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# FOUNDATIONS FOR THE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

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From the earliest days of the Church, Christian worship has been marked by a pattern of gathering, word, meal, and sending. These basic elements—revealed in the New Testament, the writings of the early Church, the Lutheran confessions, and ecumenical documents—constitute the center of the Church’s worship.

Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ... When he was at table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

*Luke 24:27, 30–31a*

The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

*Acts 2:42*

On Sunday all are gathered together in unity. The records of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read for as long as time allows. The presider exhorts and invites us into the pattern of these good things. Then we all stand and offer prayer.

When we have concluded the prayer, bread is set out together with wine. ... The presider then offers prayer and thanksgiving and the people sing out their assent, saying the “Amen.” There is a distribution of the things over which thanks has been said and each person participates, and these things are sent to those who are not present.

Those who are prosperous give what they wish according to each one’s own choice, and the collection is deposited with the presider, who aids orphans and widows, those in want because of disease, those in prison, and foreigners who are staying here.

We hold this meeting together on Sunday since it is the first day, on which God, having transformed darkness and matter, created the world. On the same day Jesus Christ our Savior rose from the dead. On Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them these things which we present to you.

*From the Apology of Justin Martyr (c. 150 A.D.)*

It is taught among us that one holy Christian church will be and remain forever. This is the assembly of all believers among whom the Gospel is preached in its purity and the holy sacraments are administered according to the Gospel.

For it is sufficient for the true unity of the Christian church that the Gospel be preached in conformity with a pure understanding of it and that the sacraments be administered in accordance with the divine Word. It is not necessary for the true unity of the Christian church that humanly instituted ceremonies should be observed uniformly in all places.

*Augsburg Confession VII (1530)*

The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people” (1 Peter 2:9; see 2:4–5) is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.

*Constitution on the Liturgy, Second Vatican Council (1963)*

The services of *Lutheran Book of Worship* embody the tradition of worship which received its characteristic shape during the early centuries of the Church’s existence and was reaffirmed during the Reformation era. ...

Freedom and flexibility in worship is a Lutheran inheritance, and there is room for ample variety in ceremony, music, and liturgical form. Having considered their resources and their customs, congregations will find their own balance between fully using the ritual and musical possibilities of the liturgy, and a more modest practice. A full service should not allow secondary ceremonies to eclipse central elements of the liturgy, nor should a simple service omit essential or important parts.

Every service, whether elaborate or spare, sung or said, should be within the framework of the common rite of the Church, so that the integrity of the rite is always respected and maintained.

*Lutheran Book of Worship (1978)*

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# HOLY COMMUNION

## Shape of the Rite

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Sunday is the primary day on which the Church assembles: the first day of creation when God transformed darkness into light and the day on which Christ rose from death and revealed himself to the disciples in the scriptures and the breaking of the bread. The baptized gather to hear the word, to pray for those in need, to offer thanks to God for the gift of salvation, to receive the bread of life and the cup of blessing, and to be renewed for the daily witness of faith, hope, and love. To guests, strangers, and all in need, the Church offers these good things of God's grace.

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### GATHERING

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**Entrance Hymn**

**GREETING**

**Kyrie**

**Hymn of Praise**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God calls and gathers believers through the Holy Spirit, and in response the community acclaim this gracious God in song and prayer. The gathering of the congregation may begin with a confession of sin and/or an entrance hymn. God's welcome is extended to the congregation by the presider. When appropriate, a litany or hymn of praise may be sung immediately before the prayer of the day. Through these actions, the congregation prepares to hear the Word of God.

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### WORD

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**FIRST READING**

**Psalm**

**Second Reading**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**GOSPEL**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Creed**

**THE PRAYERS**

In the rich treasure of Scripture proclaimed by readers and preachers, the Church hears the good news of God acting in this and every time and place. A three-year cycle of readings provides portions of the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament letters, and the Gospel books for each week. During Advent/Christmas, the lectionary reveals the mystery of the Word made flesh. In Lent/Easter, the paschal mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection is proclaimed. Throughout the Season

after Pentecost, the New Testament texts are read in a continuous order. During the last Sundays of the year, the readings present the final vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

This encounter with the living Word, Jesus Christ, is marked by proclamation and silence, psalm and hymn, singing and speaking, movement and gesture. Silence after the readings allows time for the word to be pondered. The sermon announces good news for the community and the world; the hymn of the day both proclaims and responds to the word; a creed is a further response to it. God's Word, read and preached and acclaimed, leads the community to pray for the Church, the people of the world, and those who suffer or are in need.

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## MEAL

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**Greeting of Peace**  
**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**  
**GREAT THANKSGIVING**  
**LORD'S PRAYER**  
**COMMUNION**  
**Canticle**  
**Prayer**

In thanksgiving, the congregation praises God for the gracious gifts of creation and the saving deeds of Jesus Christ. To the table of the Lord are brought bread and wine, simple signs of God's love, humble signs of human labor. In word and gesture, prayer and song, the people lift up their hearts in praise and thanksgiving for the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, hearing Jesus' words spoken at this supper, remembering his death and resurrection. The presider asks that the Holy Spirit unite the community in the Lord's bread and cup so that, as one body in Christ, it too might proclaim God's salvation in the world. To this grateful proclamation, the community joins its "Amen" before praying the Lord's Prayer with one voice. Welcomed to the table, each one is united with God in Christ, with each other, and with the Church's mission in the world. During the communion, hymns, songs, and psalms may be sung. As the table is cleared, the congregation may sing a canticle. A brief prayer concludes the liturgy of the meal.

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## SENDING

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**BLESSING**  
**Dismissal**

Worship on the Lord's Day ends with simplicity. The community receives the blessing of God. All are invited to leave in peace, sent out to serve in word and deed: to speak the words of good news they have heard, to care for those in need, and to share what they have received with the poor and the hungry.

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Central elements of the Holy Communion liturgy are noted in uppercase letters; other elements support and reveal the essential shape of Christian worship.



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## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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### *Stand*

*The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the **✝** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

*The minister continues, using one of the sections below.*

**P** Almighty God,  
to 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 your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>(236)</sup>

**C** **Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins,  
God who is faithful and just  
will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### *OR*

**P** God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the aid of your people,  
turning us from our sin  
to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that, attentive to your Word,  
we may confess our sins,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>(574)</sup>

**C** **Amen**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the  
presence of God and of one another.

### *Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,  
**C** we confess  
that we are in bondage to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart;  
we have not loved  
our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen

**P** Gracious God,  
**C** have mercy on us.  
In your compassion  
forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone.  
Uphold us by your Spirit  
so that we may live and serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your holy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

**P** In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake  
God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the  
Church of Christ, and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen

**P** Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
keep you in eternal life.  
**C** Amen



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# HOLY COMMUNION

## *Light of Christ, Setting 4*

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*The Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness (p. 10) may be used before this service.*

*The minister may announce the day and its significance before the Entrance Hymn or before the readings.*

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## GATHERING

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*Stand*

**ENTRANCE HYMN or Psalm**

**GREETING**

*The minister greets the congregation.*

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

*The Kyrie may follow.*

**A** In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be-ing of the

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men



# HYMN OF PRAISE

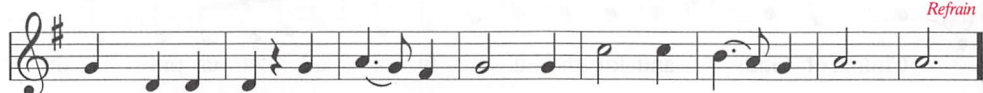
*The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung.*



**C** Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



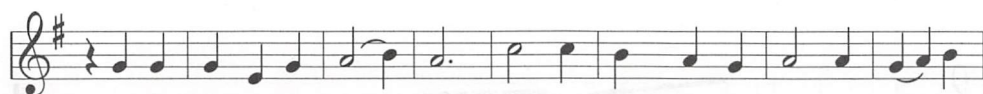
world: have mer - cy, have mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed



at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*The Prayer of the Day follows on page 16.*

OR



**C** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



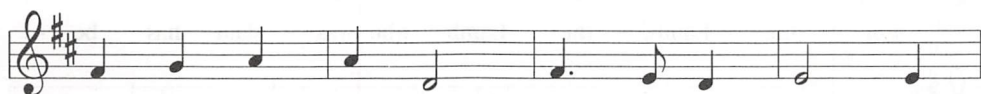
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**I** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



**II** Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



**C** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**I** Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:





**II** Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might to God and the



Lamb for - ev - er. A - men



**C** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



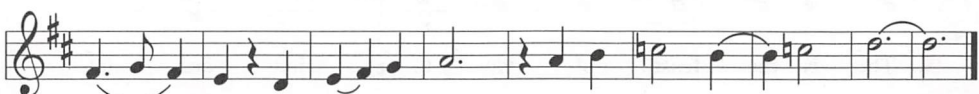
**I** For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -



**II** gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The salutation may precede the prayer.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. *(The Prayer of the Day is said, concluding:)*

**C** Amen

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# WORD

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*Sit*

## FIRST READING

**A** A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After the reading, the reader may say:* The word of the Lord.

*All may respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*The Psalm is sung or said.*

## SECOND READING

**A** A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After the reading, the reader may say:* The word of the Lord.

*All may respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The appointed Verse may be sung by the choir, or the congregation may sing a general acclamation or a hymn.*

### GENERAL

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### LENT

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL

*The Gospel is announced.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## SERMON

*Silence for reflection may follow.*

*Stand*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## CREED

*A Creed may be said: the Nicene Creed, on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter; the Apostles' Creed, at other times. When Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is celebrated, this creed may be omitted.*

### NICENE CREED

**C** **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

### *APOSTLES' CREED*

☞ I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

\*Or, He descended to the dead.

*Stand/Kneel*

## THE PRAYERS

*The Prayers begin with these or similar words:*

**A** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people according to their needs.

*Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns. The congregation may be invited to offer other petitions. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.*

*Each portion of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

OR

**A** Hear us, O God;  
**C** your mercy is great.

*The prayers conclude with these or similar words:*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

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## MEAL

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*Stand*

## PEACE

*The Peace is shared.*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

*Sit*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.*

*The appointed Offertory may be sung by the choir as the gifts are presented, or the congregation may sing the following offertory, or an appropriate hymn or psalm may be sung.*

Stand

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*After the gifts have been presented, one of these prayers or another offertory prayer is said.*

**A** Let us pray.  
**A** Blessed are you,  
**C** O Lord our God,  
maker of all things.  
Through your goodness  
you have blessed us with these gifts.  
With them we offer ourselves  
to your service  
and dedicate our lives  
to the care and redemption  
of all that you have made,  
for the sake of him  
who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (240)

OR

**A** Let us pray.  
**A** Merciful God,  
**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving  
what you have first given us—  
our selves,  
our time,  
and our possessions,  
signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them  
for the sake of him  
who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (239)



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Great Thanksgiving is begun by the presiding minister.*

**P** The Lord be with you. **P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** And al-so with you. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks... *(Here the minister continues with the proper preface, concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The minister continues, using one of the prayers below.*

**P** You are indeed holy, O God,  
the fountain of all holiness;  
you bring light from darkness,  
life from death,  
speech from silence.

We worship you for our lives  
and for the world you give us.

We thank you  
for the new world to come  
and for the love  
that will rule all in all.

We praise you for the grace  
shown to Israel, your chosen,  
the people of your promise:  
the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land,  
the memory of the ancestors,  
the homecoming from exile,  
and the prophets' words  
that will not be in vain.

In all this we bless you  
for your only-begotten Son,  
who fulfilled and will fulfill  
all your promises.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup is  
the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

*This prayer continues on page 24.*

**OR**

**P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus,  
your Son, who reached out  
to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross,  
opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup is  
the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion  
we may know the unity  
we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
almighty Father, now and forever.

**C Amen**

*The Lord's Prayer follows on page 25.*

**P** For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



**C** Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.



Christ will come a - gain.

**P** Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.



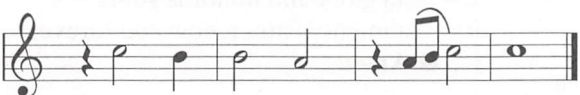
**C** A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

**P** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the communion of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.



**C** A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

**P** Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Let us pray with confidence  
in the words our Savior gave us:

**C** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen

**P** Lord, remember us in your  
kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C** 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,  
forever and ever. Amen

## Sit COMMUNION

*The communion follows. The bread may be broken for distribution.*

*As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say:* **Amen**

*As the people commune, hymns and other music may be used, and may include the following:*

**C** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Stand

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen

CANTICLE

A post-communion canticle or an appropriate hymn or song may be sung.



**C** Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace:



your word has been ful - filled. My own eyes have



seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre - pared in the sight of all



peo - ple: a light to re - veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son, glo - ry to the



Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and



will be for - ev - er. A - men, a - men, a - men.

OR

**C** Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
 one what God has done. Let all who  
 seek the Lord re - jice, re - jice and  
 bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your  
 prom - is - es, and lead us forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER

*The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.*

**A** Let us pray.

**A** Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (242)

**C** Amen

*Silence for reflection.*

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## SENDING

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## BLESSING

*The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.*

**P** Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen

*When there is a procession from the church, a hymn, song, or canticle may be sung.*

## DISMISSAL

*The minister may dismiss the congregation.*

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



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# HOLY COMMUNION

## *Bread of Life, Setting 5*

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*The Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness (p. 10) may be used before this service.  
The minister may announce the day and its significance before the Entrance Hymn or before the readings.*

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## GATHERING

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*Stand*

### ENTRANCE HYMN or Psalm

### GREETING

*The minister greets the congregation.*

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

### KYRIE

*The Kyrie may follow.*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



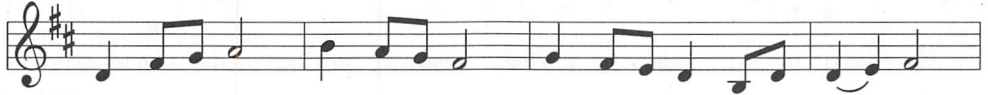
**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung.*



**C** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



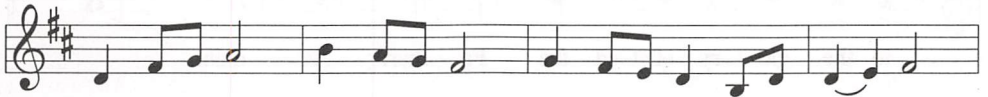
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



**I** Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



**C** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



**II** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



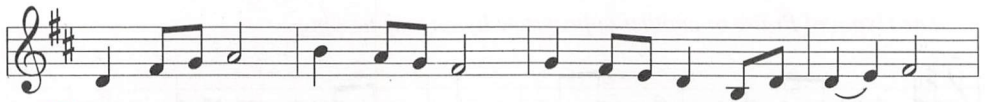
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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**C** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



**I**  
**II** For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



**C** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The salutation may precede the prayer.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. (*The Prayer of the Day is said, concluding:*)

**C** Amen

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# WORD

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*Sit*

## FIRST READING

**A** A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After the reading, the reader may say:* The word of the Lord.

*All may respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*The Psalm is sung or said.*

## SECOND READING

**A** A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After the reading, the reader may say:* The word of the Lord.

*All may respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The appointed verse may be sung by the choir, or the congregation may sing a general acclamation or a hymn.*

### GENERAL

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

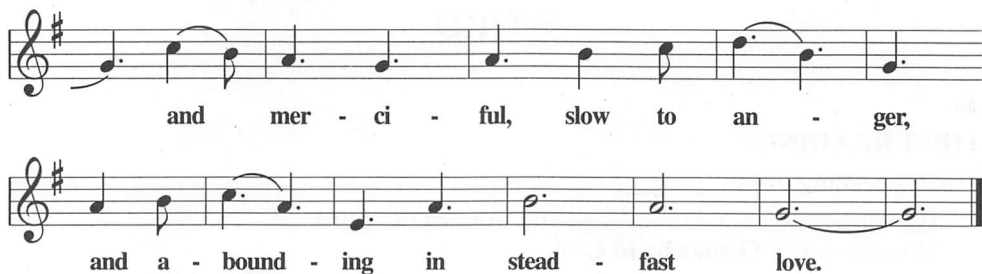
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### LENT

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn

to the Lord, your God, who is grac - ious



## GOSPEL

*The Gospel is announced.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_ chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## SERMON

*Silence for reflection may follow.*

*Stand*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## CREED

*A Creed may be said: the Nicene Creed, on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter; the Apostles' Creed, at other times. When Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is celebrated, this creed may be omitted.*

### *NICENE CREED*

**C** **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

### *APOSTLES' CREED*

**☐ I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

\*Or, He descended to the dead.

*Stand/Kneel*

## THE PRAYERS

*The Prayers begin with these or similar words:*

**A** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people according to their needs.

*Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns. The congregation may be invited to offer other petitions. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.*

*Each portion of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

OR

**A** Hear us, O God;  
**C** **your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude with these or similar words:*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

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## MEAL

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*Stand*

## PEACE

*The Peace is shared.*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

*Sit*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.*

*The appointed Offertory may be sung by the choir as the gifts are presented, or the congregation may sing the following offertory, or an appropriate hymn or psalm may be sung.*

Stand

**C** Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*After the gifts have been presented, one of these prayers or another offertory prayer is said.*

**A** Let us pray.

**A** Blessed are you,

**C** O Lord our God,  
maker of all things.

Through your goodness  
you have blessed us with these gifts.  
With them we offer ourselves  
to your service  
and dedicate our lives  
to the care and redemption  
of all that you have made,  
for the sake of him  
who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (240)

*OR*

**A** Let us pray.

**A** Merciful God,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving  
what you have first given us —  
our selves,  
our time,  
and our possessions,  
signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them  
for the sake of him  
who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (239)

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Great Thanksgiving is begun by the presiding minister.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks... *(Here the minister continues with the proper preface, concluding:)*  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of



pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your



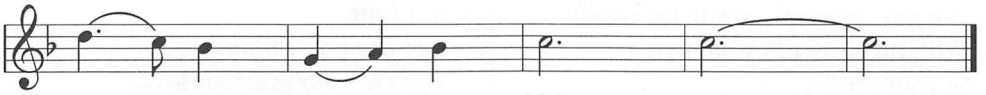
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -



san - na in the high - est.

*The minister continues, using one of the prayers below.*

**P** We give you thanks, Father,  
through Jesus Christ,  
your beloved Son,  
whom you sent in this end of the ages  
to save and redeem us  
and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word,  
inseparable from you.  
Through him you created all things,  
and in him you take delight.  
He is your Word,  
sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.  
He there took on our nature  
and our lot  
and was shown forth as your Son,  
born of the Holy Spirit  
and of the virgin Mary.

It is he,  
our Lord Jesus,  
who fulfilled all your will  
and won for you a holy people;  
he stretched out his hands in suffering  
in order to free from suffering  
those who trust you.

It is he  
who, handed over to a death  
he freely accepted,  
in order to destroy death,  
to break the bonds of the evil one,  
to crush hell underfoot,  
to give light to the righteous,  
to establish his covenant,  
and to show forth the resurrection,  
taking bread and  
giving thanks to you, said:  
Take and eat;  
this is my body,  
broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*This prayer continues on page 38.*

*OR*

**P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus,  
your Son, who reached out  
to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross,  
opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup is  
the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion  
we may know the unity  
we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
almighty Father, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

*The Lord's Prayer follows on page 39.*



In the same way  
he took the cup,  
gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This is my blood poured out for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then,  
his death and resurrection,  
we lift this bread and cup before you,  
giving you thanks that  
you have made us worthy  
to stand before you  
and to serve you  
as your priestly people.

And we ask you:  
Send your Spirit  
upon these gifts of your Church;  
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise and glorify you  
through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him  
all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church  
both now and forever.

**C** A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C** 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,  
forever and ever. Amen

*Sit*

## COMMUNION

*The communion follows. The bread may be broken for distribution.*

*As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:*

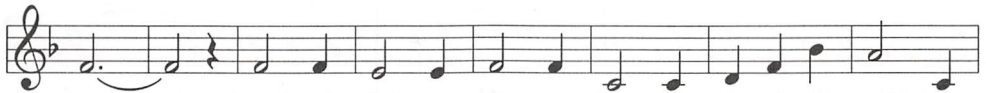
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: Amen*

*As the people commune, hymns and other music may be used, and may include the following:*



**C** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Stand

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen

CANTICLE

A post-communion canticle or an appropriate hymn or song may be sung.

**C** Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,  
and lead us forth in joy with shouts  
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.  
*(Lent)* A - men, a - men.

## PRAYER

*The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.*

**A** Let us pray.

**A** Almighty God, you provide  
the true bread from heaven,  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Grant that we who have received  
the Sacrament of his body and blood  
may abide in him and he in us,  
that we may be filled with  
the power of his endless life,  
now and forever. (209)

**C** Amen

*Silence for reflection.*

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## SENDING

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## BLESSING

*The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.*

**P** Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen

*When there is a procession from the church, a hymn, song, or canticle may be sung.*

## DISMISSAL

*The minister may dismiss the congregation.*

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



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# HOLY COMMUNION

*All Times and Places, Setting 6*

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## GATHERING

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*An order for CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (p. 10) may precede this service.*

*HYMNS, SONGS, AND CANTICLES may be played and sung as the congregation and ministers gather.*

*With this or a similar biblical GREETING, the minister extends God's welcome.*

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

*When a KYRIE is sung, one of the following or another appropriate litany may be used.*

- #601 Kyrie (Ghana)
- #602 Kyrie (Russia)
- #603 Holy God (Trisagion)
- #604 Kyrie (Plainsong)
- #605 Señor, ten piedad (Caribbean)

*When a HYMN OF PRAISE is sung, one of the following or another appropriate hymn, song, or canticle may be used.*

- #606 Glory to God (*Liturgy of Joy*)
- #607 Glory to God (*Mass of Creation*)
- #608 This is the Feast of Victory (North America)
- #787 Glory to God, We Give You Thanks (Great Britain)
- #791 Alabaré (Central America)

*The PRAYER OF THE DAY is said, and the congregation responds, **Amen.***

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## WORD

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*The Scripture READINGS for the day are proclaimed. Silence for reflection may follow each reading.*

*The PSALM is sung or said after the first reading.*

*When a GOSPEL ACCLAMATION is sung, one of the following or another appropriate hymn, song, or canticle may be used.*

- #609 Hallelujah/Heleluyan (Native America)
- #610 Alleluia (South Africa)
- #611a Gospel Acclamation: *General* (Plainsong)
- #611b Gospel Acclamation: *Lent* (Plainsong)
- #612 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (Caribbean)
- #613 Celtic Alleluia (North America)
- #614 Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior (Lent)
- #615 Return to the Lord (Lent)

*The GOSPEL is proclaimed.*

*The minister announces the Gospel:*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The SERMON follows. Silence for reflection may follow the sermon.*

*The HYMN OF THE DAY, a song, or canticle is sung.*

*A CREED may be said: the Nicene Creed (p. 32 or 54), on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter; the Apostles' Creed (p. 33 or 55), at other times.*

*THE PRAYERS for the Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns are offered, including thanks for the faithful departed.*

*Each portion of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:*

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

OR

- A** Hear us, O God;
- C** **your mercy is great.**

*The minister concludes the prayers, and the congregation responds, **Amen.***

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# MEAL

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*The PEACE is shared.*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

*The OFFERING is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.*

*During the PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS, one of the following or another appropriate hymn, song, or canticle may be sung.*

- #705 As the Grains of Wheat
- #732 Create in Me a Clean Heart
- #758 Come to Us, Creative Spirit
- #759 Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring
- #760 For the Fruit of All Creation
- #761 Now We Offer

*This or a similar offertory prayer may be said after the gifts have been presented.*

- A** Let us pray.
- A** Blessed are you,
- C** **O Lord, our God, maker of all things.**

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.**

**With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives**

**to the care and redemption of all that you have made,**

**for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen** (240)

*The GREAT THANKSGIVING is begun by the presiding minister.*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Great Thanksgiving continues, using one of the eucharistic prayers provided in the leaders edition. The congregation responds to a seasonal preface with "Holy, holy, holy Lord," using one of the following or another appropriate setting.*

- #616 Holy, holy, holy Lord (*Land of Rest*)
- #617 Holy, holy, holy Lord (*Deutsche Messe*)
- #618 Holy, holy, holy Lord (*North America*)
- #619 Holy, holy, holy Lord (*Mass of Creation*)

*The minister continues the prayer of thanksgiving, remembering God's mighty deeds of salvation in creation and especially in the person of Jesus Christ. After remembering Jesus' word of promise and his command to celebrate this meal, the congregation may say or sing this acclamation of faith:*

**P** ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The minister continues the prayer of thanksgiving by remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus and by praying for the presence of the Holy Spirit.*

*At the conclusion of the prayer, the congregation responds, **Amen.***

*All join together in praying the LORD'S PRAYER (p. 39 or 56).*

*After the bread is broken, the COMMUNION is shared.*

*When music is used during communion, one of the following or other appropriate hymns, songs, and canticles may be sung.*

#620 Agnus Dei (Plainsong)

#621 Lamb of God (North America)

#622 Lamb of God (North America)

*While the table is being cleared after the communion, one of the following or another appropriate hymn, song, or CANTICLE may be sung.*

#623 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (*Liturgy of Joy*)

#624 Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace (*Detroit Folk Mass*)

#625 Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace (North America)

#722 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (South Africa)

#754 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (Caribbean)

#801 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise (North America)

*A PRAYER concludes the meal, and the congregation responds, **Amen.***

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## SENDING

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*The minister says a BLESSING.*

**P** Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

*With a DISMISSAL, the congregation is sent out in mission.*

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**





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## SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

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*The leader may announce the day and its significance before the Gathering Song or before the readings.*

*Stand*

### GATHERING SONG

### GREETING

*The leader greets the congregation.*

**L** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:13

**C** **And also with you.**

#### *Advent to Transfiguration*

**L** In the beginning was the Word,  
**C** **and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**L** In the Word was life,  
**C** **and the life was the light of all people.**

**L** The Word became flesh and lived among us,  
**C** **and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

John 1

#### *Lent to Pentecost*

**L** The word is near you,  
**C** **on your lips and in your heart.**

**L** If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,  
**C** **and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

**L** Faith comes from what is heard,  
**C** **and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

Romans 10

#### *Season after Pentecost*

**L** You are the treasured people of the LORD,  
**C** **a people holy to the LORD our God.**

**L** Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.  
**C** **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

**L** One does not live by bread alone,  
**C** **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8

## SCRIPTURE SONG

*This canticle or another scripture song or hymn may be sung.*

*Refrain*



**C** Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to



Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



**I** Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.



Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?

*Refrain*



**II** For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.

*Refrain*

Revelation 7:10, 15:3-4

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The salutation may precede the prayer.*

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray. *(The Prayer of the Day is said, concluding:)*

**C** Amen

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# WORD

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Sit

## READINGS

*The scriptures appointed for the day are read. Psalms, hymns, songs, or anthems may be sung in response.*

*Before each reading, the reader may say: A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.*

*After each reading, the reader may say: The word of the Lord.*

*All may respond: Thanks be to God.*

Stand

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*This acclamation or a hymn, song, or canticle may be sung before and/or after the Gospel:*



**c** Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip-tures.



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

## GOSPEL

*The Gospel is announced.*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.

**c** Glory to you, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

**c** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

## SERMON

*Silence for reflection may follow.*

Stand

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*A song, hymn, or canticle is sung.*

*As the singing concludes, the leaders may gather near the baptismal font. The response to the Word continues:*

- L** In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.  
**C** **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Ephesians 1:13–14

- L** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.  
**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

- L** Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;  
**C** **pray in the Holy Spirit.** Jude 20

- L** Keep yourselves in the love of God;  
**C** **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** Jude 21

- L** If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
**C** **Everything old has passed away;  
behold, everything has become new!** 2 Corinthians 5:17

- L** God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.  
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection and self examination.*

**L** Gracious God,

**C** have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.

Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*The leader continues, using the appropriate section below.*

**P** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C** Amen

OR

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C** Amen

*Stand*

## PEACE

**L** Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

2 Corinthians 13:11

**L** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*The leaders and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace using these or similar words: Peace be with you.*

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## PRAYER

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*Sit*

## OFFERING

*An offering is received. Songs, hymns, canticles, and anthems may be played or sung.*

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

*As the gifts are presented, the congregation may sing this Offertory or another appropriate song, hymn, or canticle.*



**C** (Advent to Transfiguration) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
(Lent to Pentecost) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
(Season after Pentecost) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

*At the conclusion of the Offertory, one of these prayers or another offertory prayer may be said.*

*Advent to  
Transfiguration*

**L** Let us pray.  
**L** Merciful God,  
**C** in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (575)

*Lent to  
Pentecost*

**L** Let us pray.  
**L** Gracious God,  
**C** in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (576)

*Season after  
Pentecost*

**L** Let us pray.  
**L** God, our Creator,  
**C** you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (577)

## THE PRAYERS

*The prayers begin with these or similar words:*

**L** As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

*Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns. The congregation may be invited to offer other petitions. The leader gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.*

*Each portion of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:*

**L** Hear us, O God;  
**C** **your mercy is great.**

OR

**L** God of mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these or similar words:*

**L** All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** **Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**L** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C** **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

**L** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C** **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,  
forever and ever. Amen**

## BLESSING

*The blessing of God is announced, using one of these or other appropriate words.*

**P** Almighty God,  
Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen

OR

**L** May the God and Father of  
our Lord Jesus Christ fill you  
with every spiritual blessing.

**C** Amen

**L** May the God of faithfulness and  
encouragement grant you to live  
in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen

**L** May the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

Romans 15

## SENDING SONG

*A hymn, song, or canticle may be sung as the people are sent forth.*

## DISMISSAL

*The leader may dismiss the congregation.*

**L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



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# PRAYING TOGETHER

## Ecumenical Texts

*English Language Liturgical Consultation (1988)*

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### KYRIE

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Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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### GLORY TO GOD

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Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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

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### NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

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## APOSTLES' CREED

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I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

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## THANKSGIVING

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**The Lord be with you.**

**And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

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## OUR FATHER

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**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen**

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## LAMB OF GOD

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

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## CANTICLE

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**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.**