

ORDER FOR THE LORDS SUPPER

THE PREPARATIONS

A Hymn or bhajan may be sung or said

As the ministers come to the Lord's Table, the congregation stands. The presbyter or one of those with the presbyter, carries in both hands the bible from which the lessons are to be read, and places it on the Table or on a lectern. The presbyter may stand behind the Table, facing the congregation.

The presbyter says while the congregation is still standing.

Lets us pray:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspirations of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

OR

O God, Light of the Hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen

OR

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Youth works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**

OR

Great and only merciful God, your life is the source of all life; your mercy is our only hope; your eyes watch over all your creatures; you know the secrets of our hearts. By your life- giving Spirits, draw us into your presence, that we may worship in the true life of your Spirit, who lives moved by your love; through him has led us to your heart of love, even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All may be seated

LIGHTING OF THE LAMP

The presbyter says:

As the light is lit, let us pray that the flame of Gods loving presence may spring up in our hearts and transform us by the knowledge of this glory.

Then as the lamp is lit by some members suitably selected from the congregation, a bhajan such Asatoma sadgamaya, Tamasoma jyothirgamaya, Mrithyoma amrithamgamaya, Shanthi, shanthi, shanthi* or some other suitable psalm is chanted.

Then all sing or say:

Glory to God the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, Heavenly King, almighty God, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

OR

This ancient hymn is repeated thrice:

Holy God

Holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

OR

This litany may be said, with the deacon leading the refrain:

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*Asatoma sadgamaya: From falsehood to truth.

Tamasoma jyothirgamaya: From Darkness to light.

Mrithyoma amrithamgamaya: From Death to eternal life

Shanthi: Peace

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honour, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Blessing, honour, glory and might be to god and the Lamb forever. Amen

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

If there has been no special service of preparation before the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the following may be read.

OUR LORD'S SUMMARY OF THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

Our Lords Jesus Christ Said: Hear, O Israel: the Lord Our God, the Lord is one; and you should love the lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all

your mind, and with all your strength. This is the great and first commandment. And the second one is: You should love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. Mark 12 and Matthew 22

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to the keep this law.

On festive occasions, the full form of the Ten Commandments (see p.30) may be read, instead of the summary of the Law and the Prophets.

CONFESSIONS

Then the presbyter says:

Brothers and sisters, we have come together to hear God's most holy Word, and to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord. Lets us therefore kneel and examine ourselves in silence, seeking God's grace that we may draw near to him with repentance and faith.

All kneel. After a short silence the presbyter continues:

You who truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and peace with your neighbour, and intend to live a new life, following the commandments of God and walking from now on in his holy ways, make your humble confession to the compassionate God, that you may be reconciled anew to him through our Lord Christ.

The deacon leading, all say together

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour. We have walked in darkness rather than in light; we have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. Have mercy upon us, we ask you; for the sake of Jesus Christ forgive us all our sins; cleanse us by your Holy Spirit; quicken our consciences; and enable us to forgive others; that we may hereafter serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

OR

O God of compassion, we confess that we have sinned against you and our sisters and brothers. We have not been true followers of your new way in Christ. We have not shared in your liberating work in the world. We have fallen short of your glory. In your great compassion, make us clean from our sin, and set us free in the joy of your Spirit, that we may serve you with new life; through Jesus Christ who gave his life that we might live in peace with you and with our fellow creatures. Amen

OR

O Gods of mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

OR

An alternative litany of this kind may be used:

For taking advantage of people's weakness or powerlessness, for taking people for granted, for directly or indirectly hurting or ridiculing people when God's Word says that we have to encourage, build up, equip and bear one another's burdens;

God's have mercy and forgive us our sins.

For our unwillingness to be reformed, so that we can be transformed as a people, as a church and as a community, when God's Word says Let each one of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others following the example of our Lord Jesus who emptied himself even unto death on the cross;

God's have mercy and forgive us our sins.

For our lack of honesty and integrity in the life and work of Church and in our society, for our sham and show, for our hypocrisy and double standards, for our lack of priority and perspective, for being preoccupied with life in fragments and at the periphery, when God's Word exhorts us to be occupied with more important matters like justice, mercy and faithfulness;

God's have mercy and forgive us our sins.

Then the presbyter stands and rest (a selection from the following):

Hear the gracious Word of God to all who truly turn to him through Jesus Christ:
Though your sins are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Isaiah 1:18

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "know the Lord," for they shall all know me from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:33-34

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:31

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John: 3:16

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous; and the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

After a Short silence, the presbyter says:

Almighty God, our merciful Saviour, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who forgive their brothers and sisters and with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen, thanks be to God.

OR

The Saviour of the world, the refuge of the repentant, forgives and strengthens all who truly seek his grace. He accepts you as his sons and daughters, and sets you free the bondage of your past. For Christ died and rose to new life that we might all share his wholeness and abundant life. As God's own people, be merciful in action, Kind in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as feely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.

Amen, thanks be to God.

THE PEACE (all stand)

Then the presbyter says:

Having been forgiven and made whole through our Peacemaker, let us live together in peace. God's peace challenges us and guides us towards the acts of justice, peace and integration of the whole creation. Let us say 'shalom' to one another and give each other a sign of reconciliation and peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you:

And also with you:

(The peace is shared; passed on either by touch of hand, or by the gesture of namaskara or handclasp.)

The congregation kneels.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Then the presbyter says:

By your Word, O light of this whole universe, live, move and have our being. As you have illumined the hearts of people at many times in the past, we pray, eternal God, for your awakening within us.

From delusion to truth, and to your righteous way:
Lead us, source of all, our Father and our Mother.
From darkness to light and into your gracious will:
Lead us O Christ, our Friend and our Brother.

From death to eternal life and into your infinite joy:
Lead us Divine Spirit, enlivening Power within, for we seek your awakening touch.

OR

Your Word is a lamp to guide us.
And a light for our path.

Guide us, O God, by your Word Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth
find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Then the Bible is given to the first reader who takes it the lectern).

The lesson from the Old Testament is read, and after it the congregation says:
This is your Word, thank you Lord. (Thanks be to you O God.)

A psalm, bhajan or canticle may be sung.

The lesson from the Epistles is read, and after it the congregation says:
We thank you God for speaking to us. (Thanks be to you O God.)
The congregation stands for the Gospel reading and joins in singing Gloria:
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Gloria gloria, Hallelujah hallelujah.

The lesson from the Gospels is read, and after it the congregation says:
The Lord has spoken. Continue to speak to us Lord. (Praise be to you O Christ)
The Congregation joins in singing Hallelujah:
Halle, halle, hallelujah (3)
Hallelujah hallelujah

THE SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven
And earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ the only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the
Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of
one Being with Father; through him all thing were made. For us and for our salvation he

came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was Crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit. The Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

OR

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OR

*some earlier versions carried "he descended into hell."

We affirm our faith in one God –

Source of all life, greater than all names and forms, source of our being, closer than any. Upon this one God we depend for all we are and for all that ever will be.

And we affirm our faith in Christ-

Who has shown us the way to true life. By breaking the chain of human bondage, through his self-giving life and death and by his rising again, he has given us hope for a new humanity, hope for the healing of earth's life.

And we affirm our faith in the living Spirit of God-

through whom we awaken to God's purpose for the world, and share in the freedom, joy and children of God. For by his Spirit God's love has flooded our lives, shaping us into a community of forgiven and freely accepted brothers and sisters set apart for God's service, risen with Christ we share in his work for God's world of everlasting life, justice and peace. Amen

OR

I believe in one God who creates, loves cares and corrects all people, who acts in history, and who promises never to leave us alone.

I believe in Jesus of Nazareth who is Lord, Christ and Redeemer, who wants not to be idealised, but to be followed.

I believe that we live in the presence of the Holy Spirit without whom we are nothing; filled with the Holy Spirit we are able to become creative, free and full of life.

I believe in the church of God in Jesus Christ, community where we find companions and courage for the struggles of life, where we grow in the understanding of our faith through worship, fellowship and acts of liberation.

I believe that God has called us to a partnership for the continuance of his mission in this time and place, and that, though we live in the midst of confusion, turmoil, exploitation, oppression and in the grip of the forces of death, we are called to be instruments of peace and justice.

I believe that God bring about changes in people, in nature and in the whole cosmos, that God makes the whole creation a new heaven and a new earth of justice, peace harmony and life in all it's fullness. Amen

The congregation may be seated.

The announcements may be made here. A hymn or lyric may also be sung, and the offering may be collected.

[Normally the offering is brought to the altar along with the Eucharistic elements. If in some congregations, the offering is brought forward immediately after the collection, an offertory prayer and an appropriate prayer remembering those who have celebrated birthday, marriage anniversaries and other happy occasions may be said.

Almighty and merciful God from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share, accept and use our offerings for your glory, and for the service of your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

O God our times are in your hand: look with favour, we pray on your servants who have celebrated their birthday, marriage anniversaries, during this week. As they begin another year, grants that they may be showered with all blessings, and may in health and strength, wisdom and grace. Strengthen their trust in your goodness, and show them that they live under your protection and care all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen]

INTERCESSION

Litany 1

Almighty God, who has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all creation; hear us when we pray: that it may please you to inspire continually the universal church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord:

Hear us, O Lord, we pray.

That it may please you to grant that all those who confess your holy name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and bear witness to it with courage, and fidelity:

Hear us, O Lord, we pray.

That it may please you to lead the nations in the paths of righteousness and Peace:

Hear us, O Lord, we pray.

That it may please you to guide with your pure and peace-loving wisdom those who bear authority in the affairs of humankind, especially the President of the Indian Republic, the prime Minister Governor of our state, the Chief Minister, and all those who serve in the Government; that we and all people may be governed with justice and honour:

Hear us, Lord, we pray.

That it may please you to give grace to all bishops, presbyters, and deacons, especially your servants, Our Moderator, and . . . our Bishop, what by their life and doctrine they may set forth your true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy sacraments:

Hear us, O Lord, we pray.

That it may please you to bring into one fellowship and union the churches in our land, that together they may maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and witness to the Gospel, especially the churches with which we are in full communion and to guide their councils and leaders, especially . . . the Moderator of the Church of North India, . . . the Metropolitan of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church and

Hear us, O Lord, we pray.

That it may please you to guide and prosper those who are labouring for the spread of your Gospel among the nations, and to enlighten with your Spirit, all places of education, learning and healing:

Hear us, O Lord, we pray.

That it may please you to give your heavenly grace to all your people in their several callings, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive your holy Word; Truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life:

Hear us, O Lord, we pray.

That it may please you of your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity:

Hear us, O Lord, we pray.

And praise you for all your servants who have departed from this life in your faith and fear, asking you to give us grace that we may follow their good examples, and them be made partakers of your heavenly kingdom:

Hear us, O Lord, we pray.

Litany 2

For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of God's holy churches, and for the union of all, let us pray to the lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our bishops and all others ministers, especially ...our Moderator, and ... our Bishop, and ... the Moderator of the Church of North India, and ... the Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church that with a good heart and a pure conscience they may accomplish their ministry, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the President of our Republic ..., the Governor of our State ..., the Chief Minister ..., the Governor of our State ..., the Chief Minister ..., and all those who serve in the Government, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy

For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the hungry, the orphans and the widows, and them that suffer persecution, let us pray to Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light, lets us pray to Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That with all his servants who have served him here and are now at rest, we may enter into the fullness of his unending joy, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Litany 3

In your comforting presence, we remember the poor and the homeless, the widows and the exploited women, the undernourished children and the victims of war, terrorism and unjust socio-economic systems. Where the mind is without fear, Where the head is held high, into that haven of freedom O Lord, Let our world awake:

Lord hear our prayer; let our cry come to you.

In your comforting presence, we remember those who cannot and may not read and write, those who are denied the power of knowledge and skill, those who are rendered voiceless through exploitation and oppression for being ignorant, those whose questioning faculty has been taken away and the ones who are tormented and mentally ill. Where knowledge is free, where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sands of dead habit, into that haven of freedom, O Lord, Let our world awake:

Lord hear our prayer; let our cry come to you.

In your comforting presence, we remember the victims of discrimination because of colour, race, class, caste, nationality, religion and traditions. Help our leaders and all those who serve in the Government especially the President of our Republic...., the Prime Minister ..., the governor of our state ..., the Christ Minister ..., to do everything they can to build a society of equality and justice. Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls, into that haven of freedom, O Lord let our world awake:

Lord hear our prayer; let our cry come to you.

In your comforting presence, we remember your Church especially Our Moderator, and ... our Bishop, and ...the Moderator of the Church of north India, and ... the Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church Let the Church be a foretaste of the coming reign of God in the world, let her work in partnership with all humanity for reconciliation, justice and peace to make this world an oikumene – a happy home for all creation. Where words come out from the depths of truth of truth, where the mind is led forward by you into ever-widening thought and action, into that haven of freedom, O Lord let my world awake:

Lord hear our prayer; let our cry come to you.

Litany 4

Where ignorance, self-love and insensitivity have fractured life in communities:
give your light, O God of love.

Where injustice and oppression have broken the spirit of people:
give your light, O God of love

Where hunger and poverty, illness and death have made life an unbearable burden:
give your light, O God of love

Where suspicion and hatred, conflict and war have challenged your goodness:
give your light, O God of love

Eternal God, remove the blindness of the nations and peoples so that they may walk in the light of love; remove the ignorance and stubbornness of nations and peoples so that they may drink from the fountain of your goodness. Amen

After the Litany the presbyter says:

Lets us pray:

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we ask you to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of your son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

OR

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all people in your holy Church, that every member of the same in their vocation and ministry, may truly and justly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

OR

Eternal God, our Parent, we commit our struggles and suffering into your Son's wounded hands, our hopes and aspirations into his praying hands, our poor, hungry and exploited people into his just and caring hands, our living and, departed into his hands that hold the key to the future. Blessed be the Lord, Forever. Amen

The presbyter then gives the First Benediction:
The grace of the lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen

Those who wish to leave do so now.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All stand, and the presbyter says:

How very good and pleasant it is when people of God live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread

1 Corinthians 10:17

Now I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Psalm 27:6

A hymn or lyric is sung while the congregation's offering and an offering of a tray of flowers with others sings of God's goodness in creations, are brought forward with the offering of bread and wine for the Eucharist, and placed on the altar.

Glory to God, Source of all bounty and beauty whose fullness and fragrance can transform us within and without:
Creator god, we lift our hearts to you in thanks.

Glory to God, who has made a covenant with all living creatures, and her promised never to forsake the creation he loves:

Creator god, we lift our hearts to you in thanks.

Glory to God, who made us all in his image, and entrusted earth and her life to our care:

Creator god, we lift our hearts to you in thanks.

O God, Redeemer of all things, with grateful thanks we offer these gifts and this bread and wine, fruits of your earth and of our labour, and sings of your redemptive purpose for our lives and for all creation. By sharing in this bread and wine you assure us, in Christ Of a share in your being, your bliss, your purpose:

Glory to God, Redeemer, who saves us by his grace.

OR

Holy God, who through your dear Son has consecrated for us a new and living way to your throne of grace, we come to you through him, unworthy as we are, and we humbly ask you to accept and use us and these our gifts for your glory. All that is in heaven and earth is yours, and of your own we give to you. Amen

OR

O God, you have given us a new and living way to offers ourselves to you. Though unworthy we come to you, as we are, by that way, your Son Jesus of Nazareth; and in his name we ask you to accept and use us and these gifts however it best pleases you. All that is created is yours and these everything that we can offer already belongs to you. Amen

The bearers of the offertory returns to their places.

The presbyter and the congregation kneel, and say together:

Be present, be present, O Jesus you good High Priest, as you were in the midst of your disciples, and make yourself know to us in the breaking of the bread, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presbyters may use A or B or C for the Great Thanksgiving

A

The Lord be with you:

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord God:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right our duty, and highest joy, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, holy, almighty and everlasting God;* through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, through whom you created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, and made humankind in your own image, and when it had fallen into sin you redeemed it to be the first fruits of a new creation.

Therefore, with angles and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

Holy holy holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is that has come and is to come in the name of Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Instead of the words “through Jesus Christ ... a new creation” another preface proper to the season of the Christian Year or to the occasion may be said

Truly holy, truly blessed are you, O God our Saviour, who of your tender love towards humankind gave your only Son Jesus Christ to Take our nature upon him and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death, until he comes again: who, in the same night when he was betrayed, took bread and after having given thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper he took the cup, and after he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins, do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Amen. Your drink death O Lord we commemorate, your resurrection we confess, and your coming we await. Glory be to you, O Christ.

Therefore, O Lord God, Remembrance the precious death and passion, and glorious resurrection and ascension, of your Son our Lord, we your servants do this in remembrance of him as he commanded, until his coming again, giving thanks to you for the perfect redemption which you have brought about for us in him.

We give thanks to you, we praise you, we glorify you, O Lord our God.

And we most humbly ask you, O merciful God, to sanctify with your Holy Spirit us and these your own gifts of bread and wine, that the bread which we break may be the communion of the body of Christ, and the cup which we bless the communion of the blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may all attain to the unity of the faith, and may grow up in all things, unto him who is the Head, even Christ, our lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, O God almighty, world without end. Amen

B

Our Creator God is with us to bless us;
Saranam, saranam, saranam.*

The risen Lord is with us to bless us;
Saranam, saranam, saranam.

*saranam: I take refuge

The transforming Spirit is with us to bless us;
Saranam, saranam, saranam

O God, Redeemer of fallen creation, at the last meal that your Son, Jesus Christ, shared with his disciples before his death, he took bread in his hands of compassion, gave you praise and thanks, and broke bread. Then he said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

We celebrate through this bread, the self-offering of our Saviour Christ.

Then after the meal he took the cup, offered praise and thanks to you, gave the cup to his disciples and said: Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it. in remembrance of me.

We celebrate through this cup the new covenant of our Saviour Christ.

As this bread is broken and this wine poured out, O Seeker and Saviour of the lost, we remember again the poor and oppressed of the earth. We recall that your body was broken that the hungry might be nourished, the oppressed set free, replenished with the bread of new hope and new life.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come in glory.

As this bread was once scattered seed, O Bread of life sown in the earth to die and rise to new life: so gather all peoples together in one humanity of your coming reign. Restore the broken life of your creation; heal the disfigured body of your world; draw all creatures unto yourself through the cross and in the power of your risen life. And grant to all the faithful departed a share in your bliss, that with them we too at the end may be welcome into your eternal Kingdom through your inexhaustible grace, and through the guidance of your indwelling Spirit.

Sanctify us, sanctify this bread, sanctify this wine, so that together we may be the body of Christ. Amen

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The Lord be with you:
And also be with you.

Lift up your hearts:
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to Lord
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving O Lord, holy Father/Parent. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image. Though your son, our Lord Jesus you came to us while we wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us by name to Leave what is comfortable to be his disciples, friends and partners. With outstretched arms on the cross, and through his death he bore our sins and through his resurrection we are saved. And through your Holy Spirit you brood over the chaos we create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspired the prophets and the apostles to find the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission to make everything new. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim and sing your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night, in which he was betrayed, took the bread and when he had given thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

The same way after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink this, this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you: this is my food of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remember of me.

Lord we commemorate your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection and we await your coming.

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood Christ, and that become one in him. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in my prayer,

strong in truth and love , and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Here the presbyter may kneel

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name kingdom come; you will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN

A moment's silence is kept, all kneeling.

The prayer of humble access may be said:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and drink his blood, that our sinful bodies and souls may be made clean by his most precious body and blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

THE SHARING

As the bread is lifted up and broken, prior to the congregation's coming forward to share together in it, the following sentence may be said.

When we break the bread, do we not share in the body of Christ?

We seek to share your life, gracious God.

As the cup is lifted up:

When we lift the cup, do we not share in the life-blood of Christ?

We seek to share your life, gracious God.

During this these time words may be said or sung:

O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us

O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us

O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

The ministers and the congregation receive the bread and the wine. The following words of administration may be used:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bread of life.
The Blood of our Lord Jesus, the true Vine.

[If the bread or wine set apart be insufficient, the presbyter taking more, may say:
Obeying the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, we take this bread (wine) to be set apart for this holy use, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen]

THANKSGIVING

When all have partaken, the minister says:

Having now by faith received the sacrament of the body and Blood of Christ, let us give thanks:

O gracious God, you have fed us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. You have assured us, in these holy mysteries, of your favour and goodness towards us, and that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. For these great benefits we thank you, and union with your Son we offer you ourselves as a living sacrifice. And now, Lord, send us out to do the work you have given us to, to love and serve you as faithful witness of Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God, forever and ever. Amen

Or

Merciful God of all creation, Holy Father/Parent of all people, who through our Lord Jesus Christ united all things in his fullness, we join your whole creation in exultant praise of your bountiful goodness. You have now touched us with new life and filled us with new hope that your reign will come, that the hungry will be fed, that the oppressed will be set free from evil, that your reconciling work will be done, that love and faithfulness will meet together, that justice and peace will kiss each other and the whole creation will be filled with your glory. Amen

Blessing, and glory and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God, for ever and ever. Amen

Or

Glorious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on the earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world. Amen

Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God, for ever and ever. Amen

The presbyter gives the second Benediction:

Go out into the world in peace: have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen

Or

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen

PROPER PREFACES

(to be used with the Great thanksgiving A)

Advent

On the fourth Sunday before Christmas, and until Christmas, Eve:

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Saviour, by whom you have sent a new light to shine upon the world, that we who rejoice in that light may be found cleansed from our sins and without fear when he shall come again to judge the world in righteousness.

Christmas

On Christmas day, and until the Epiphany or second Sunday after Christmas:

Especially at this time we praise you, because you gave Jesus Christ your only Son to be born for us of Mary, that through him we may have power to become the children of God.

Epiphany

On January 6, or the second Sunday after Christmas, and for Epiphany season:

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, who in his human life revealed your glory to bring humankind out of darkness into light.

Lent

On Ash Wednesday, and until the second before Easter:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet remained sinless. By His grace we are able to overcome our sinful desires and to live not ourselves, but for Lord who died for us and rose from the dead.

Passiontide

On the second Sunday Before Easter (Passion Sunday) and until the Wednesday before Easter, expect for Palm Sunday:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in his life as a human, humbled himself, and in obedience accepted death, even the death on a cross; that, being lifted up from the earth, he may draw all people to himself.

On the Sunday next Easter (Palm Sunday):

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by your grace fulfilled all the Prophecies about him in holy scripture, from his birth in Bethlehem till his entry Jerusalem, whom also we now bless with those who met him with psalms and with hosannas.

On the Thursday before Easter (Maundy Thursday):

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who, having loved his own in the world, loved them to the end, and on the night before he suffered instituted these holy mysteries, that we, receiving the benefits of his passion, and being quickened by his resurrection, may be partakers of his divine nature, and be filled with all the fullness of God.

Easter Day, and until the Ascension:

But chiefly, we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his resurrection has restored life to us.

Ascension

On Ascension Day, and until Pentecost:

But chiefly we are bound to praise you for Jesus Christ our Lord, who ascended upon high, the one mediator between God and creation; who abides for ever in that glory which he had with you, and in that nature which he took of us, that he may bring us the fellowship of the Godhead.

Pentecost

On the day of Pentecost, and until Trinity Sunday; and also at meeting of the Synod and the Diocesan Councils:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose promise the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples to teach them, and to lead them into all truth; giving them both gift of tongues, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel to all people.

Trinity Sunday

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who, with you and Holy Spirit, is one God, the Same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Saints

On All Saints Day, or on any day appointed for the communication of saint, and for seven days thereafter:

Who in the righteousness of your saints has given us an example of godly living, and in their blessedness a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling, that, being encompassed by so great a cloud of witnesses, we may run with patience the race that is set before us, and with them receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

The dedication of a church

At the dedication of a church, or on its anniversary:

Heaven itself, O Lord cannot contain you, and your glory fills all the world. And yet you accept our setting apart of places for your worship, and in them pour out your gifts of grace upon your faithful people.

Ordination

At the ordination of a deacon or presbyter:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave authority to his disciples, saying: As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- I. I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- II. you shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
You shall not bow down to them or worship them.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- III. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- IV. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the lord your God; you shall not do any work.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- V. Honor your father and your mother.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- VI. you shall not murder.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

- VII. You shall not commit adultery.
Lords, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- VIII. You shall not steal.
Lords, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- IX. You shall not bear false witness
Lords, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- X. You shall not covet.
Lords, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

**ORDERS FOR
MORNING AND EVENING
WORSHIP**

**First Order
Second Order
Third Order
Fourth Order**

FIRST ORDER OF WORSHIP

When there is no celebration of the Lord's Supper, the first two parts of the ORDER FOR THE Lord's SUPPER, the PREPARATION and the MINISTRY OF THE WORD, may be used as they are.

In this case:

- (a) in the INVITATION TO CONFESSION the words "and to receive the body and blood of the Lord" are omitted.
- (b) If there is a collection, this is solemnly dedicated, together, with offerings in Kind, if any, before the INTERCESSION, and an offertory prayer is said. The service ends with a hymn and grace or benediction.

SECOND ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRAISE

All stand, and the minister says

Let us worship God.

The minister may read one or more verses from the Bible, such as the following:

God is spirit, and those who worship in spirit and truth.

John 4:24

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:7

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Grace, mercy and peace will us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love.

II John 3

Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Revelation 22:17

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Psalm 145:18

Evening:

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

God is light and in there is no darkness at all. But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

I John 1:5,7

Advent:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God.

Philippians 4: 4-6

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes.

Luke 12: 37

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

Isaiah 56:1

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost.

I Timothy 1:15

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

Isaiah 40:10

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 3:1

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

Isaiah 52:7

Christmas:

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!

Luke 2:14

Do not be afraid; for see – I am bring you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace.

Isaiah 9:6

New Year's Eve:

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen

Jude 24-25

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and for ever.

Hebrews 13:8

News Year's Day:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the king of the earth.

Revelation 1:4-5

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, through the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.
Psalm 46:1,2

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
Isaiah 40:31

Epiphany:
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Isaiah 60:1

For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 1: 11

Lents:
Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Joel 2:13

Jesus said:” If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Mark 8:34

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

I Peter 2:24

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; Yet we accounted him stricken, stuck down by God, and afflicted. But he was Wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

Isaiah 53: 4,5

Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

I John 2:2

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

I Peters 2:21

Palm Sunday:
Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

Hosanna to the Son of the David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Matthew 21:9

The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

Isaiah 62:11

Good Friday:

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!

Revelation 5:12

Easter:

Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection Jesus Christ from the dead.

I Peter 1:3,4

Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 15:54-57

I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades. Revelation 1: 17, 18

Ascension:

Since then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14:16

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

Pentecost:

Because you are children, God has sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

Galatians 4:6

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own. But will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

John 16:13

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5:5

Trinity Sunday:

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:33,36

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory

Isaiah 6:3

Harvest Festival:

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

Psalm 24:1

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Psalm 100:4

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in holy splendour; tremble before him, all the earth. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Psalms 96: 8,9,11,12

Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

Psalm 103: 1,2

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Psalm 96:1,2

All Saint's day:

Then I heard what seemed to be voice of the a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder peal, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

Revelation 19:6,7

CONFESSIONS

The minister may read one or more verses from the Bible, Such as the following:

If we say that we have no sin, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1: 8-9

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no Longer worthy to be called your son.'

Luke 15: 18-19

The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

Mark 1:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15

The minister then says:

Let us kneel and examine ourselves in silence.

All kneel and are silent for a space. After this the minister says:

Lets us humbly confess our sins to the almighty God.

All say of the following:

Almighty and most merciful God; we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things, which we should have done; and we have done those things, which we should not have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare them O God, who confess their faults. Restore them that are penitent according to your promises declared to humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and just life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Or

Gracious God, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: we have not loved you with all our hearts; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we ask you, cleanse us from our sins, and help us to overcome our faults; thought Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The minister says:

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and remission for all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the holy Spirit. Amen

Or the minister may say you and your instead of us and our.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

All stand

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

One of the following psalms may be read responsively

Psalm 95:1-1

O come, let us sing to thee Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our Salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

When your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."

Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Or

Psalm 100: 1-5

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the Earth.

Worship the Lord, with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endure forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Glory be to father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

The psalm or psalms appointed for the day are said or sung (for the psalms for Sundays and special days see the Lectionary; for the daily reading of the psalms see the Table of psalms for daily reading).

The minister and congregation may stand or be seated for any the psalms and songs.

The First Lesson

The first lesson is read from the Old Testament.

One of the following is said or sung:

The Song of Zechariah or Benedictus (Luce 1:68-79)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty Saviour for us in the house of his servant David,
As he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, has remembered his holy covenant,

the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

OR

The Song of the Three Young Men or Benedicite

All things the Lord has made, bless the Lord: give glory and eternal praise to him.

Angels of the Lord, all bless the Lord: give glory and eternal praise to him. Heavens, bless the Lord: waters above the heavens, bless the Lord. Powers of the Lord, bless the Lord: sun and moon, bless the Lord. Stars of heavens, bless the showers and dew, bless the Lord. Winds of God, bless the Lord: ice and snow, bless the Lord. Winter and summer, bless the Lord: cold and heat, bless the Lord. Nights and days, bless the Lord: light and darkness, bless the Lord. Lightning and clouds, bless the Lord: give glory and eternal praise to him.

Let the earth bless the Lord: give glory and eternal praise to him.

Mountains and hills, bless the Lord: all green things that grow on the earth, bless the Lord.

Springs of water, bless the Lord: sea and rivers, bless the Lord.

Fish and everything that moves in water, bless the Lord: birds of heaven, all bless the Lord.

Animals wild and tame, all bless the Lord: all men and women, bless the Lord. O let Israel bless the Lord: give glory and eternal praise to him.

Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord: servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.

All that are upright in spirit, bless the Lord: all that are holy and humble in hearts, bless the Lord.

Bless the Father, bless the Son, bless the Holy Spirit: give glory and eternal praise to him.

Glory to be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

OR

The Song of the Virgin Mary or Magnificat (Luce 1: 46-55)

My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

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He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

The second Lesson

The second lesson is read from the New Testament; or two lessons may be read, one from the Epistles or other book and one from the Gospels.

One of the following is said or sung:

The Song of the Church or Te Deum

We praise you O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord.

All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting

To you all angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein.

To you cherubim and seraphim, continually do cry,

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of the majesty of your glory.

The glorious company of the apostles; praise you.

The godly fellowship of the prophets, praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs, praise you.
The holy Church throughout the world, does acknowledge you.
The Father, of an infinite majesty, your adorable true and only Son Also the Holy spirit,
the Comforter.
You are the King of glory, O Christ; you are the everlasting Son of the Father.
When you became human to deliver humankind: you humbled yourself to be born of a
virgin.
When you had overcome the sharpness of the death: you opened the kingdom of heaven
to all believers.
You sit at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that you will come to be our judge.
We therefore pray, help your servant whom you have redeemed, with your precious
blood.
May they be numbered with your saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, say your people, and bless your heritage, govern them, and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify you, and we worship your name ever, world without end.
O Lord, let your mercy alight upon us, as our trust is in you. O Lord, in you is my hope,
let me never be confounded.
Glory be to the Father , and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, And ever shall be, world without end. Amen
Or
The Song Simeon or Nunc Dimittis (Luck 2:29-32)
Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvations,
which you have prepare in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the
Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

THE SERMON AND CREED

A sermon may be preached

All stand and say or sing the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of the heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried; he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I Believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The minister and congregation may say or sing the following responsive petitions, or another from may be used.

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

And grant us your salvation.

Endow your ministers with righteousness;

And make your chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save your People;

And give your blessing to your Church.

O Lord, be gracious to our country;

And mercifully hear us when we call upon you.

O Lord, guide our leaders;

And give them wisdom from above.

Give peace to the world, O Lord;

And let your kingdom come on earth.

O Lord, make us mindful of all in trouble and distress;

And deliver those who are oppressed and marginalized.

O God, Send your Holy Spirit upon us;

And make clean our hearts within us.

The minister says the Collect or Collect of the Day, and then one of the following:

The Collect for peace

O God, who is the Author of peace and lover of concord, in whose knowledge our eternal life stands, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us humble servant from all assaults of evil; that we surely trusting in you're the power of any adversaries through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

OR

O God from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed, give your servant that peace which that world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to be

obey your commandments, and also that by you we being defended from the fear of evil may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen

And at the Morning Worship one of the following:

The Collect for Grace

O Lord our Refuge, almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with your mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by your governance, to do always that which is righteous in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

OR

O almighty and everlasting God, Vouchsafe, we ask you, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws, and in the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

OR

Lord of all power and might, who is the Author and Giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true devotion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

And at the Evening Worship one of the following:

The Collect for aid against all perils

Lighten our darkness, we ask you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

OR

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed, give your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and also that by you we being defended from the fear of evil may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of the Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen

A hymn, lyric, or anthem may be sung.

Then follow occasional prayers and thanksgiving, liturgical or extempore, which shall always include a prayer for the nation and its leaders. For example, one of the litanies from the Order for the Lord's Supper may be said or sung. The thanksgiving may include the General Thanksgiving:

God of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all people. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And , we ask you, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our redeemer, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

The prayers and thanksgivings may conclude with one of the following:

Almighty God, who, has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and does promise, that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen

OR

O Lord, we ask you mercifully to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they should do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The announcement may be made, and a hymn may be sung.

If there is an offering of gifts, these may be collected rather the service begins, or now. The minister receives them and offers them and offers them to God with prayer in the name of the congregation, after which the minister dismisses the congregation with one of the following:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

II Corinthians 13:13

OR

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we commit you. The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen

OR

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen

Numbers 6:24

OR

To God the Father, who has made us and all the world; to God the Son, who has redeemed us and all humankind; to God the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies us, and all the elect people of God, all the glory for ever and ever. Amen

OR

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen

Ephesians 3:20-21

COMMON LITURGICAL SECTION

A hymn or lyric is sung.

Before the reading, one of the following prayers may be said:

Source of all true wisdom, calm the troubled waters of our hearts, and still all other voice but your own, that we may hear and obey what you tell us in your Word, through the power of your Spirit. Amen

OR

Eternal God, your love for us is everlasting; you alone can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of the morning light. Help us to turn to you with believing hearts. In the stillness of this hour, speak to us of eternal things, so that hearing the promises in Scripture, we may have hope and be lifted above our distress into the peace of your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

A message may be given based on the Scripture passage read. Expressions of gratitude to God for the life of the deceased may follow.

A hymn or a lyric is sung.

The following prayers may be said:

O God of grace, you have given us new and living hope in Jesus Christ. We thank you that by dying Christ destroyed the power of death, and by rising from the grave opened the way to eternal life. Help us to know that because he lives, we shall live also; and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

For our brother/ sister N, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.' Lord you who consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for N, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in sorrow.

Hear us, O Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother/ sister eternal life. heaven.

Hear us, O Lord.

Our brother/ sister was washed in baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him/her fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, O Lord.

He/ she was nourished at your table on the earth; welcome him/her at your table in the heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, O Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of N, let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope. Amen