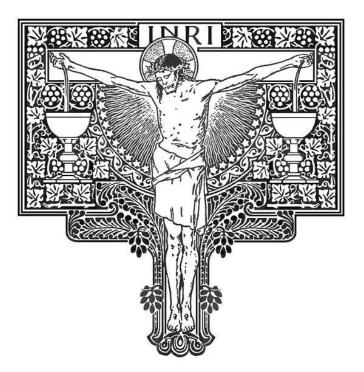
Divine Worship * *The* Church of the Redeemer



Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity October 1, A.D. 2023

Welcome to *The* **Church** of the **Redeeme**r

- 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 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!

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Words: Robert Grant (Anglican), in 1833, alt. This version is a reworking of lyrics by The Rev. William Kethe (Anglican) in the Genevan Psalter of 1561. Music: HANOVER, William Croft (Anglican) 1708

> O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing His power and His love; Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old; Established it fast by a changeless decree, And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail; Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless might! Ineffable love! While angels delight to worship Thee above, The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall all sing Thy praise.



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.

A LMIGHTY 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,

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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.

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always both precede and follow Lus, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

THE word of the LORD came to me: ² "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵ "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶ When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷ Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸ Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰ "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

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

Psalm 25:1-14 Ad te, Domine, levavi.

UNTO You, O LORD, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in You: * O let me not be confounded, neither let my enemies triumph over me.

- 2 For all those who hope in You shall not be ashamed; * but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.
- 3 Show me Your ways, O LORD, * and teach me Your paths.
- 4 Lead me forth in Your truth, and teach me: * for You are the God of my salvation; in You has been my hope all the day long.
- 5 Call to remembrance, O LORD, Your tender mercies, * and Your loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.
- 6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; * but according to Your mercy think upon me, O LORD, for Your goodness.
- 7 Gracious and righteous is the LORD; * therefore, will He teach sinners in the way.
- 8 Those who are meek shall He guide in judgement; * and such as are gentle, them shall He teach His way.

- 9 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, * unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.
- 10 For Your Name's sake, O LORD, * be merciful unto my sin; for it is great.
- What man is he who fears the LORD? * him shall He teach in the way that He shall choose.
- 12 His soul shall dwell at ease, * and his seed shall inherit the land.
- 13 The secret of the LORD is among those who fear Him; * and He will show them His covenant.
- 14 My eyes are ever looking unto the LORD; * for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,*

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

Philippians 2:1-13

S^O if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, "and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Be Magnified

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I have made You too small in my eyes; O Lord, forgive me. And I have believed in the lie That you were unable to help me.

But now, O Lord, I see my wrong. Heal my heart and show Yourself strong. And in my eyes and with my song, O Lord, be magnified. O Lord, be magnified.

Be magnified, O Lord. You are highly exalted. And there is nothing You can't do. O Lord, my eyes are on you. Be magnified, O Lord, be magnified.

I have leaned on the wisdom of men; O Lord, forgive me. And I have responded to them Instead of Your light and Your mercy.

But now, O Lord, I see my wrong. Heal my heart and show Yourself strong. And in my eyes and with my song, O Lord, be magnified. O Lord, be magnified.

O Lord, You're Beautiful

Words and Music by Keith Green. ©1980 BMG Songs/Birdwing Music/ASCAP. These verses by Keith Green as recorded by Jerry Bryant, 1978.

> O Lord, you're beautiful. Your face is all I seek, For when your eyes are on this child, Your grace abounds to me.

O Lord, my body's tired, But you keep reminding me Of many holy, tireless men Who spilled their blood for thee.

Chorus:

I wanna take your word and shine it all around, But first help me just to live it, Lord. And if I'm doing well, help me to never seek a crown, For my reward is giving glory to you.

> O Lord, my faith is small, And I need a touch from you: Your book of books lies undisturbed And the prayers from me too few.

O Lord, please light the fire That once burned bright and clear. Replace the lamp of my first love That's fueled with holy fear.

I Love You, Lord

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I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice, To worship you. Oh, my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what you hear. May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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

St. Matthew 21:28-32

WHAT do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

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 \aleph Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Prayer and Response: Anointing Fall on Me Donn Thomas © 1992 New Spring (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.)

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

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

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

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

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

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



THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

OUR fellow 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. Davidson Morse and the parishioners of All Saints Reformed Episcopal Church in Lynchburg, 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.

Y^E 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,

A 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,

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?
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,

T 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 (Sanctus)

Setting: Missa d Sancta Maria Magdslena, Healy Willan (Anglican),1880-1968

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. ✤ Blessed is He who cometh 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

(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.

his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, ^ahe took Bread; and when he had given thanks, ^bhe brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, ^cthis is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, ^dhe took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for ^ethis is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

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

¶ Then shall be said the OBLATION.

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy

Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

¶ Then shall be said the INVOCATION.

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

Presbyter.Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.People.Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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

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

Agnus Dei

John Merbecke, 1549, and Gearge C. Martin; First Holy Communion Service

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

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

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

¶ And the Minister who delivers the Cup shall say,

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

Let us pray for you.

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

Humbly I Adore Thee, Verity Unseen

Words: St. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); trans, Hymnal Version, 1939. Music: Adoro devote, French church melody, Mode 5, Processionale, 1697, slightly altered.

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen, who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean; lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail; faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil. I believe whatever th'Son of God hath told; what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

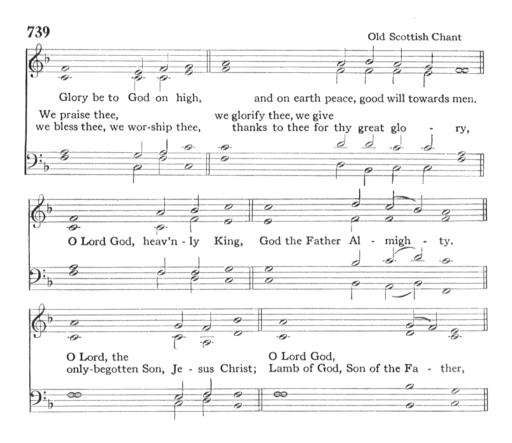
O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death; living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath, grant my spirit ever by thy life may live; to my taste thy sweetness never-failing give.

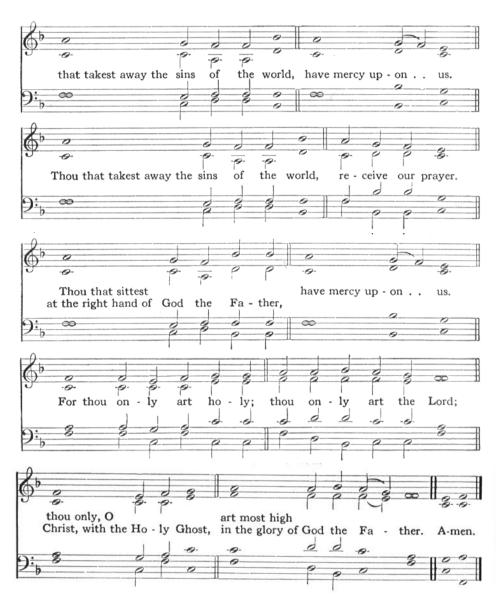
Jesus, whom now veiléd I by faith descry, what my soul doth thirst for, do not, Lord deny, that thy face unveiléd, I at last may see, in the blissful vision blest, my God, of thee.

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.





¶ 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, A the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

¶ A hymn or anthem may be sung.

Sing, My Tongue the Glorious Battle

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> Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle, Sing the ending of the fray; Now above the cross, the trophy, Sound the loud triumphant lay: Tell how Christ the world's Redeemer, As a victim won the day.

He, our Maker, deeply grieving That the first made Adam fell, When he ate the fruit forbidden Whose reward was death and hell, Marked e'en then this Tree the ruin Of the first tree to dispel.

Tell how, when at length the fullness, Of th'appointed time was come, Christ, the Word, was born of woman, Left for us His heavenly home; Showed us human life made perfect, Shone as light amid the gloom. Thus, with thirty years accomplished, Went He forth from Nazareth, Destined, dedicated, willing, Wrought His work, and met His death. Like a lamb He humbly yielded On the cross His dying breath.

There the nails and spears He suffers, Vinegar, and gall, and reed; From His sacred body piercèd Blood and water both proceed; Precious flood, which all creation From the stain of sin hath freed.

Faithful cross, thou sign of triumph, Now for us the noblest tree, None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit thy peer may be; Symbol of the world's redemption, For the weight that hung on thee!

Thou alone wast counted worthy This world's ransom to sustain, That a shipwrecked race forever Might a port of refuge gain, With the sacred blood anointed Of the Lamb of sinners slain.

To the Trinity be glory Everlasting, as is meet: Equal to the Father, equal To the Son, and Paraclete: God the Three in One, whose praises All created things repeat.

¶ 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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