

Divine Worship

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The Church of the

Redeemer



The Baptism of Our Lord

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Welcome to *The Church of the Redeemer*

- ❖ This booklet contains our liturgy, the order we follow in worship. You'll see the Scripture readings and songs that change from week to week as well as prayers we offer every Sunday.
- ❖ The shape of our Sunday worship is ancient and comes from the *Book of Common Prayer*. Its language is not our everyday language, but a more formal, elevated speech that connects us to the majesty of God and to the larger body of Christ (on earth and in heaven) that worships God together in one Spirit. It's not so much what we've chosen as what we've received, and we treasure the heritage that passed it to us.
- ❖ Not everything we do is "scripted," though. We may pray or sing or "amen" in ways that aren't in the book but spring up from our own hearts. We believe the liturgy has "breathing room" – space for the Spirit to move in fresh ways during the service.
- ❖ Incense is a biblical means of our prayers rising to God and of his presence with us. We use high-quality, natural materials that present little to no risk for irritation or allergic reaction.
- ❖ We teach obedience to 1 Corinthians 11:4-16 regarding head coverings in worship, but we recognize that many do not believe this Scripture still applies to the Church. All are welcome to worship according to their own consciences on the matter.

Please *don't* get stressed about whether you're "doing everything right." Like most things, both liturgical and spontaneous worship are things we grow into with time, practice, and devotion. We all had a first time too and understand!

Do focus on the words we sing and pray.

Do join your heart and voice with ours toward God.

Do receive the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Oh, and the kneeler *under* your seat is yours.

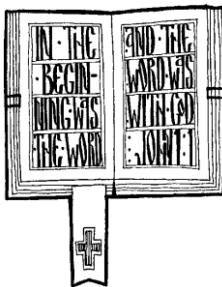
We're glad you came to worship the Lord with us!

Adore the Lord!

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Every tongue and every nation
Adore the Lord! Adore the Lord!
All of this chosen generation,
Come, adore the Lord!

He is high; he is worthy.
He is worthy, he alone.
Let us sing; he is holy,
Ever holy, evermore.
Everyone adore the Lord!
Everyone adore the Lord!



THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

BLESSED be God, ✕ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

¶ At the Communion-time the Table shall have upon it a fair white linen cloth. And the Presbyter, standing reverently facing the Table, shall say the Lord's Prayer and the Collect following, the people kneeling; but the Lord's Prayer may be omitted at the discretion of the Presbyter.

¶ A Psalm, Hymn, or Anthem may be sung when the Minister enters or, after a sentence of Scripture, the Minister may say,

People. The Lord be with you.
Presbyter. *And with thy spirit.*
 Let us pray.

¶ Then shall be said the COLLECT FOR PURITY following.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are 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.*

¶ Then shall the Presbyter, turning to the People, rehearse distinctly The Ten Commandments; and the People shall, after every Commandment, ask God mercy for their transgressions for the time past, and grace to keep the law for the time to come.

¶ The Decalogue may be omitted, provided it be said at least one Sunday in each month. But Note, that whenever it is omitted, the Minister shall say the Summary of the Law, beginning, Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

GOD spake these words, and said: I am the LORD thy God; Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

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

THOU shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them:

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

THOU shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain;

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

REMEMBER the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

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

HONOUR thy father and thy mother:

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

THOU shalt do no murder.

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

THOU shalt not commit adultery.

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

THOU shalt not steal.

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

THOU shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

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

THOU shalt not covet

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

¶ Then may the Minister say,

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

¶ Here, if the Decalogue has been omitted, shall be said,

(Threefold) Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Presbyter. Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ Then shall be said the COLLECT OF THE DAY.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ This Collect is to be said daily throughout the Octave.

Isaiah 42:1-9

BEHOLD my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

3 a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

5 Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

6 “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,

7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8 I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

9 Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

Lector. This is the Word of the Lord.
People. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 89:20-29 *Misericordias Domini.*

YOU spoke sometimes in visions to Your saints, and said, *
I have given help to one who is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

21 I have found David My servant; *
with My holy oil have I anointed him.

22 My hand shall hold him fast, *
and My arm shall strengthen him.

23 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence; *
the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.

24 I will beat down his foes before his face, *
and plague those who hate him.

25 My truth also and My mercy shall be with him, *
and in My Name shall his horn be exalted.

26 I will set his dominion also in the sea, *
and his right hand in the floods.

27 He shall call Me, You are my Father, *
my God, and my strong salvation.

28 And I will make him My first-born, *
higher than the kings of the earth.

29 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, *
and My covenant shall stand fast with him.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,*
and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Acts 10:34-38

SO Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Lector. This is the Word of the Lord.

People. *Thanks be to God.*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Words: James Montgomery (Anglican) 1821 based on Psalm 72;
Music: WOODBIRD, Trad. German Melody

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes, with succour speedy,
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him, on the mountains,
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
his changeless Name of love.

Your Name

Words and Music: Paul Baloche & The Rev. Glenn Packiam (Anglican).
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As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your Name.

*Your Name is a strong and mighty tower.
Your Name is a shelter like no other.
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder.
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name.*

Jesus, in Your Name we pray.
Come and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name.

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

Words: Kate B. Wilkinson (Anglican), before 1913;
appeared in *Golden Bells* (London: Children's Special Service Mission, 1925).
Music: St. Leonards, The Rev. Arthur C. Barham-Gould (Anglican), 1925

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power.

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

May His beauty rest upon me,
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only Him.

Gospel Procession: In the Name of the Lord

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There is strength in the name of the Lord.
There is power in the name of the Lord.
There is hope in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes
In the name of the Lord.

Presbyter. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to
St. _____.
All. (Sung) *Glory be to thee, O Lord!*

St. Matthew 3:13-17

THEN Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Presbyter. The Gospel of the Lord.
All. (Sung) *Praise be to thee, O Christ!*

Nicene Creed

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, and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped 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.

Sermon Prayer and Response: Anointing Fall on Me

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Anointing fall on (him) me.*

Anointing fall on (him) me.

Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on (him) me.

Anointing fall on (him) me.

**Congregation sings "him" before and "me" after the sermon.*

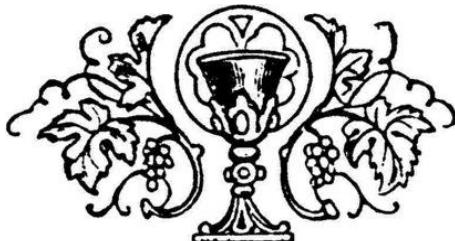


Children ages 5 and under are invited (but not required) to go with the teacher to the classroom for a Bible story, activity, and snack time. They will return to the sanctuary for the Peace and Holy Communion.

¶ Then shall follow the SERMON. After which, the Presbyter shall return to the Lord's Table, and begin the OFFERTORY.

¶ The Offering of the congregation having been gathered, it may be dedicated to the Lord in these words following, or the Long Meter Doxology, or other suitable words, said or sung.

ALL things come of thee, O LORD, and of thine own have we given thee. *Amen.* *1 Chronicles 29:14*



THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

¶ Here the Presbyter shall give the following or similar invitation.

OUR fellow baptized Christians of other branches of Christ's Church, all who love our Divine Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in sincerity, are affectionately invited to the Lord's Table.

¶ Then the Presbyter may ask the secret intercessions of the congregation for any who have desired the prayers of the church. After which he shall say,

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, [especially Donald our President], and other rulers, [especially Josh our Governor], that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, [especially Steve our Archbishop, Ray our Presiding Bishop, Peter our Bishop, and Paul our minister,] that they may, both by their life and

doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

With our Diocese, we ask your especial favor and blessing upon Fr. David Goodwin, Fr. J. Scott Houser and the parishioners of St. John's Anglican Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. *[The congregation may offer their petitions.]*

Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Presbyter say the following words to those who come to receive the Holy Communion. And note, That if the Exhortation above be not said, the people may remain kneeling, the Presbyter using the words *devoutly saying* in place of *devoutly kneeling*.

YEW who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

¶ Then shall this GENERAL CONFESSiON be made, by the Presbyter and all those who are minded to receive the Holy Communion, humbly kneeling, and saying,

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Presbyter, or the Bishop if he be present, stand up, and turning to the people, say,

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; ¶ Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Presbyter say,

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matthew 11:28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John 2:1, 2*

¶ All stand. The Presbyter says to the people,

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People. *And with thy spirit.*

¶ Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, after which the Presbyter shall proceed, saying,

Is the Father with us?
He is.
People. Is Christ among us?
He is.
People. Is the Spirit here?
He is.
People. This is our God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Presbyter. We are his people.
People. *We are redeemed.*

¶ It is appropriate for the people to return to a kneeling posture.

Presbyter. The Lord be with you.
People. *And with thy spirit.*
Presbyter. Lift up your hearts.
People. *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
Presbyter. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People. *It is meet and right so to do.*

¶ Then shall the Presbyter turn to the holy Table, and say,

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.

BECAUSE in Jesus Christ our Lord thou hast received us as thy sons and daughters, made us citizens of thy kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

¶ Presbyter and people.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus)

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!

* Blessed is He who comes in the Name,
Who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

¶ When the Presbyter, standing before the holy Table, has so ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readiness and decency break the Bread before the people, and take the Cup into his hands, he shall say the PRAYER OF CONSECRATION as follows.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ 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 did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, ^ahe took Bread; and when he had given thanks, ^bhe brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, ^cthis is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, ^dhe took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for ^ethis is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Presbyter. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
All. *(Sung) Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!*

¶ Then shall be said the OBLATION.

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

¶ Then shall be said the INVOCATION.

(a) *Here the Presbyter is to take the Paten into his hands.*

(b) *And here to break the Bread.*

(c) *And here to lay his hand upon all the Bread.*

(d) *Here he is to take the Cup into his hands.*

(e) *And here he is to lay his hand upon every vessel in which there is any Wine to be consecrated.*

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thine almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, **¶** our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

Presbyter. And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presbyter. Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

¶ Then shall the Presbyter, kneeling down at the Lord's Table, say in the name of all those who shall receive the Communion, this Prayer following.

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 property 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.*

Agnus Dei

Music: John Merbecke (Anglican), 1510-1575

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.

¶ Then shall the Presbyter first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and proceed to deliver the same to the Bishops, Presbyters, and Deacons, in like manner, (if any be present,) and after that to the people also in order, into their hands, all devoutly kneeling. And sufficient opportunity shall be given to those present to communicate. And when he delivers the Bread, he shall say,

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

¶ And the Minister who delivers the Cup shall say,

THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

Let us pray for you.

After all have received bread and wine and the priest is finishing at the Table or as we are singing, all who would like prayer – for healing, blessing, to be filled with the Spirit, anything at all – are welcome to come back to the front to stand or kneel at the altar rail. The priest and others appointed will anoint and pray for you.

Here I Am, Lord

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I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
 My hand will save.

I who make the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
 They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
 Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them.
 My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send?

Presbyter.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ Then, all standing, shall be said or sung the *GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*, or some suitable Hymn.

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.*

¶ This exchange, from the Kenyan prayer book, occurs before the BLESSING. The people accompany the first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross behind the Holy Table, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.

Presbyter. All our problems
All. We send to the cross of Christ.
Presbyter. All our difficulties
All. We send to the cross of Christ.
Presbyter. All the devil's works
All. We send to the cross of Christ.
Presbyter. All our hopes
All. We set on the risen Christ.

¶ Then, the people kneeling, the Presbyter (the Bishop if he be present) shall let them depart with his BLESSING.

THE peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶ A hymn or anthem may be sung.

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

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Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you and give you peace.

¶ The Deacon, or the Presbyter, dismisses them with these or other words.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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