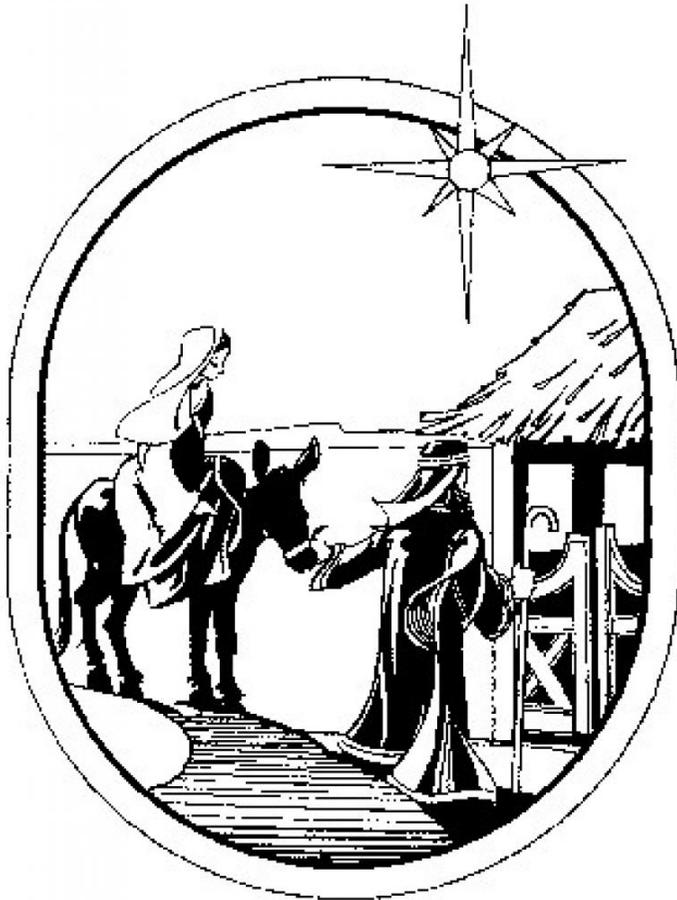


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The Greeting

The president greets the people

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Introit hymn

Prayer of Preparation

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

Prayers of Penitence

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

The priest uses a seasonal invitation to confession: The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings. Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against thee
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life
to the glory of thy name.
Amen.**

The president says

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive *you your* sins
and make *us* holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria in excelsis may be used

All **Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer.

Let us pray. Almighty God,
who hast given us thy only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, being regenerate
and made thy children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

I God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, ²hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; ³who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; ⁴being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. ⁵For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? ⁶And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. ⁷And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. ⁸But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. ⁹Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. ¹⁰And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: ¹¹they shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; ¹²and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

Hebrews 1:1-12

This is the word of the LORD

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Psalm

O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things:
his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

² The LORD hath made known his salvation:

his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

³ He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel:
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth:
make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

⁵ Sing unto the LORD with the harp;
with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

⁶ With trumpets and sound of cornet
make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
the world, and they that dwell therein.

⁸ Let the floods clap *their* hands:
let the hills be joyful together ⁹ before the LORD;
for he cometh to judge the earth:
with righteousness shall he judge the world,
and the people with equity.

Psalm 98

Gradual Hymn or Carol

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The same was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. ¹¹ He came unto his own, and his own received him not. ¹² But

as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: ¹³ which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-14

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Address

The Creed

All **I believe in one God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things
visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together**

**is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.
Let us bring before God the needs of the world.
Wonderful counsellor,
give your wisdom to the rulers of the nations.
Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

Mighty God,
make the whole world know
that the government is on your shoulders.
Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father,
establish your reign of justice and righteousness for ever.
Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

Prince of peace,
bring in the endless kingdom of your peace.
Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

Almighty Lord,
**hear our prayer
and fulfil your purposes in us,
as you accomplished your will
in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,

and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of God be always with you
and also with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:
through thy goodness we have this bread to set before thee,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:
through thy goodness we have this wine to set before thee,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Thanksgiving

Thine, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the
majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is thine.

All things come from thee, and of thine own do we give thee.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

All It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

[The following may be omitted if a Short Proper Preface is used
For he is thy living Word;

through him thou hast created all things from the beginning,
and fashioned us in thine own image.

Through him thou didst redeem us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman,
to die upon the cross,
and to rise again for us.

Through him thou hast made us a people for thine own possession,
exalting him to thy right hand on high,
and sending forth through him thy holy and life-giving Spirit]

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate: And now we give thee thanks
because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
he took our nature upon him
and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother,
that being himself without sin,
he might make us clean from all sin.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee and *saying*:

**All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
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.
Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:

Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of his kingdom
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of thy divine majesty,
renew us by thy Holy Spirit,
inspire us with thy love,
and unite us in the body of thy Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father almighty,
world without end.

All **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.**

All **O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

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

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

Prayer after Communion

The celebrant says:

O God our Father,
whose Word hath come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
grant that the light of faith may illumine our hearts and shine in all our
words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

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

The Blessing

May God give to you and to all those whom you love
his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing ...

The president may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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