

The Order of the Holy Mass



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

The Christ Mass

Welcome!

OUR MISSION:

To enable all who seek God to glorify Him in worship and prayer, to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, and to receive His grace, Sacraments, love, healing, peace, and the gift of eternal life.

Please Note: Traditional Anglicans stand to offer praise and to hear the Gospel proclaimed, sit for instruction, and kneel to pray. If you are unable to kneel or stand due to infirmity you are welcome to sit as necessary. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood, and are unable to kneel at the rail, standing is perfectly acceptable. If you find coming forward for Communion difficult, please indicate this to the usher, and the Priest will be happy to bring Communion to you.

TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP



It is the Anglican custom to keep silence in the nave (worship space) for prayer and meditation before and after worship.

Many people prepare their hearts and minds for worship with simple prayers such as the following:

Almighty and everliving God, grant that we may gladly hear thy Word and receive thy Sacraments, and that all our worship may be acceptable unto thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Commonly Called Christmas

PRELUDE

O Holy Night *Adolphe Adam*



THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS



ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, all ye faithful (vss. 1-3)..... Hymn 12

(After verse 3, the Crèche is blessed.)

O come, all ye faithful (vss. 4-6)..... Hymn 12



THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant. Let us pray.

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.*

INTROIT

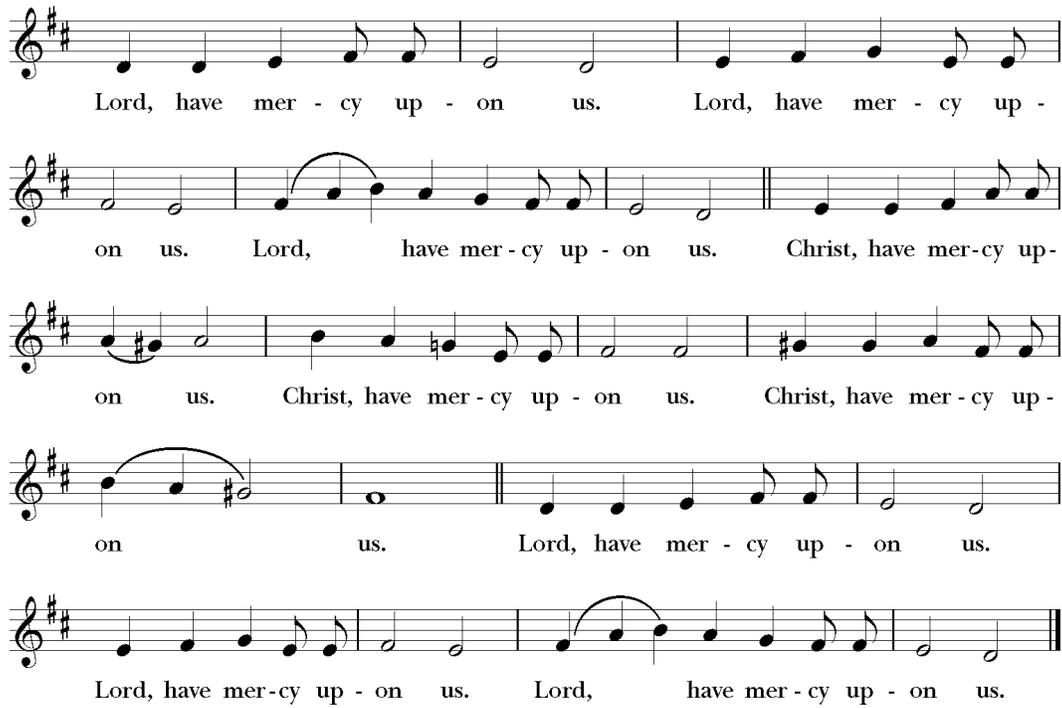
Dominus dixit. (Psalm 2)

THE Lord said unto me: Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. **S** Why do the heathen so furiously rage together: And why do the people imagine a vain thing? Glory be ... *As it was ...* (Repeat to **S**.)

SUMMARY OF THE LAW.

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 neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON

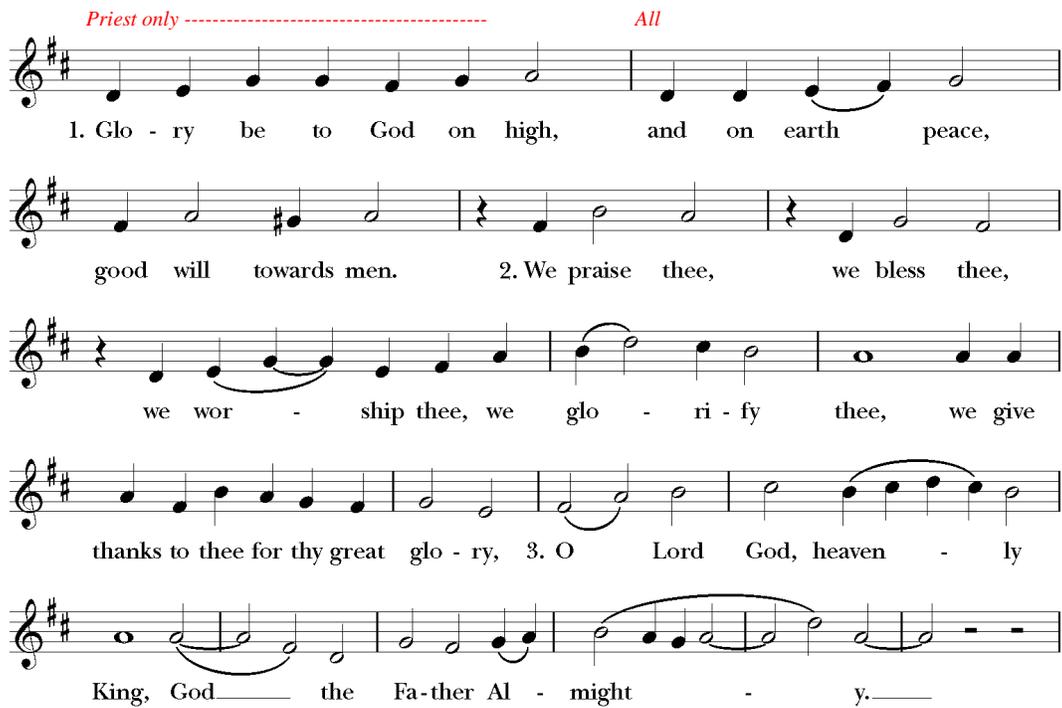


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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Priest only ----- *All*



1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.

4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;

5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou
on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —
A - - - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Celebrant. Let us pray.

 GOD, who hast enlightened this most holy night with the beams of thy one true light: grant, we beseech thee; that we, who have known the mystery of his light on earth, may also attain to the fruition of his joys in heaven. Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9.2-7

IN THOSE DAYS: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Here endeth the Lesson

Thanks be to God

PSALM

Psalm 85

1. LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land; * **thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.**
2. Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, * **and covered all their sins.**
3. Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, * **and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.**
4. Turn us then, O God our Saviour, * **and let thine anger cease from us.**
5. Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? * **and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?**
6. Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us, * **that thy people may rejoice in thee?**
7. Show us thy mercy, O LORD, * **and grant us thy salvation.**
8. I will hearken what the LORD God will say; * **for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again unto foolishness.**
9. For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; * **that glory may dwell in our land.**
10. Mercy and truth are met together: * **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
11. Truth shall flourish out of the earth, * **and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.**
12. Yea, the LORD shall show loving-kindness; * **and our land shall give her increase.**
13. Righteousness shall go before him, * **and shall direct his going in the way.**

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.

EPISTLE

Titus 2.11-15

DEARLY BELOVED: the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Here endeth the Epistle

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL

from Psalm 110

In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free will offerings with an holy worship: The dew of thy Birth is of the womb of the morning.

The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit thou on my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Alleluia. Alleluia. The Lord said unto me: thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. Alleluia!



GOSPEL

St. Luke 2.1-14

X The Holy Gospel is written in the 2nd chapter of the Gospel According to St. Luke, beginning at the 1st verse:

Glory be to Thee, O Lord

AND it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when [Quirinius] was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, unto the City of David which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, who was great with child. And so it was that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to Thee, O Christ

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, (here genuflect) AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN; (here rise) 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 worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one [Holy] Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the resurrection of the dead: ✠ And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

The Very Reverend Canon Richard Bugyi-Sutter, SSM, Rector

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

HATH these Children been already baptized, or no?

¶ If they answer, No: then shall the Minister proceed as followeth.

DEARLY beloved, forasmuch as our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he will grant to these Children that which by nature they cannot have; that they may be baptized with Water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made living members of the same.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succour, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for these Children, that they, coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of sin, by spiritual regeneration. Receive them, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that these children may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint Mark, in the tenth Chapter, at the thirteenth Verse.

THEY brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

AND now, being persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father toward these children, declared by his Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say,

ALmighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, We give thee humble thanks, That thou hast vouchsafed to call us To the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, And confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to these Children, That they may be born again, And be made heirs of everlasting salvation; Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Spirit, Now and for ever. *Amen.*

DEARLY beloved, ye have brought these Children here to be baptized; ye have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive them, to release them from sin, to sanctify them with the Holy Ghost, to give them the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life.

Dost thou, therefore, in the name of these Children, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Answer. I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavour not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minister. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith? **Answer.** That is my desire.

Minister. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

Minister. Having now, in the name of these children, made these promises, wilt thou also on thy part take heed that these children learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

Minister. Wilt thou take heed that these children, so soon as sufficiently instructed, be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him?

Answer. I will, God being my helper.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

MERCIFUL God, grant that like as Christ died and rose again, so these children may die to sin and rise to newness of life. *Amen.*

Grant that all sinful affections may die in them, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live

and grow in them. *Amen.*

Grant that they may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph, against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that whosoever is here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for that thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy congregation; sanctify this Water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that these Children, now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall take the Child into his arms, and shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers,

Name this Child.

¶ And then, naming the Child after them, he shall dip him in the Water discreetly, or shall pour Water upon the Child, saying,

N. I baptize thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

WE receive these children into the congregation of Christ's flock; and do  sign them with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter they shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto their life's end. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

SEETING now, dearly beloved brethren, that these children are regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that these children may lead the rest of their lives according to this beginning.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

WE yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate these children with thy Holy Spirit, to receive them for thine own Children, and to incorporate them into thy holy Church. And humbly we beseech thee to grant, that they, being dead unto sin, may live unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may also be partakers of his resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, they may be inheritors of thine everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall add,

THE Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; Grant you to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that, Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith, ye may be filled with all the fulness of God. *Amen.*



THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL

OFFERTORY

Celebrant. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Celebrant. Let us pray.

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad before the Lord: for he is come.

OFFERTORY HYMN

O little town of Bethlehem (1st tune)Hymn 21

¶ The Celebrant may announce the intentions for which the Mass is offered, concluding with:

Celebrant. ...Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

Answer. The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name: both to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we pray thee, that the offerings, which on this day's festival we present unto thee, may be acceptable in thy sight: that by thy bounteous goodness vouchsafed unto us in this holy

Communion, we may be found in the likeness of him in whom our substance is united unto thee: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

GENERAL INTERCESSION

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.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, 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.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to *(here Bishop(s) may be prayed for by name)* [*Shane our Primate, Stephen our Bishop, Louis Bishop Emeritus, Mark, Walter, Paul, Juan, and*] all Bishops, and other clergy, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

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.

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.

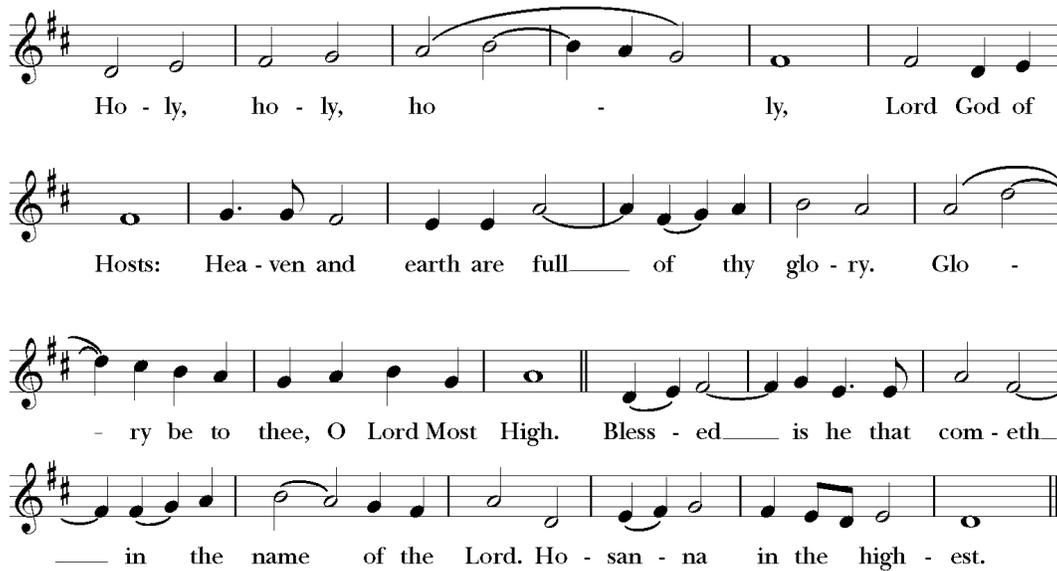
And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with [*Blessed Mary and all thy Saints, we, with them*] may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

GENERAL CONFESSION

DE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, 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.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



THE CANON OF THE MASS, OR PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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 own 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, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. Do this in remembrance of me."

LIKEWISE, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for THIS 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.

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.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy 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.

REMEMBER, Lord, also the souls of thy servants and handmaidens, *N. and N.*, which are gone before us with the mark of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace. *(The Celebrant makes silent mention of those dead for whom he wishes to pray.)* We beseech thee, O Lord, that unto them, and unto all such as rest in Christ, thou wilt grant a place of refreshing, of light, and of peace. And vouchsafe to give unto us some portion and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and martyrs; with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucia, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and with all thy Saints; within whose fellowship we beseech thee to admit us.

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.*

AND now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE OUR FATHER

PUR 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.*

¶ *The Priest says a silent prayer for peace and deliverance from evil, and at the end of the prayer, he says aloud,*

Celebrant. Throughout all ages, world without end.

Answer. Amen.

Celebrant. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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 (in these holy Mysteries), 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.

¶ Then shall the Priest first receive the Holy Communion himself, while saying silent prayers. Then, holding the Sacrament he shall turn to the People, saying.

BEHOLD the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

¶ Then shall be said thrice, by the Priest and the People,

LORD, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

¶ If desired, the People may silently say these prayers before receiving the Holy Communion,

IBELIEVE, O Lord, and I confess that thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And I believe that this is truly thine own immaculate Body, and that this is truly thine own precious Blood. Wherefore I pray thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of thine immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. Amen.

OF thy Mystic Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of thy Mystery to thine enemies, neither will I give thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the Thief will I confess thee: Remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom. Not unto judgment, nor unto condemnation, be my partaking of thy holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

Maintaining social distance between households, approach the Sanctuary Gate singly, and the Priest will intinct (dip) the Host in the Chalice and place it on your tongue. Those who do not wish to intinct may express that desire to the priest before Mass and receive Communion in one kind only. For a gluten-free Host, speak to the priest.

For those not receiving Communion:

Those who are not receiving sacramental Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus Christ and with one another. They may, if they wish, approach the altar, cross their arms across their chest, and with head bowed receive a blessing from the Priest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Away in a manger.....Hymn 43

THANKSGIVING

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 thy 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.*

THANKSGIVING HYMN

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly LightHymn 25

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant. The Lord be with you.

Answer. **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant. Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, that we who in a mystery have drawn near with gladness unto the Birth of Jesus Christ our Lord: may so walk in godliness of life, that we may be found worthy to attain unto his fellowship in heaven. Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM

In the bleak midwinterHymn 44

BLESSING

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

V. Depart in peace.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

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.*

CANDLELIGHT HYMN

¶ Then shall candles be lit, and the following hymn sung by all, kneeling.

Silent night.....Hymn 33



THE LAST GOSPEL

Celebrant. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Celebrant. The beginning of the Holy Gospel, according to John.

Answer. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

(here genuflect)

AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US

(here rise)

and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

¶ At the end of the Last Gospel, the people say:

THANKS be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.....Hymn 775

¶ After the closing hymn, the people are invited to pray at the Creche in the Lady Chapel.

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in F, Op. 24.....Charles-Marie Widor

GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

–For Anglicans

Anglicans fully participate in the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. To receive the Sacrament beneficially, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, have fasted for at least an hour, and seek to live in love and charity with their neighbors. Persons conscious of grave sin should be reconciled with God and the Church by repenting and asking God's forgiveness. A frequent reception of the sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

–For Other Christians

We welcome to the celebration of the Eucharist other Christians who are not in full communion with us. It is a consequence of the sad divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to all visitors to receive Holy Communion. Anglicans believe that the Eucharist is an action of the Church expressing our unity of faith, life, and worship in the Church. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a unity which does not yet exist, and for which we must all pray. For those who have been confirmed by a Bishop in the Apostolic Succession or made their First Communion (such as **Roman Catholics** and **Eastern Orthodox**), the guidelines for receiving are the same as for Anglicans.

–For Those not Receiving Communion

Those not receiving sacramental Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with each other. You are welcome to come to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating this desire by crossing your arms across the breast.

–For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus. While we cannot extend to them an invitation to receive Communion, we do invite them to be united with us in prayer.



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