

Divine Worship



The Church of the
Redeemer



First Sunday in Advent
December 3, A.D. 2023

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. Check out Father Edgerton's book for more on incense and its role in the Church.
- ❖ 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. Those who adhere to this teaching, those who do not, and those who are unsure are all welcome to worship according to their own consciences on the matter. Fr. Edgerton has a book in the lobby that offers the historic Christian understanding of this text and practice.

Please *don't* get stressed about whether you're "doing everything right." Like most things, both liturgical and ex tempore 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.

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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

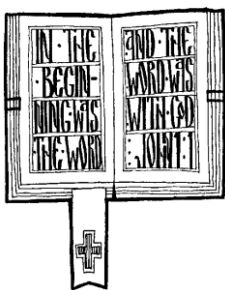
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Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find, let us find,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of all, joy of all,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy grace, now thy grace,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to, raise us to,
raise us to thy glorious throne.



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,

The Lord be with you.

People.

And with thy spirit.

Presbyter.

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,

(Sung, ninefold) 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.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;

that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.
Amen.

¶ This Collect is to be repeated every day, after the other Collects in Advent, until Christmas Day.

Isaiah 64:1-9

OH that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
5 You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
8 But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

Psalm 80:1-7. *Qui regis Israel.*

HEAR, O Shepherd of Israel, You Who lead Joseph like a flock; *
show Yourself also, You Who sit upon the cherubim.

- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up Your strength, and come, and help us.
- 3 Turn us again, O God; *
show the light of Your countenance,
and we shall be whole.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will You be angry with Your people who pray?
- 5 You feed them with the bread of tears, *
and give them an abundance of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us a very strife unto our neighbours, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Turn us again, O God of hosts; *
show the light of Your countenance,
and we shall be whole.

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.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

PAUL, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our
brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector. This is the Word of the Lord.

People. Thanks be to God

Indescribable

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From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing your majesty.
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it sings, all exclaiming:

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky,
and you know them by name.
You are amazing, God!
All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees
as we humbly proclaim,
You are amazing, God!*

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom!

We Bow Down and Say “Holy”

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To say that God is wise is not enough,
For his wisdom is beyond all we can know.
To say that God is strong is just a breath;
He can make the mountains tremble just for show.
So we bow down and say “holy.”

To say that God is good is just a step
In the journey of a life of providence.
To see that God is awesome is a hint:
We can never know the fullness, just the sense.
So we bow down and say “holy.”

*Holy is the Father of creation;
Holy is his Son, our Lord and King;
Holy is the Spirit ever with us;
The Three-In-One of whom the angels sing:
God Most High, God Most High,
So we bow down and say “holy”.*

And though it too is still for us a word
That contains much more than we can ever bear,
And though the mortal ear has never heard
All the depths of what in worship we declare,
Still we bow down and say “holy.”

The Potter’s Hand

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Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior,
I know for sure all of my days are held in Your hand,
Crafted into Your perfect plan.

You gently call me into Your presence,
Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit.
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life
Through Your eyes.

I'm captured by Your Holy calling.
Set me apart, I know You're drawing me to Yourself.
Lead me Lord, I pray.

*Take me and mold me, fill me, use me.
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me.
I give my life to the Potter's hand.*

Gospel Procession: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

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Prepare ye the way of the Lord!
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
And make his paths straight!
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Presbyter. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to
St. _____.

All.

O EMMANUEL,*
our King and Lawgiver,

the Desire of all nations, and their Salvation:*
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

St. Mark 13:24-37

BUT in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And 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 out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these

things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Presbyter. The Gospel of the Lord.
All.

O WISDOM,*
which camest out of the mouth of the Most High,
and reachest from one end to the other,

mightily and sweetly ordering all things:*
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

¶ Then shall be said the CREED commonly called the Nicene.

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

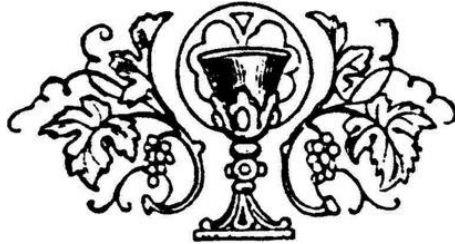
together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the ✠ Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

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 Christians of other branches of Christ's Church, and 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 Joseph our President and Roy 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 Foley 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 thy grace and favor toward Fr. Eric Parker and the parishioners of St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Lexington, Virginia.

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 may the Presbyter say this EXHORTATION, the people standing. And note, That the Exhortation shall be said on the First Sunday in Advent, the First Sunday in Lent, and Trinity Sunday.

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, ye who mind to come to the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, must consider how Saint Paul exhorteth all persons diligently to examine themselves, before they presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For as the benefit is great, if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy Sacrament; so is the danger great, if we receive the same unworthily. Judge therefore yourselves, brethren, that ye be not judged of the Lord; repent you truly for your sins past; have a lively and steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour; amend your lives, and be in perfect charity with all men; so shall ye be meet partakers of those holy mysteries.

And above all things ye must give most humble and hearty thanks to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble himself, even to the death upon the Cross, for us, miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. And to the end that we should always remember the exceeding great love of our Master, and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by his precious blood-shedding he hath obtained for us; he hath instituted and ordained holy mysteries, as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death, to our great and endless comfort. To him therefore, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, let us give, as we are most bounden, continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to his holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. *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*.

YE 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?

People. He is.

Presbyter. Is Christ among us?

People. He is.

Presbyter. Is the Spirit here?

People. He is.

Presbyter. This is our God,

People. 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.

¶ Here shall follow the PROPER PREFACE, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed; or else immediately shall be said or sung by the Presbyter,

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, 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!

¶ 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. According to his command, O Father,
All. We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory!

¶ 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.

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.*

Jesus Lamb of God

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your 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.

Sovereign Over Us

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There is strength within the sorrow.
There is beauty in our tears.
And You meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear.

You are working in our waiting.
You're sanctifying us.
When beyond our understanding,
You're teaching us to trust.

*Your plans are still to prosper.
You have not forgotten us.
You're with us in the fire and the flood.
Faithful forever,
Perfect in love,
You are sovereign over us.*

You are wisdom unimagined.
Who could understand your ways,
Reigning high above the heavens,
Reaching down in endless grace?

You're the lifter of the lowly.
Compassionate and kind.
You surround and You uphold me.
And Your promises are my delight.

Bridge:
*Even what the enemy means for evil,
You turn it for our good,
You turn it for our good and for Your glory.
Even in the valley, You are faithful;
You're working for our good,
You're working for our good and for Your glory.*

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.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Translated: The Rev. Dr. John Mason Neal, 1818-66 (Anglican)
Music: French Processional, *Veni Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

¶ 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.

Jesus Shall Reign

Words: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David*, 1719, based on Psalm 72.
Music: DUKE STREET, attributed to John Hatton, 1793

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Where He displays His healing power,
Death and the curse are known no more:
In Him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

¶ 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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