

Standard Black Mass

This is not designed to be a full ritual, rather it is intended to be a template to contextualise any number of smaller rituals. This script will require customisation to be used in a ritual. There is space for a custom primary ritual, where you may insert a smaller ritual such as an unbaptism, destruction ritual, remembrance ritual etc. There is also an opportunity to insert a custom invocation after the welcoming, but I have also included some example invocations that may be used in the appendix.

Props & Items

- Altar
 - A table, high enough to be about waist height for the MC.
 - A tablecloth, with a pentagram or other appropriate symbol
 - Centrepiece, may be a baphomet statue, or something more relevant to the primary ritual or sermon.
 - Six Black Candles, in candle holders.
- Devil's Book
 - An aesthetically appropriate book to represent the devil's book.
 - A writing implement, and appropriate ink.
- Feast of Enlightenment
 - Sliced apple on a plate.
- Other
 - Fire Extinguisher
 - Bell
 - Music

Roles

- Priest / Master of Ceremony (MC)
- Bell ringer (BR)
- Congregation (C)

Structure

1. Candle Lighting
2. Welcoming
3. Invocation
4. Devil's Book
5. Sermon or Primary Ritual
6. Feast of Enlightenment
7. Closing

Preparation

Before the ritual, run through some key points to ensure that everybody is on the same page with the ritual. Some suggestions are:

1. If you want to step out at any point for any reason, you can, but you can't rejoin the ritual.
2. Phones should be off.
3. When the MC says "Hail Satan", everyone should repeat after them.

It is important to also set up the altar before the ritual as well, with candles, a book and a centrepiece as well as any other decorations & writing implements.

Ritual

Candle Lighting

The Candle Lighting serves as a beginning to the ritual, separating this time from the mundanity of everyday life, and signalling that everyone must pay attention.

MC: Direct the congregation to form a full circle centered around the altar.

MC: Approach the altar and light each of the candles from left to right with a match. While doing so, say:

MC: As I light these candles, I invoke the name of Lucifer, the lightbringer¹. Hail Lucifer!

C: Hail Lucifer!

BR: Ring Bell

MC: Rejoin Circle

Welcoming

The welcoming is when everyone should introduce themselves to each other.

¹ The MC may choose to invoke a different, or multiple other deities here that may more appropriately fit the theme of the mass.

MC: Welcome each of you to the black mass! I am {{ Name }} and I will be leading you through black mass tonight. A black mass is a ritual which will require a certain amount of audience participation, and as such may be confronting and uncomfortable for some. If at any point you feel you would no longer like to continue, feel free to sit out for the rest of the ritual.

Let us now introduce ourselves to one another with the grasp of the left hand, symbolising the path we have chosen to follow.

Everyone: Beginning with the MC, shake left hands with the person to your right, introducing yourself to them until the circle is complete, ending again with the MC.

MC: Now the circle is complete. Hail Satan!

C: Hail Satan!

MC: Approach the altar in preparation for the invocation.

BR: Ring the bell.

Invocation

Any Satanic Invocation may be chosen and read during this part. Preferably one that touches on themes that will be addressed further into the mass. Some sample invocations will be in the attached appendix.

Devil's Book

This part of the ritual is symbolic of the Left-hand path that we all follow, and our rejection of pointless dogmas.

On the altar, there should be a large book, opened to a blank page, as well as some form of writing implement.

MC: Stand behind the altar.

MC: I now invite you all to step forward, one by one, and sign your name in the Devil's book. Let this blasphemous act serve as a covenant, committing you to a life lived for yourself, not a life lived in servitude to those undeserving of your commitment, nor a life fettered by the dogmatic and corrupt moralities of others. Let it serve as a reminder of your freedom, as a Satanist, to explore knowledge forbidden to others, and to indulge in the many luxuries and pleasures of life.

C: One by one, approach the book on the altar, in silence, and make a mark in the book.

Sermon or Primary Ritual

This section is where the main event of the black mass will take place. Whether it be a reading or a key message, or even a sub-ritual such as a remembrance ritual, blessing or unbaptism.

Feast of Enlightenment

This is the inversion of the catholic eucharist, where members, instead of cannibalising a god, will reinforce their rejection of subservience to deities.

BR: Bring out a plate with a full apple, surrounded by small slices of apple.

MC: When Satan, in the garden, lead Eve to the tree of knowledge, he said to her:

Why then was this forbid? Why but to awe,
Why but to keep ye low and ignorant,
His worshippers; he knows that in the day
Ye Eate thereof, your eyes that seem so clear,
Yet are but dim shall perfectly be then Opened and cleared,
and ye shall be as Gods, Knowing both Good and Evil as they know.

MC: Lift the plate of apple from the altar, holding it out for members of the congregation to take.

MC: I invite each of you to approach and take a piece of the fruit.

C: Approach the MC one by one to take a slice of apple.

MC: Replace the plate.

MC: Let us then be as Gods!
Let us partake of the fruit of knowledge!
Let us be subservient to none!

Hail Satan!

C: Hail Satan!

C: Eat your slice of apple.

Closing

The closing indicates the end of the mass and a return to the mundane.

MC: Move to stand behind the altar and blow out each candle, but leave one candle lit.

MC: Now the black mass is complete. Go forth, an individual, unfettered by arbitrary taboos, nor corrupt moralities.²

Hail Satan!

C: Hail Satan!

BR: Ring Bell

MC: Blow out final candle.

Appendix

Invocations

Here is a small list of invocations that could be inserted into the Invocation part of the ritual. These are here to inspire you, and are not the only ones that can be used.

The Satanic Temple's Invocation³

Let us stand now, unbowed and unfettered by arcane doctrines born of fearful minds in darkened times. Let us embrace the Luciferian impulse to eat of the Tree of Knowledge and dissipate our blissful and comforting delusions of old. Let us demand that individuals be judged for their concrete actions, not their fealty to arbitrary social norms and illusory categorizations. Let us reason our solutions with agnosticism in all things, holding fast only to that which is demonstrably true. Let us stand firm against any and all arbitrary authority that threatens the personal sovereignty of One or All. That which will not bend must break, and that which can be destroyed by truth should never be spared its demise. It is Done. Hail Satan.

The Satanic Temple Seattle's Unbaptism Invocation⁴

Oh Satan,
Beneficent One,
Seat of knowledge and power,
Indulger of Desires And Great Rebel of old,

² This could be replaced with something more relevant to the primary ritual or sermon.

³ Sourced From: <https://thesatanictemple.com/pages/learn>

⁴ Sourced From: <http://www.satanicbayarea.com/2019/03/20/the-unbaptism/>

Let us become as you are in myth and legend:
Radiant as the sun
Yet black as a moonless night,
That we may live as we desire,
Free from tyranny and arbitrary law,
Free from superstition and mental chains,
Guided by empathy, compassion and reason
To undertake noble pursuits guided by our own individual will.

Satanic Bay Area's Dark Lord's Prayer⁵

Our Father, who art in Hell Unhallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom is come, thy will is done
On earth as it is below
We take this night our rightful due
And trespass on faithless taboos
Lead us into temptation
And delivers us from false piety
For yours is the world
The riches
And the glory
Forever and ever
Hail Satan!

Credits

Ritual written by Leon Bael.

⁵ Sourced From: <http://www.satanicbayarea.com/2019/03/20/satanic-bay-area-black-mass-2018/>