# Divine Worship

# The Church of the Redeemer



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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 symbol of our prayers rising to God and 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 (free) 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 (free) 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!

#### The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Words: Anonymous German monk in Latin, 1695; tr. The Rev. Francis Pott (Anglican), 1859 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (Anglican), 1823-1889

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed; let shouts of holy joy outburst:

Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead; all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell; The bars from heaven's high portals fell; Let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live, and sing to thee:

Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



#### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

**B**LESSED 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*.

- ¶ 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.
- ¶ 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.

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.

OGOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### Micah 6:1-8

EAR what the Lord says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

- Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel.
- <sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me!
- For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
- 5 O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord."

- 6 "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
- Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
  Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
- 8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*Lector.* This is the Word of the Lord.

People. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 37:1-11. Noli aemulari.

 $\mathbf{F}^{\text{RET}}$  not yourself because of the ungodly; \* neither be envious against the evil doers.

- 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, \* and be withered even as the green herb.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD, and be doing good; \* dwell in the land, and verily you shall be fed.
- 4 Delight in the LORD, \* and He shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way unto the LORD, and put your trust in Him, \* and He shall bring it to pass.
- 6 He shall make your righteousness as clear as the light, \* and your just dealing as the noon-day.
- 7 Hold yourself still in the LORD, and abide patiently upon Him: \* but grieve not yourself at him whose way prospers, against the man who does after evil counsels.

- 8 Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure: \* fret not yourself, else you shall be moved to do evil.
- 9 Wicked doers shall be rooted out; \* and they who patiently abide the LORD, those shall inherit the land.
- 10 Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone:\* you shall look after his place, and he shall be away.
- 11 But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth, \* and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.

CLORY 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 1:18-31

 $\Gamma$ OR the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing

things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to from us wisdom God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Lector. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God People.

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past Words: Isaac Watts, based on Psalm 90

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O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure: Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone: Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home.

#### You Have Been So Good to Me

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You have been so good to me. You have been so good to me. I came here broken; you made me whole. You have been so good; you have been so good. You have been so good to me!

You have been so good to me.
You have been so good to me.
I came here mourning; you gave me joy.
You have been so good, you have been so good.
You have been so good to me!

#### Chorus:

How can I thank you?
There is just no way.
How can I thank you?
Lord, how could I repay
For your kindness,
For your tenderness,
For your tence here with me?

You have been so good to me.
You have been so good to me.
I came here broken; you made me whole.
You have been so good; you have been so good.
You have been so good to me!

#### Chorus

You have been so good to me.
You have been so good to me.
I came here mourning; you gave me joy.
You have been so good; you have been so good.
You have been so good to me!

#### I Give You My Heart

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This is my desire: to honor you.
Lord, with all my heart, I worship you.
With all I have within me
I give you praise.
All that I adore is in you.

Lord, I give you my heart.
I give you my soul.
I live for you alone.
With every breath that I take,
Every moment I'm awake,
Lord, have your way in me.

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

#### St. Matthew 5:1-12

**S**EEING the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

- <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Presbyter.* The Gospel of the Lord.

All. (Sung) Praise be to thee, O Christ!

¶ 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.

## May the Words of My Mouth From Psalm 19:14, alt.; Music: Eric Wyse (Anglican)

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May the words of (his) my\* mouth, the meditation of our hearts, in your sight be acceptable, O Lord.

May the words of (his) my mouth, the meditation of our hearts, in your sight be acceptable, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

\*Congregation sings "his" before and "my" 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, prayer, 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.

A LL things come of thee, O LORD, and of thine own have we given thee. *Amen. 1 Chronicles* 20:14



#### 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 your especial grace and favor towards Fr. Eric Parker and the parishioners of St. Paul'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 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,

All LMIGHTY 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.

 $\P$  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.

 $\P$  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,

 $T^{\text{HEREFORE}}$  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

- (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.

sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, <sup>a</sup>he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, <sup>b</sup>he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, <sup>c</sup>this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, <sup>d</sup>he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for <sup>c</sup>this 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.

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.

ND 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 Gather, 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**

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O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us 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.

#### 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.

*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.

CLORY 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.

#### O Word of God Incarnate

Words: William W. How, 1867. Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch (Meiningen, Germany: 1693); harmony by Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page, A Lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The Church from You, our Savior, received the Gift divine, And still that Light is lifted over all the earth to shine. It is the sacred Vessel where gems of truth are stored; It is the heaven drawn Picture of Christ, the living Word.

The Scripture is a banner before God's host unfurled; It is a shining Beacon above the darkling world. It is the Chart and Compass that over life's surging tide, Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, to You, O Christ, will guide.

O make your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold, To bear before the nations Your true light as of old. O teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace, Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see You face to face.

¶ 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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