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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.**

## Prayer of Preparation

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

## Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'  
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

## Confession

*All* **Most merciful God,**  
**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**we confess that we have sinned**  
**in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

*All* **Kyrie, eleison  
Kyrie, eleison  
Christe, eleison  
Christe, eleison  
Kyrie, eleison  
Kyrie, eleison**

### ***Absolution***

Almighty 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.

*All* **Amen.**

### ***Collect***

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### ***First Reading***

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')— in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already<sup>[a]</sup> as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith<sup>[b]</sup> 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup> Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Romans 4.13-25*

This is the word of the LORD

**All: Thanks be to God**

### ***Gradual Psalm***

You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me,<sup>[a]</sup>  
but heard when I<sup>[b]</sup> cried to him.

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup> The poor<sup>[c]</sup> shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
May your hearts live for ever!

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD;

and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.<sup>[d]</sup>

<sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup> To him,<sup>[e]</sup> indeed, shall all who sleep in<sup>[f]</sup> the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.<sup>[g]</sup>

<sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,

<sup>31</sup> and<sup>[h]</sup> proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

### ***Psalm 22.23-31***

### ***Gospel Reading***

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are

setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,<sup>[a]</sup> will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words<sup>[b]</sup> in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

*Mark 8.31-38*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Address**

*An 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***

### ***The Peace***

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

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 virtual sign of peace.*

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

God of our journey,  
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,  
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*As the monetary offerings are presented, the celebrant may say:*

God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
accept all we offer you this day;  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

### ***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 in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**H**oly, holy, holy Lord,  
**G**od 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.

**B**lessed 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.**

*A Prayer of Humble Access is said:*

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.**

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

### *Prayer after Communion*

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,

may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
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.

**All Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

### ***Blessing***

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

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing ...  
**Amen.**

### ***Dismissal***

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

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