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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*

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Turn to us again, O God our saviour,  
and let your anger cease from us:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Show us your compassion, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your salvation is near for those that fear you,  
that glory may dwell in our land:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**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.**

## *Collect*

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### ***First Reading***

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my<sup>[L]</sup> God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of<sup>[C]</sup> Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*1 Corinthians 1.3-9*

### ***Gradual Psalm***

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, ◆  
you that led Joseph like a flock;

2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, ◆  
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

3 Stir up your mighty strength ◆  
and come to our salvation.

4 **R.** *Turn us again, O God; ◆*  
*show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

5 O Lord God of hosts, ◆  
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

6 You feed them with the bread of tears; ◆  
you give them abundance of tears to drink.

7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, ◆  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

8 **R.** *Turn us again, O God of hosts; ◆*  
*show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

*Psalm 80.1-8*

## ***Gospel Reading***

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*cf Isaiah 40.3–5*

The Lord be with you;

Hear the ✠ Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

24 “But in those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26 Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great  
power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his  
elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of  
heaven.

28 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes  
tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So  
also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he[e] is  
near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass  
away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will  
pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in  
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert;[f] for  
you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a  
journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with  
his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35  
Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the  
house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at  
dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37  
And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Mark 13.24-end*

*A short address is given.*

*Creed*

**W**e 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**ccept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*cf Luke 1.78,79*

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.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,

through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,

we now watch for the day

when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels

and with all the company of heaven

to proclaim your glory

for ever praising you and *saying*:

**H**oly, holy, holy Lord,  
**H** 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.  
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.**

*The Holy Communion at this time is received in the form of the bread only.*

***Prayer after Communion***

Let us pray. O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***Blessing***

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

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing ...

**Amen.**

***Dismissal***

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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