

Divine Worship
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The Church of the
Redeemer



Fourth Sunday in Advent
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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!

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Words: Aurelius Prudentius, 5th Century (*Corde natus ex parentis*);
translated from Latin to English by The Rev. Dr. John M. Neale (Anglican), 1854, and Henry W. Baker (Anglican), 1859.
Music: *Divinum Mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th Century

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

At His Word the worlds were framèd; He commanded; it was done:
Heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order one;
All that grows beneath the shining
Of the moon and burning sun, evermore and evermore!

He is found in human fashion, death and sorrow here to know,
That the race of Adam's children doomed by law to endless woe,
May not henceforth die and perish
In the dreadful gulf below, evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessèd, when the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Savior of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face, evermore and evermore!

This is He Whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord;
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
Now He shines, the long expected,
Let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore!



THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

SURELY the ✠ Lord is coming soon.
Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

¶ 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.
<i>People.</i>	<i>And with thy spirit.</i>
<i>Presbyter.</i>	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,

Lord Have Mercy

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Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.
(Repeat)

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, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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 7:10-17

AGAIN the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin

shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷ The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!”

Lector. This is the Word of the Lord.

People. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24. *Domini est terra.*

THE earth is the LORD'S, and all that therein is; *
the compass of the world, and those who dwell therein.

- 2 For He has founded it upon the seas, *
and established it upon the floods.
- 3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? *
or who shall rise up in His holy place?
- 4 Even he who has clean hands, and a pure heart; *
and who has not lift up his mind unto vanity,
nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.
- 5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, *
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 This is the generation of those who seek Him; *
even of those who seek Your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates; and be lifted up,
you everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 Who is this King of glory? *
It is the LORD strong and mighty,
even the LORD mighty in battle.

- 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates;
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glory? *
Even the LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

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.

Romans 1:1-7

PAUL, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

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

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



Glory

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Great is the Lord God Almighty.
Great is the Lord on high.
The train of His robe fills the temple,
And we cry out highest praise.

Glory to the risen King.
Glory to the Son, glorious Son.

*Lift up your heads,
Open the doors,
Let the King of Glory come in
And forever be our God!*

Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Holy is the Lord on high.
Let all the earth bow before You,
And crown You Lord of all.

Make All Things New

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In the beginning there was darkness.
The earth was without its form and void.
But the Spirit of the Lord
Was hov'ring o'er the deep, and God said,
"Let there be light!" "Let there be light!"

Chorus:
*God of creation and glory,
God of creation and glory,
Make all things new!
Author of all of our story,
We lift our cry for your glory:
Make all things new!*

In every heart there was but darkness.
A child born in sin is just a void.
But the Spirit of the Lord
Touched the womb of the Virgin, and God said,
“Let there be light!” “Let there be light!”

Still the creation waits in longing.
And all of the peoples wait for joy.
But the Spirit and the Bride
Are going forth in power, and we say,
“Let there be light!” “Let there be light!”

Emmanuel

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Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

Gospel Procession: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Words: Tyler Crocker from Mark 1:3; Music: Tyler Crocker and Paul C. Edgerton (ASCAP)

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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 KING of the Nations*
and their Desire;

the Cornerstone who makest both one: *
Come and save mankind, who thou formedst of clay.

St. Matthew 1:18-25

NOW the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Presbyter. The Gospel of the Lord.
All.

O Emmanuel,*
our King and Lawgiver,

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

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: Day by Day

Words: Richard, Bishop of Chichester (Anglican), 1197-1253
Music: SUMNER, Arthur Henry Biggs (Anglican), 1906-1954

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

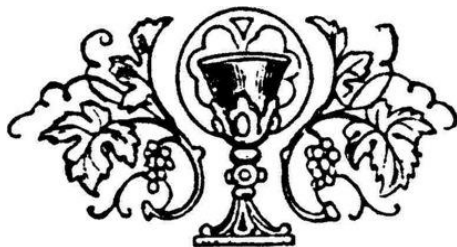


Children ages 5 and under are invited (but not required) to go with the teacher to the classroom for a Bible story, activity, and snack time. They will return to the sanctuary for the Peace and Holy Communion.

¶ 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. John Longcamp and the parishioners of Christ Church Anglican in Florence, Kentucky.

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,

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,

People. The peace of the Lord be always with you.
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?
<i>People.</i>	<i>He is.</i>
<i>Presbyter.</i>	Is Christ among us?
<i>People.</i>	<i>He is.</i>
<i>Presbyter.</i>	Is the Spirit here?
<i>People.</i>	<i>He is.</i>
<i>Presbyter.</i>	This is our God,
<i>People.</i>	<i>Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</i>
<i>Presbyter.</i>	We are his people.
<i>People.</i>	<i>We are redeemed.</i>

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

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

¶ 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 thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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)

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. 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.

(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.

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.

This Is Our God

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Who is this God who poised the earth
On nothing but his Word?
Who is this God who counts the stars
And calls them all by name?

Chorus:

Leader: This is our God.

Congregation: This is our God.

Leader: This is our Lord.

Congregation: This is our King

All: Who reigns over all the earth!

Who is this God who sends his love
As breathing, suffering Word?
Who is this God who calls the poor
To know him by his name?

Bridge:

God over all, splendor unknown,
Revealed now in Christ,
Filling the Church,
Finding the lost,
Raising the dead.

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, 1848-66 (Anglican)

Music: French Processional, *Veni Emmanuel*

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.

¶ 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.

<i>Presbyter.</i>	All our problems
<i>All.</i>	We send to the cross of Christ.
<i>Presbyter.</i>	All our difficulties
<i>All.</i>	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.

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Words: Aurelius Prudentius, 5th Century (*Corde natus ex parentis*);
translated from Latin to English by The Rev. Dr. John M. Neale (Anglican), 1854, and Henry W. Baker (Anglican), 1859.
Music: *Divinum Mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th Century

O ye heights of heaven adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King!
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert sing, evermore and evermore!

Righteous judge of souls departed, righteous King of them that live,
On the Father's throne exalted none in might with Thee may strive;
Who at last in vengeance coming
Sinners from Thy face shalt drive, evermore and evermore!

Thee let old men, thee let young men, thee let boys in chorus sing;
Matrons, virgins, little maidens, with glad voices answering:
Let their guileless songs re-echo,
And the heart its music bring, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

¶ 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!

The Christ Mass

December 24, 10:00 pm

Holy Communion and candle lighting.

Kids welcome to attend in their pajamas.

*Invite your friends and neighbors who don't have a
Christ Mass tradition!*



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