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## Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy ✕ Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you;  
**and also with you.**

## Confession

St Paul says, be imitators of God: love as Christ loved, do not grieve the Holy Spirit, put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.' So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ. *cf. Ephesians 4.30-5.1*

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing:  
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters:  
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake:  
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.** *Psalm 23.1-3*

**A**lmighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
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.**

**Collect**

Let us pray.

**L**ord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Epistle Reading**

A reading from the first book of Kings:

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

*1 Kings 3.5-12*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Psalm**

**R: We praise you, O Lord; we tell of the glory of your kingdom.**

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

The opening of your word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and draw in my breath,

as I long for your commandments. *R*

Turn to me and be gracious to me,

as is your way with those who love your name.

Order my steps by your word,

and let no wickedness have dominion over me. *R*

Redeem me from earthly oppressors

so that I may keep your commandments.

Show the light of your countenance upon your servant

and teach me your statutes.

My eyes run down with streams of water,

because the wicked do not keep your law. *R*

*Psalm 119.129-136*

### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening;

you have the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you;

**and also with you.**

**H**ear the ✠ Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

*Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Address**

*A short address is given.*

**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 the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**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.**

### ***Intercessions***

*Prayers of intercession are offered.*

**M**erciful Father,  
**A**cept these prayers  
for the sake of your **Son,**  
our **Saviour, Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

### ***Declaration of the Peace***

Christ is our peace: he has reconciled us to God in one body on the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you;  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace. 

*All may express a sign of peace.*

## ***Prayer over the Offerings***

**Y**ours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,  
the splendour and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

### ***Eucharistic Prayer***

The Lord be with you;  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts:  
**we lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:  
**it is right to give thanks and praise.**

**I**t is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

**H**oly, 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.**

**L**ord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he 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.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you 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 forgiveness of sins;  
do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**G**reat is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**A**nd so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Agnes, St Etheldreda, St Martin, St Nicholas, St Philip and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, ...**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**J**esus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
**J**esus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
**J**esus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

### **Invitation to Communion**

**J**esus is the Lamb of ☩ God that takes away the sin of the world.  
**J** Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Those who are unable to receive the bread and wine of communion at this time  
may make an act of spiritual communion using the words:*

Lord Jesus Christ, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

**L**ord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving  
himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the  
power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory  
and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## ***Blessing***

The Lord be with you;  
**and also with you.**

**T**he God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## ***Dismissal***

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**