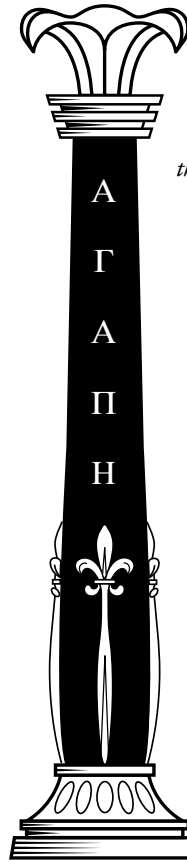
That they may join in the Recital of the Gnostic Creed & the Anthem, perform the divers Steps and Signs, and Communicate by partaking of the Sacrament of that most August of Rites



LIBER XV The Gnostic Mass

Being the Central Rite of O.T.O.
whose Ceremonies are:

- The Ceremony of the Introit
- The Ceremony of the Opening of the Veil
- The Office of the Collects, which are Eleven in Number
- The Consecration of the Elements
- The Office of the Anthem
- The Mystic Marriage and Consummation of the Elements



ECCLESIA GNOSTICA CATHOLICA
Ordo Templi Orientis



LOVE IS THE LAW, LOVE UNDER WILL

THE GNOSTIC CREED

- ✿ I believe in one secret and ineffable LORD; and in one Star in the Company of Stars of whose fire we are created, and to which we shall return; and in one Father of Life, Mystery of Mystery, in His name CHAOS, the sole viceregent of the Sun upon the Earth; and in one Air the nourisher of all that breathes.
- ✿ And I believe in one Earth, the Mother of us all, and in one Womb wherein all men are begotten, and wherein they shall rest, Mystery of Mystery, in Her name BABALON.
- ✿ And I believe in the Serpent and the Lion, Mystery of Mystery, in His name BAPHOMET.
- ✿ And I believe in one Gnostic and Catholic Church of Light, Life, Love and Liberty, the Word of whose Law is THELEMA.
- ✿ And I believe in the communion of Saints.
- ✿ And, forasmuch as meat and drink are transmuted in us daily into spiritual substance, I believe in the Miracle of the Mass.
- ✿ And I confess one Baptism of Wisdom whereby we accomplish the Miracle of Incarnation.
- ✿ And I confess my life one, individual, and eternal that was, and is, and is to come.

AUMGN. AUMGN. AUMGN.

THE ANTHEM

PRIEST:

*Thou that art I, beyond all I am...
...Appear most awful, and most mild,
as it is lawful, to thy child.*

CHORUS:

For of the Father and the Son
The Holy Spirit is the norm;
Male-female, quintessential, one,
Man-being veiled in woman-form.
Glory and worship in the highest,
Thou Dove, mankind that deifiest,
Being that race, most royally run
To spring sunshine through
winter storm.
Glory and worship be to Thee,
Sap of the world-ash, wonder-tree!

MEN: Glory to thee from
gilded tomb!

WOMEN: Glory to thee
from waiting womb!

MEN: Glory to Thee from
earth unploughed!

WOMEN: Glory to Thee
from virgin vowed!

MEN: Glory to Thee,
true Unity
Of the eternal Trinity!

WOMEN: Glory to Thee,
thou sire and dam,
And self of
I am that I am!

MEN: Glory to Thee,
beyond all term,
Thy spring of sperm,
thy seed and germ!

WOMEN: Glory to Thee,
eternal Sun,
Thou One in Three,
Thou Three in One!

CHORUS: Glory and
worship unto Thee,
Sap of the world-ash,
wonder-tree!

COMMUNICATION

The People partake of the Sacrament as does the Priest, consuming a Cake of Light and a goblet of Wine (or water). While not required, if you choose to recite his lines they are:

With the Host: In my mouth be the essence of the Life of the Sun.

With the Wine: In my mouth be the essence of the Joy of the Earth.

Finally, utter the Declaration with arms crossed over the chest:

THERE IS NO PART OF ME THAT IS NOT OF THE GODS