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!

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Words: Athelstan Riley (Anglican), 1906; Music: Lasst Uns Erfreuen, 1623

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones, Raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers, Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:

> Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim, Lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou bearer of th'eternal Word, Most gracious, magnify the Lord.

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia! Alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, All saints triumphant, raise the song.

O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia! Alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One.



THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

BLESSED be God, **№** the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

- ¶ At the Communion-time the Table shall have upon it a fair white linen cloth. And the Presbyter, standing reverently facing the Table, shall say the Lord's Prayer and the Collect following, the people kneeling; but the Lord's Prayer may be omitted at the discretion of the Presbyter.
- ¶ A Psalm, Hymn, or Anthem may be sung when the Minister enters or, after a sentence of Scripture, the Minister may say,

The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Presbyter. Let us pray.

¶ Then shall be said the COLLECT FOR PURITY following.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

- ¶ Then shall the Presbyter, turning to the People, rehearse distinctly The Ten Commandments; and the People shall, after every Commandment, ask God mercy for their transgressions for the time past, and grace to keep the law for the time to come
- ¶ The Decalogue may be omitted, provided it be said at least one Sunday in each month. But Note, that whenever it is omitted, the Minister shall say the Summary of the Law, beginning, Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

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

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

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

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

THOU shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain; Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

REMEMBER the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

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

HONOUR thy father and thy mother:

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

THOU shalt do no murder.

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

THOU shalt not commit adultery.

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

THOU shalt not steal.

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

THOU shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

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

THOU shalt not covet

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

¶ Then may the Minister say,

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

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

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

(*Threefold*) Lord, have mercy upon us. *Christ, have mercy upon us*. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Presbyter. Let us pray.

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.

Odo; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Isaiah 49:1-7

L ISTEN to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The Lord called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.

- He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.
- 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God."
- 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—
 6 he says:

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector. This is the Word of the Lord.

People. Thanks be to God.

Deus Misereatur Psalm 67

GOD be merciful unto | us and bless us, * and show us the light of his countenance, And be |merci•ful unto us;

- 2 That thy way may be | known up on earth,* thy saving health a|mong all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise | thee O God;* yea let all the |peoples praise thee.
- 4 O let the nations re|joice and be glad; * for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, And govern the | nations • up**on** earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise | thee O God;* yea let all the | peoples praise thee.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring | forth her increase;
 * and God, even our own God, shall | give us his **bless**ing.
- 7 God | **shall** bless us;
 - * and all the ends of the | world shall **fear** him.

 G^{LORY} be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Acts 1:1-8

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Lector. This is the Word of the Lord.

People. Thanks be to God

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Words: Henry W. Baker (Anglican), 1868 Music: ST. COLUMBA, ancient Irish melody

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never, I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth; And O what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever.

Lord, Open Our Eyes

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Oh, if the nations could know
The peace that reigns in Your presence,
Oh, if the world could see
The truth that shines in Your eyes,
They would all fall down;
They would cast their crowns;
They would sing Your praise forever.

Chorus:

Lord, open our eyes. Give us revelation.

Lord, open our ears. Let us hear the song of Your truth

Let us come to know the Father of all who is calling us.

That You might be glorified, open our eyes.

Oh, if our hearts could see
The ways Your grace has saved us,
Oh, if our minds could grasp
The closeness of Your love,
We would all fall down;
We would cast our crowns;
We would sing Your praise forever.

Bridge:

Open our eyes to all that you are Open our ears to all you are saying to us We worship you. We worship you.

Believe For It

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They say this mountain can't be moved. They say these chains will never break. But they don't know You like we do.

There is power in Your name.

We've heard that there is no way through.
We've heard the tide will never change.
They haven't seen what You can do.
There is power in Your name,
So much power in Your name.

Chorus:

Move the immovable. Break the unbreakable. God, we believe, God, we believe for it!

From the impossible We'll see a miracle. God, we believe, God, we believe for it!

We know that hope is never lost For there is still an empty grave. God, we believe, no matter what. There is power in Your name, So much power in Your name.

Bridge

You are the way when there seems to be no way. We trust in You; God, You have the final say.

Vamp

You said it; I believe it. You said it; it is done.

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

All. (Sung) Glory be to thee, O Lord!

St. Matthew 9:35-38

AND Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

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 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 your especial grace and favor towards Fr. Keith Boettner, Fr. Curtis Crenshaw, Fr. Ed Tuten, Dss. Teresa Johnson, and the parishioners of St. James Anglican Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

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,

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

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

Is the Father with us?

People. He is.

Presbyter. Is Christ among us?

People. He is.

Presbyter. Is the Spirit here?

People. He is.

Presbyter. This is our God,

People. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Presbyter. We are his people. People. We are redeemed.

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

Presbyter. The Lord be with you.
People. And with thy spirit.
Presbyter. Lift up your hearts.

People. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Presbyter. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People. It is meet and right so to do.

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

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

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

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

¶ Presbyter and people.

 $\mathbf{H}^{ ext{OLY, HOLY Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth}}$ 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, ^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:

(Sung) Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come

again!

All.

¶ 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 And we earnestly desire this faction, because how be seed this there are through 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.

Here I Am, Lord

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I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who make the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

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

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

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

Presbyter. Let us pray.

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

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

GLORY to God in the highest, And peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father. receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

Presbyter. All our problems

All. We send to the cross of Christ.

Presbyter. All our difficulties

All. We send to the cross of Christ.

Presbyter. All the devil's works

All. We send to the cross of Christ.

Presbyter. All our hopes

All. We set on the risen Christ.

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

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, \maltese the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

¶ A hymn or anthem may be sung.

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

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God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him
And exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and Love enfolds us,
All the world in one embrace:
With unfailing grasp God holds us,
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then we find that selfsame aching
Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness
Sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.

¶ 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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