

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 means of our prayers rising to God and of his presence with us. We use high-quality, natural materials that present little to no risk for irritation or allergic reaction. Check out Father Edgerton's book for more on incense and its role in the Church.
- ❖ We teach obedience to 1 Corinthians 11:4-16 regarding head coverings in worship, but we recognize that many do not believe this Scripture still applies to the Church. Those who adhere to this teaching, those who do not, and those who are unsure are all welcome to worship according to their own consciences on the matter. Fr. Edgerton has a book in the lobby that offers the historic Christian understanding of this text and practice.

Please *don't* get stressed about whether you're "doing everything right." Like most things, both liturgical and ex tempore worship are things we grow into with time, practice, and devotion. We all had a first time too and understand!

Do focus on the words we sing and pray.

Do join your heart and voice with ours toward God.

Do receive the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

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

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Text: The Rev. Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 (Anglican)
Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786)

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears;
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee,
high on thy eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!



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.

People.

And with thy spirit.

Presbyter.

Let us pray.

¶ Then shall be said the COLLECT FOR PURITY following.

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

¶ The Decalogue may be omitted, provided it be said at least one Sunday in each month. But Note, that whenever it is omitted, the Minister shall say the Summary of the Law, beginning, Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

¶ Then may the Minister say,

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

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

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

(Sung, ninefold) Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us..

Presbyter. Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ Then shall be said the COLLECT OF THE DAY.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, 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 65:17-25

FOR behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,

and her people to be a gladness.

- ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
- ²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
- ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- ²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.
- ²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

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

Psalm 126. *In convertendo.*

THEN the LORD turned again the captivity of Sion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with joy.

3 Then said they among the nations, *

The LORD has done great things for them.

- 4 Yes, the LORD has done great things for us already; *
whereof we rejoice.
- 5 Turn our captivity, O LORD, *
as the rivers in the south.
- 6 They who sow in tears *
shall reap in joy.
- 7 He who now goes on his way weeping,
and bears forth good seed, *
shall doubtless come again with joy,
and bring his sheaves with him.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,*
and to the Holy Ghost;

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

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

WE ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil.

²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

²⁵Brothers, pray for us.

²⁶Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

²⁷ I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Lector. This is the Word of the Lord.

People. Thanks be to God

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Text: The Rev. John Newton (Anglican), 1725-1807 Music: AUSTRIA, Croatian folk song; arr. by Franz Joseph Haydn

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from our banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe we feed upon the manna
which God gives us when we pray.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in our Redeemer's blood;
Jesus, whom our souls rely on,
makes us monarchs, priests to God.
Us, by his great love, he raises,
rulers over self to reign,
and as priests his solemn praises
we for thankful offering bring.

Savior, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading are the world's best pleasures,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

You Are Near

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In awe of You we worship
And stand amazed at Your great love.
We're changed from glory to glory;
We set our hearts on you, our God.

*Now Your presence fills this place.
Be exalted in our praise.
As we worship we believe
You are near.*

Blessing and honor
And glory and power
Forever, forever!

In awe of you we worship.

Glorious Joy

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Lord, we love you
Even though we've never seen you.
Lord, we believe in you,
And our hearts are filled with glorious joy.

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 KEY of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel;*
that openeth and no man shutteth, and shuttest, and no man openeth:

Come and bring the prisoner out of the prison-house,*
and him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.

St. John 3:22-30

AFTER this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing.²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized²⁴ (for John had not yet been put in prison).

²⁵Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. ²⁶And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." ²⁷John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' ²⁹The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the

bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.”

Presbyter. The Gospel of the Lord.
All.

O DAY-SPRING,*
Brightness of Light everlasting, and Sun of Righteousness:

Come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness*
and the shadow of death.

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

Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the ☩ Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

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

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

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

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



THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

OUR fellow Christians of other branches of Christ's Church, and all who love our Divine Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in sincerity, are affectionately invited to the Lord's Table.

¶ Then the Presbyter may ask the secret intercessions of the congregation for any who have desired the prayers of the church. After which he shall say,

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALmighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [**alms and*] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, [especially Joseph our President and Roy our Governor,] that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, [especially Foley our Archbishop, Ray our Presiding Bishop, Peter our Bishop, and Paul our minister,] that they may, both by their life and

doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

With our diocese, we ask thy grace and favor toward Fr. 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 CONFESSIO**N** 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,

People. Is the Father with us?
He is.
Presbyter. Is Christ among us?
People. *He is.*
Presbyter. Is the Spirit here?
People. *He is.*
Presbyter. This is our God,
People. *Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*
Presbyter. We are his people.
People. *We are redeemed.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

¶ Presbyter and people.

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

Hosanna in the highest!

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

¶ When the Presbyter, standing before the holy Table, has so ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readiness and decency break the Bread before the people, and take the Cup into his hands, he shall say the PRAYER OF CONSECRATION as follows.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, ^ahe took Bread; and when he had given thanks, ^bhe brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, ^cthis is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, ^dhe took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for ^ethis is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

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

¶ Then shall be said the OBLATION.

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

¶ Then shall be said the INVOCATION.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thine almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, ✠ our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

Presbyter. And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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

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

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

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

Jesus Lamb of God

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

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

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

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

¶ And the Minister who delivers the Cup shall say,

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

Let us pray for you.

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

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 hovering 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!"

Presbyter. Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue

in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
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.
<i>Presbyter.</i>	All the devil's works
<i>All.</i>	We send to the cross of Christ.
<i>Presbyter.</i>	All our hopes
<i>All.</i>	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.

Tell Out, My Soul

Text: The Rev. Timothy Dudley-Smith (Anglican), based on *Magnificat*; © 1962, Ren. 1990 Hope Publishing Company
Tune: WOODLANDS, Walter Greatorex (Anglican), 1919

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his Word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!

¶ The Deacon, or the Presbyter, dismisses them with these or other words.

People Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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
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