



The Service with Holy Communion

ReClaim • Setting I

Music by John C. Ylvisaker

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Who made heaven and earth.

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.
And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Time for silent reflection.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.
Amen.

- OR -

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you that are penitent pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.
Amen.

HYMN

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And with your spirit. - OR - And also with you.

KYRIE ELEISON

Am Dm E Am

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Am Dm E Am

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

A

Cantor: Glo - ry be to God on high and on earth peace, good

A⁷ D Bm G A D

will to all.

D G/D D D A/D

1 Lord, we praise your name on high, wor - ship you and glo - ri - fy.
 2 You have borne the sins of all. Mer - cy, Lord, and hear our call.
 3 You, a - lone, the Ho - ly One, You, a - lone, God's on - ly Son,

D G D/F# Em A⁷ D

To the Lamb of God we cry and join the an - gel's song.
 Ev - 'ry - one, both great and small, come join the an - gel's song.
 In your name we've just be - gun to join the an - gel's song.

Music continues on the next page.

D G D D A D A

Glo - ri - a! Let the mu - sic flow. Glo - ri - a! To the earth be - low.

D G D/F# Em A A⁷ D

Glo - ri - a! Feel our hearts a - glow with the joy - ful an - gel's song.

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SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

- OR -

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
The minister prays the Prayer of the Day.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON

The First Lesson is written in the ____ chapter of ____ .
After the Lesson the reader may say, "The word of the Lord."

PSALM OR ANTHEM

SECOND LESSON

The Second Lesson is written in the ____ chapter of ____ .
After the Lesson the reader may say, "The word of the Lord."

Stand

HALLELUJAH

G G C/G G D

Hal-le - lu! Hal - le - lu - ia! Give praise to the Lord for the

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody in the treble clef starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, then a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass line consists of a series of chords: G major, G major, C/G major, G major, and D major. The lyrics are: "Hal-le - lu! Hal - le - lu - ia! Give praise to the Lord for the".

G G C/E G/D D⁷ G

bles - sings of heav - en in God's ho - ly Word. For the

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The top staff continues the melody with a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. The bass line consists of chords: G major, G major, C/E major, G/D major, D7 major, and G major. The lyrics are: "bles - sings of heav - en in God's ho - ly Word. For the".

G D/F# Em Em/D C G/B Am D

words of for - give - ness, the words that en - dure, (hal - le -

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of music. The top staff continues the melody with a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The bass line consists of chords: G major, D/F# major, Em major, Em/D major, C major, G/B major, Am major, and D major. The lyrics are: "words of for - give - ness, the words that en - dure, (hal - le -".

Em Em/D C G/B Am D⁷ G

lu! hal - le - lu - jah!) give praise to the Lord.

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth lines of music. The top staff continues the melody with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. The bass line consists of chords: Em major, Em/D major, C major, G/B major, Am major, D7 major, and G major. The lyrics are: "lu! hal - le - lu - jah!) give praise to the Lord."

Em Em/D C G/B Am D⁷ G

Detailed description: This system contains the ninth and tenth lines of music. The top staff continues the melody with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. The bass line consists of chords: Em major, Em/D major, C major, G/B major, Am major, D7 major, and G major. The lyrics are: "lu! hal - le - lu - jah!) give praise to the Lord."

GOSPEL

The Gospel is written in the _____ chapter of _____ .

Glory be to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel the reader may say, "The Gospel of the Lord."

Praise be to you, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed is used on festivals or when Holy Communion is administered. When the order for Baptism or another rite with a creed is used in the service, the creed may be omitted here.

NICENE CREED

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 Christian* and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection from the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* *Christian* is the standard term used in the vernacular (German) translation of the Nicene Creed by the Reformers. The word "catholic" may be used here instead.

- OR -

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 Christian* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

SERMON

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus unto life everlasting.

Amen.

HYMN

*During the hymn, gifts and tithes are received and may be placed on the altar by
the ushers.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Here may follow orders for baptism, confirmation, ordination, wedding, installation,
and dedication.*

* *Christian* is the standard term used in the vernacular (German) translation of the Apostles' Creed by the Reformers. The word "catholic" may be used here instead.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for your continual goodness and tender mercies, especially in sending your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, as the revelation of your saving grace and truth, your living, incarnate Word. We pray that Christ may so dwell in our hearts through faith that we may be filled with his endless life and daily abound in his redeeming work. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your holy church; defend and preserve it in the truth of your Word. Continue to send your Word and Holy Spirit throughout the world calling, gathering, and enlightening your whole church, and preserving it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. So that your light and truth may reach to the uttermost parts of the earth, raise up faithful pastors and messengers, and embolden Christians everywhere to be faithful witnesses, trusting that your Word, like the rain, will never return to you void, but will accomplish that for which you sent it. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let the light of your Word shine in our homes. Enable and empower parents to teach their children by word and example the daily life of believers. Bless all centers of learning and all who administer and teach in them, that they may send forth men and women committed to serving you. And grant that they may look to you, as the fountain of all wisdom. For all to whom we entrust the authority to govern; we ask for wisdom, guidance, and strength. Help them to serve your purposes and establish good order, peace, justice, and prosperity for the common good. Cause the earth to yield its fruit in its season and make us responsible stewards of our resources. Give success to all beneficial occupations, to all true art and useful knowledge, and crown all such endeavors with your blessing. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who are in trouble, want, sickness, adversity, or peril of death, especially those who suffer persecution for your name's sake: grant them strength and peace within, to endure the buffeting of body and soul in the confidence that they are always in your keeping, and nothing can ever snatch them out of their Father's hands. Most gracious Father, although we deserve the just consequences of our sins, we pray that you would graciously defend us from all harm. Protect us from false and pernicious influences in the world, from violence and immorality, pornography and lewdness, from plagues and disease, from famine and terror, and most of

all from unbelief and despair of your mercy. In all our temptations and needs help us to turn and to trust in you as our very present help in trouble. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.
Amen.

-OR-

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

We pray for your holy church gathered and nurtured by your Word and sent into the world to be the body of Christ. Give us always the mind of Christ, that we may seek the lost, bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive. Empower us for mission with purity in teaching, holiness in living, and Christ likeness in serving.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all to whom we entrust authority to govern. Help them to serve according to your will so that mercy and truth, justice and peace may prevail. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer sickness, sorrow, and adversity. We pray especially for _____ and for those whom we name in our hearts before you. Make bold all who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. Keep safe those who endanger their lives protecting others. Refresh those who bear heavy burdens; and use us as messengers of your mercy and instruments of your peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.

Amen.



If there is no Holy Communion, the service concludes with the Lord's Prayer, Hymn, and Benediction.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

- OR -

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.
 Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

The Benediction may be said or sung (see page 39).

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ✚ give you peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

When there is Communion, the bread and wine are prepared during the singing of the Hymn.

HYMN

Stand

EXHORTATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, to receive this Holy Sacrament in a worthy manner, consider what we must now believe and do.

We should believe that Jesus Christ himself is truly present in the bread and wine as his words declare: "This is my body, which is given for you; this is my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin."

We should also trust that Jesus Christ forgives our sins as his words promise: "for the forgiveness of sin."

Finally, we should do as Christ commands when he says: "Take. Eat. Drink. Do this in remembrance of me."

When we repent, believe these words, and do as Christ commands, then we have rightly examined ourselves and may worthily come to the Lord's table for the forgiveness of all our sins.

Together, we should also give thanks to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for this great gift. We should love one another with a pure heart, and with the whole Christian church take comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. May our heavenly Father grant us his grace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

- OR -

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Apostle Paul admonishes us: Examine yourselves before eating the bread and drinking the cup.

Scripture hereby encourages us to come to the Lord's table, believing that Jesus Christ is himself present in the bread and the wine as his words declare: "This is my body. This is my blood."

Scripture also encourages us to come trusting in the forgiveness of sins, as Jesus says, "For you, for the forgiveness of sin."

Finally, we are encouraged to do as Christ commands when he says: "Take. Eat. Drink. Do this in remembrance of me."

When we repent of sin, believe his words, and do as he commands, we come in a worthy manner, and join the whole Christian church on earth in giving thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for so great a gift. We also pray that his love will renew our love for one another and that we, with the whole Christian church, may know the comfort and joy that is in Christ our Savior and Lord. Receive now his grace with believing hearts. Amen.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

- OR -

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 him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord holy Father, almighty everlasting God:

PROPER PREFACES

Advent

Through Jesus ¹ Christ our Lord,* whom John the baptizer heralded as the a-¹noointed One,* the very ¹ Lamb of God,* calling sinners to repent, to escape the judgment ¹ of his coming.* Therefore with angels . . .

Christmas

For in the mystery of the ¹ Word made flesh,* you have given us a new revelation ¹ of your glory;* that seeing you in the person ¹ of your Son,* we may be drawn to the love of those things that ¹ are not seen.* Therefore with angels . . .

Epiphany

And now we praise you, that you have sent to us your only be-¹gotten Son,* and that in him, being found in the form of a man, you have revealed the fullness ¹ of your glory.* Therefore with angels . . .

Lent

You call your people to re-¹pent of sin* and prepare for the joy of the ¹ paschal feast.* Renew us in faith and holiness, and bring us into the fullness of your ¹ grace and truth* that belongs to the chil-¹dren of God.* Therefore with angels . . .

Holy Week

Who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to ¹ humankind;* so when death arose, life also might ¹ rise again.* And that the serpent who by a tree once ¹ overcame,* might likewise by a tree be overcome, through ¹ Christ our Lord.* Therefore with angels . . .

Easter

But chiefly are we | bound to praise you* for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus | Christ, our Lord.* For he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was of- | fered for us,* and has taken away the sin | of the world;* who by his death has de- | stroyed death,* and by his rising to life again, has restored to us ever- | lasting life.* Therefore with angels . . .

Ascension

Through Jesus | Christ our Lord,* who after his resurrection appeared openly to all | his disciples,* and in their sight was taken up | into heaven,* that he might make us partakers of his di- | vine nature.* Therefore with angels . . .

Pentecost (and the Sundays in Pentecost)

Through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our | Lord and Savior,* who ascending above the heavens and sitting at | your right hand,* poured out [on this day] the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the cho- | sen disciples,* causing the whole earth | to rejoice.* Therefore with angels . . .

Trinity

Who with your only-be- | gotten Son,* and the Holy Spirit, are one | God, one Lord.* And in the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trini- | ty in person,* and the unity in substance, of majes- | ty coequal.* Therefore with angels . . .

All Saints

Who did surround us with so great a | cloud of witnesses,* to encourage us with their fellowship to run the race that is | set before us;* and with them | to obtain* the ever- | lasting crown.* Therefore with angels . . .

. . . *Therefore with angels* | and archangels,* and with all the compa- | ny of heaven,* we laud and magnify your | glorious name;* evermore praising | you, and saying* . . .

SANCTUS

Am Dm E Am

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r al - might - y.

Am Dm E Am

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

G C Dm G E

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

Am Dm E Am

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

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LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

- OR -

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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."

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Sit

AGNUS DEI

G C G G Em

Lamb of God, you take the sins of the world. Lamb of God, your mercies

Am D G C Bm D⁷

nev - er cease. Lamb of God, you take the sins of the world.

G Em C Am G/D D⁷ G

Je - sus Christ, Lamb of God, you give us peace.

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Hymns may be sung during the distribution.

As the ministers distribute the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

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

The presiding minister and the assisting ministers commune after the congregation.
The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

The Nunc Dimittus may be said or sung.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,
according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before the face of all people:
A light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this your salutary gift; and we ask you in your mercy to strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

- OR -

And also with you.

Bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Benediction may be said or sung.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ✚ give you peace.

- OR -

AARON'S BENEDICTION

F F B \flat B \flat /A

1 O Lord, bless and keep us all. O Lord, bless and keep us all.
 2 O Lord, make your face to shine. O Lord, make your face to shine.
 3 O Lord, lift your eyes to see. O Lord, lift your eyes to see.

Gm C Gm 7 C 7 F

O Lord, bless and keep us all. Bless ev - 'ry - one, great and small.
 O Lord, make your face to shine. Be gra - cious and keep us thine.
 O Lord, lift your eyes to see The peace that we need from thee.

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The Service with Holy Communion

ReClaim • Setting II

Music by Douglas Norquist

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Who made heaven and earth.

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.
And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Time for silent reflection.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.
Amen.

- OR -

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you that are penitent pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.
Amen.

HYMN

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

KYRIE ELEISON

Moderately (♩=104)

Chords: Cma⁷, Dm⁷, Cma⁷, F, Dm⁷, Gsus⁴, G, Cma⁷, Dm⁷, Cma⁷, F, G, Em⁷, Am⁷

Lyrics: Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy

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Dm⁷
Bb⁷
Eb
Fm⁷
Eb/G Ab
Bb

on us. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,

Gm⁷
Cm⁷
Fm⁷
F/G
G⁷
Cma⁷
Dm⁷
Cma⁷

Lord have mer - cy on us. Lord have mer - cy,

F
B⁷
Em⁷
A⁷
rit. Dm⁷
Cma⁷

Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Moderately fast (♩=104-110)

F B♭ C F B♭ C⁷ F

Glo - ry be to God on high!

Dm Gm C F

And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you,

Em⁷b⁵ A⁷ Dm Gm Em⁷/A A

we bless you. We wor-ship you, we glo - ri - fy you.

Em⁷ A⁷ D Em⁷ D Em⁷ A F#

We give thanks to you for your great

Bm D⁷ Em⁷ G F#m⁷ Badd9

glo - ry, O Lord God, heav - en - ly King, God the Fa - ther al -

F#m⁷ Badd9 Em⁷ Aadd9 Em⁷ A Dm⁷

might - y. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus

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G Dm⁷ *poco rit.*
G⁷

Christ;

poco rit.

(♩=100-104)

C F G Em⁷ Am⁷

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther:

Dm⁷ G Eb 3 Ab 3 Bb

You take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

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Gm⁷ Cm Fm⁷ 3 F G Cma⁷ Dm⁷ Cma⁷

You take a-way the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer. You

F 3 Em⁷ Aadd9 Em⁷ A

sit at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us.

rit. Em⁷ A⁷ A little slower (♩=86-90) D Em⁷ F#m G A F#

For you are ho - ly; you on - ly are the Lord; You

THE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION • SETTING TWO

Slower
Majestically (♩=80)

Bm G C rit. Asus A⁷ F B^b F

on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, are most high in the

Gm⁷ C A Dm F⁷ rall. Gm⁷ C F

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

SALUTATION

Moderately (♩=90)

Leader: F Gm/B♭ Cong.: A⁷ Dm Leader: C⁷ F

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

The minister prays the Prayer of the Day.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

The First Lesson is written in the _____ chapter of _____ .

After the Lesson the reader may say, "The word of the Lord."

PSALM OR ANTHEM

SECOND LESSON

The Second Lesson is written in the _____ chapter of _____ .

After the Lesson the reader may say, "The word of the Lord."

Stand

HALLELUJAH

Maestoso (♩=76)

D Em⁷ D/F G A F# Bm D⁷ *poco rit.* Em⁷ A⁷ D

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

poco rit.

- OR -

LENTEN SENTENCE

Moderately slow (♩=80-84)

Gm⁷ Csus4 C F F/E

Re - turn to the Lord your God, re -

Dm⁷ Fma⁷/C B \flat

turn to him with all your heart, for he is gra - cious and com -

E \flat Em⁷ Bm⁷/A A D

pas-sion-ate, slow to an-ger and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

GOSPEL

The Gospel is written in the _____ chapter of _____ .

(♩=76) D G D/F# Em F#

Glo - ry be to you, O Lord.

This musical score is for the first part of the Gospel. It features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 76. The lyrics are 'Glo - ry be to you, O Lord.' The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C#4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter).

After the Gospel the reader may say, "The Gospel of the Lord."

(♩=76) Bm G Bm Em A⁷ D

Praise be to you, O Christ.

This musical score is for the second part of the Gospel. It features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 76. The lyrics are 'Praise be to you, O Christ.' The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C#4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter).

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NICENE CREED

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 Christian* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection from the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* *Christian* is the standard term used in the vernacular (German) translation of the Nicene Creed by the Reformers. The word "catholic" may be used here instead.

- OR -

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 Christian* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

SERMON

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus unto life everlasting.

Amen.

HYMN

*During the hymn, gifts and tithes are received and may be placed on the altar by
the ushers.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* *Christian* is the standard term used in the vernacular (German) translation of the Apostles' Creed by the Reformers. The word "catholic" may be used here instead.

Here may follow orders for baptism, confirmation, ordination, wedding, installation, and dedication.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for your continual goodness and tender mercies, especially in sending your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, as the revelation of your saving grace and truth, your living, incarnate Word. We pray that Christ may so dwell in our hearts through faith that we may be filled with his endless life and daily abound in his redeeming work. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your holy church; defend and preserve it in the truth of your Word. Continue to send your Word and Holy Spirit throughout the world calling, gathering, and enlightening your whole church, and preserving it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. So that your light and truth may reach to the uttermost parts of the earth, raise up faithful pastors and messengers, and embolden Christians everywhere to be faithful witnesses, trusting that your Word, like the rain, will never return to you void, but will accomplish that for which you sent it. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let the light of your Word shine in our homes. Enable and empower parents to teach their children by word and example the daily life of believers. Bless all centers of learning and all who administer and teach in them, that they may send forth men and women committed to serving you. And grant that they may look to you, as the fountain of all wisdom. For all to whom we entrust the authority to govern; we ask for wisdom, guidance, and strength. Help them to serve your purposes and establish good order, peace, justice, and prosperity for the common good. Cause the earth to yield its fruit in its season and make us responsible stewards of our resources. Give success to all beneficial occupations, to all true art and useful knowledge, and crown all such endeavors with your blessing. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who are in trouble, want, sickness, adversity, or peril of death, especially those who suffer persecution for your name's sake: grant them strength and peace within, to endure the buffeting of body and soul in the confidence that they are always in your keeping, and nothing can ever snatch them out of their Father's hands. Most gracious Father, although we deserve the just consequences of our sins, we pray that you would graciously defend us from all harm. Protect us

from false and pernicious influences in the world, from violence and immorality, pornography and lewdness, from plagues and disease, from famine and terror, and most of all from unbelief and despair of your mercy. In all our temptations and needs help us to turn and to trust in you as our very present help in trouble.
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.

Amen.

-OR-

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

We pray for your holy church gathered and nurtured by your Word and sent into the world to be the body of Christ. Give us always the mind of Christ, that we may seek the lost, bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive. Empower us for mission with purity in teaching, holiness in living, and Christ likeness in serving.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all to whom we entrust authority to govern. Help them to serve according to your will so that mercy and truth, justice and peace may prevail.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer sickness, sorrow, and adversity. We pray especially for _____ and for those whom we name in our hearts before you. Make bold all who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. Keep safe those who endanger their lives protecting others. Refresh those who bear heavy burdens; and use us as messengers of your mercy and instruments of your peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.

Amen.



If there is no Holy Communion, the service concludes with the Lord's Prayer, Hymn, and Benediction.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

- OR -

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.
 Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

The Benediction may be said or sung (see page 70).

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and + give you peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

When there is Communion, the bread and wine are prepared during the singing of the Hymn.

HYMN

Stand

EXHORTATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, to receive this Holy Sacrament in a worthy manner, consider what we must now believe and do.

We should believe that Jesus Christ himself is truly present in the bread and wine as his words declare: "This is my body, which is given for you; this is my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin."

We should also trust that Jesus Christ forgives our sins as his words promise: "for the forgiveness of sin."

Finally, we should do as Christ commands when he says: "Take. Eat. Drink. Do this in remembrance of me."

When we repent, believe these words, and do as Christ commands, then we have rightly examined ourselves and may worthily come to the Lord's table for the forgiveness of all our sins.

Together, we should also give thanks to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for this great gift. We should love one another with a pure heart, and with the whole Christian church take comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. May our heavenly Father grant us his grace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

- OR -

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Apostle Paul admonishes us: Examine yourselves before eating the bread and drinking the cup.

Scripture hereby encourages us to come to the Lord's table, believing that Jesus Christ is himself present in the bread and the wine as his words declare: "This is my body. This is my blood."

Scripture also encourages us to come trusting in the forgiveness of sins, as Jesus says, "For you, for the forgiveness of sin."

Finally, we are encouraged to do as Christ commands when he says: "Take. Eat. Drink. Do this in remembrance of me."

When we repent of sin, believe his words, and do as he commands, we come in a worthy manner, and join the whole Christian church on earth in giving thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for so great a gift. We also pray that his love will renew our love for one another and that we, with the whole Christian church, may know the comfort and joy that is in Christ our Savior and Lord. Receive now his grace with believing hearts. Amen.

PREFACE

(♩=84)
F Leader: Gm⁷/Bb A⁷ Cong.:

The Lord be with you. And with your

Dm Leader: Gm⁷ Cong.: C Leader:

spir - it. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Gm⁷ Cong.: C Gm⁷ C F

thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

F Gm⁷/B^b Am⁷ Gm⁷/D Cadd⁹

It is truly good, right, and sal-u-tary,* that we should at all times, and in all places,*
 give thanks to you, O Lord, ho-ly Father,* almighty ever - - - last-ing God.*

PROPER PREFACES

Advent

Through Jesus ¹ Christ our Lord,* whom John the baptizer heralded as the a-¹ nointed One,* the very ¹ Lamb of God,* calling sinners to repent, to escape the judgment ¹ of his coming.* Therefore with angels . . .

Christmas

For in the mystery of the ¹ Word made flesh,* you have given us a new revelation ¹ of your glory;* that seeing you in the person ¹ of your Son,* we may be drawn to the love of those things that ¹ are not seen.* Therefore with angels . . .

Epiphany

And now we praise you, that you have sent to us your only be-¹ gotten Son,* and that in him, being found in the form of a man, you have revealed the fullness ¹ of your glory.* Therefore with angels . . .

Lent

You call your people to re-¹ pent of sin* and prepare for the joy of the ¹ paschal feast.* Renew us in faith and holiness, and bring us into the fullness of your ¹ grace and truth* that belongs to the chil-¹ dren of God.* Therefore with angels . . .

Holy Week

Who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to ¹ humankind,* so when death arose, life also might ¹ rise again.* And that the serpent who by a tree once ¹ over-

came,* might likewise by a tree be overcome, through ^l Christ our Lord.* Therefore with angels . . .

Easter

But chiefly are we ^l bound to praise you* for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus ^l Christ, our Lord.* For he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us,* and has taken away the sin ^l of the world;* who by his death has destroyed death,* and by his rising to life again, has restored to us everlasting life.* Therefore with angels . . .

Ascension

Through Jesus ^l Christ our Lord,* who after his resurrection appeared openly to all ^l his disciples,* and in their sight was taken up ^l into heaven,* that he might make us partakers of his divine nature.* Therefore with angels . . .

Pentecost (and the Sundays in Pentecost)

Through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our ^l Lord and Savior,* who ascending above the heavens and sitting at ^l your right hand,* poured out [on this day] the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples,* causing the whole earth ^l to rejoice.* Therefore with angels . . .

Trinity

Who with your only begotten Son,* and the Holy Spirit, are one ^l God, one Lord.* And in the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity ^l in person,* and the unity in substance, of majesty ^l coequal.* Therefore with angels . . .

All Saints

Who did surround us with so great a ^l cloud of witnesses,* to encourage us with their fellowship to run the race that is ^l set before us;* and with them ^l to obtain* the everlasting crown.* Therefore with angels . . .

. . . Therefore with angels ^l and archangels,* and with all the company of heaven,* we laud and magnify your ^l glorious name;* evermore praising ^l you, and saying* . . .

SANCTUS

Moderato maestoso (♩=120-132)

F Gm⁷ F B^b Em⁷ A

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

Dm Gm⁷ C Gm⁷ A⁷

might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -

F B^b F Gm⁷

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The voice part is on a single treble clef staff, and the piano accompaniment is on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked 'poco rit.' (ritardando). The lyrics are: 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.' Above the voice staff, the following chords are indicated: C, A7, Dm, F7, Gm7, C, and F. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

LORD'S PRAYER

- OR -

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.

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.
 Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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."

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Sit

AGNUS DEI

Andante con moto (♩=70-76)

Em⁷ A⁷ Dm⁷ G⁷ Cma⁷ Dm⁷ Cma⁷

Lamb of God, you

Fma⁷ G⁷ Em⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ B^b

take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

E^b Fm⁷ E^b A^b B^b Gm⁷ Cm⁷

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand. Chord markings are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are: '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'.

Fm⁷ G⁷ Cma⁷ Dm⁷ Cma⁷ Fma⁷ B⁷
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

Em⁷ A⁷ Dm⁷ G⁷ Eb rit. Abma⁷ Cadd9
 sin of the world, grant us peace. A - - - - men.

Hymns may be sung during the distribution.

As the ministers distribute the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The presiding minister and the assisting ministers commune after the congregation.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

The Nunc Dimittus may be said or sung.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Moderately (♩=76-80)

C F G C

Lord, now let your

Dm⁷ Em⁷ Am⁷ Fma⁷ B^b

ser - vant de - part in peace, ac - cord - ing to your word;

C Dm⁷ Em⁷ Am⁷

for my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion which you have pre - pared be - fore the

Fma⁷ G Bm⁷/A A Dma⁷

face of all peo - ple: A light to light - en the

Em⁷ F#m⁷

Gen - tiles, and the glo - ry of your peo - ple

G C Fma⁷ G

Is - rael. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

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Am⁷ Fma⁷ B^b C

Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it; as it was in the be-

Dm⁷ Em⁷ Fma⁷ G

gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be: World with-out end. A -

Am Em⁷ F Am⁷/G G Cadd9

men.

THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this your salutary gift; and we ask you in your mercy to strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Stand

(♩=90) Leader: Cong.:

F Gm⁷/B^b A⁷

The Lord be with you. And with your

Dm Leader: Cong.: F⁷ B^b C F

spir - it. Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Benediction may be said or sung.

BENEDICTION

Moderately slow (♩=72-78)

Leader:

F

F/E

Dm⁷

The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face shine up-

Fma⁷/C

B^b

E^b

on you and be gra - cious un - to you; The

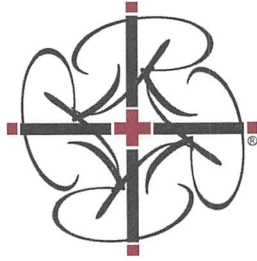
Em⁷ Bm⁷/A A D

Lord lift his coun-te-nance up - on you, and give you peace.

All:
Em⁷b⁵ A⁷ Dm G⁷ C⁷ F

A - men, A - men, A - - - men.







The Service with Holy Communion

ReClaim • Setting III

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Time for silent reflection.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

Amen.

- OR -

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you that are penitent pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN

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

- OR -

And with your spirit.

And also with you.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy

on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.

For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

HALLELUJAH

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!

The musical score for 'HALLELUJAH' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system shows the vocal line in the treble clef and the bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!' are placed between the two staves. The second system continues the same musical notation.

- OR -

LENTEN SENTENCE

Christ has hum - bled him - self, and be - come o - be - dient

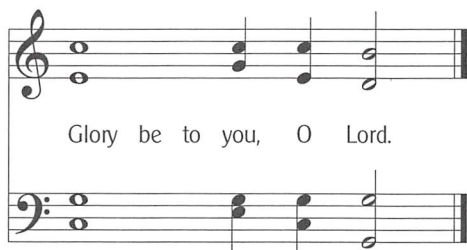
The first system of the 'LENTEN SENTENCE' is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Christ has hum - bled him - self, and be - come o - be - dient' are written between the staves. The music is characterized by a slow, solemn tempo.

un - to death: even the death of the Cross.

The second system of the 'LENTEN SENTENCE' continues the musical notation from the first system. The lyrics 'un - to death: even the death of the Cross.' are placed between the staves. The piece concludes with a final chord in G major.

GOSPEL

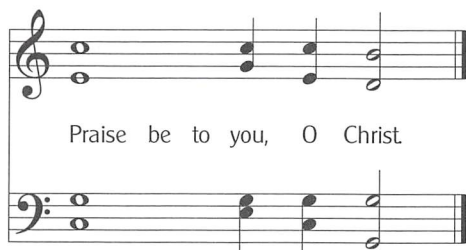
The Gospel is written in the _____ chapter of _____ .



Gloria be to you, O Lord.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves show a sequence of four chords: a C major chord (C-E-G), an F major chord (F-A-C), a G major chord (G-B-D), and an A major chord (A-C-E). Each chord is represented by a vertical line with a notehead on the staff, indicating the pitch of the chord's root note.

After the Gospel the reader may say, "The Gospel of the Lord."



Praise be to you, O Christ

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NICENE CREED

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 Christian* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection from the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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- OR -

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 Christian* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

SERMON

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus unto life everlasting.

Amen.

HYMN

During the hymn, gifts and tithes are received and may be placed on the altar by the ushers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here may follow orders for baptism, confirmation, ordination, wedding, installation, and dedication.

* *Christian* is the standard term used in the vernacular (German) translation of the Apostles' Creed by the Reformers. The word "catholic" may be used here instead.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for your continual goodness and tender mercies, especially in sending your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, as the revelation of your saving grace and truth, your living, incarnate Word. We pray that Christ may so dwell in our hearts through faith that we may be filled with his endless life and daily abound in his redeeming work. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your holy church; defend and preserve it in the truth of your Word. Continue to send your Word and Holy Spirit throughout the world calling, gathering, and enlightening your whole church, and preserving it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. So that your light and truth may reach to the uttermost parts of the earth, raise up faithful pastors and messengers, and embolden Christians everywhere to be faithful witnesses, trusting that your Word, like the rain, will never return to you void, but will accomplish that for which you sent it. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let the light of your Word shine in our homes. Enable and empower parents to teach their children by word and example the daily life of believers. Bless all centers of learning and all who administer and teach in them, that they may send forth men and women committed to serving you. And grant that they may look to you, as the fountain of all wisdom. For all to whom we entrust the authority to govern; we ask for wisdom, guidance, and strength. Help them to serve your purposes and establish good order, peace, justice, and prosperity for the common good. Cause the earth to yield its fruit in its season and make us responsible stewards of our resources. Give success to all beneficial occupations, to all true art and useful knowledge, and crown all such endeavors with your blessing. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who are in trouble, want, sickness, adversity, or peril of death, especially those who suffer persecution for your name's sake: grant them strength and peace within, to endure the buffeting of body and soul in the confidence that they are always in your keeping, and nothing can ever snatch them out of their Father's hands. Most gracious Father, although we deserve the just consequences of our sins, we pray that you would graciously defend us from all harm. Protect us from false and pernicious influences in the world, from violence and immorality, pornography and lewdness, from plagues and disease, from famine and terror, and most of all from unbelief and despair of your mercy. In all our temptations

and needs help us to turn and to trust in you as our very present help in trouble.
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.

Amen.

-OR-

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

We pray for your holy church gathered and nurtured by your Word and sent into the world to be the body of Christ. Give us always the mind of Christ, that we may seek the lost, bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive. Empower us for mission with purity in teaching, holiness in living, and Christ likeness in serving.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all to whom we entrust authority to govern. Help them to serve according to your will so that mercy and truth, justice and peace may prevail. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer sickness, sorrow, and adversity. We pray especially for _____ and for those whom we name in our hearts before you. Make bold all who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. Keep safe those who endanger their lives protecting others. Refresh those who bear heavy burdens; and use us as messengers of your mercy and instruments of your peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.

Amen.



If there is no Holy Communion, the service concludes with the Lord's Prayer, Hymn, and Benediction.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

- OR -

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

The Benediction may be said or sung (see page 93).

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ✚ give you peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

When there is Communion, the bread and wine are prepared during the singing of the Hymn.

HYMN

Stand

EXHORTATION

- OR -

Brothers and sisters in Christ, to receive this Holy Sacrament in a worthy manner, consider what we must now believe and do.

We should believe that Jesus Christ himself is truly present in the bread and wine as his words declare: "This is my body, which is given for you; this is my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin."

We should also trust that Jesus Christ forgives our sins as his words promise: "for the forgiveness of sin."

Finally, we should do as Christ commands when he says: "Take. Eat. Drink. Do this in remembrance of me."

When we repent, believe these words, and do as Christ commands, then we have rightly examined ourselves and may worthily come to the Lord's table for the forgiveness of all our sins.

Together, we should also give thanks to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for this great gift. We should love one another with a pure heart, and with the whole Christian church take comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. May our heavenly Father grant us his grace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Apostle Paul admonishes us: Examine yourselves before eating the bread and drinking the cup.

Scripture hereby encourages us to come to the Lord's table, believing that Jesus Christ is himself present in the bread and the wine as his words declare: "This is my body. This is my blood."

Scripture also encourages us to come trusting in the forgiveness of sins, as Jesus says, "For you, for the forgiveness of sin."

Finally, we are encouraged to do as Christ commands when he says: "Take. Eat. Drink. Do this in remembrance of me."

When we repent of sin, believe his words, and do as he commands, we come in a worthy manner, and join the whole Christian church on earth in giving thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for so great a gift. We also pray that his love will renew our love for one another and that we, with the whole Christian church, may know the comfort and joy that is in Christ our Savior and Lord. Receive now his grace with believing hearts. Amen.

PROPER PREFACES

It is truly good, right, and sal - u - ta - ry, that we
 should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you,
 O Lord, ho - ly Fa - ther, al - mighty, ev - er - last - ing God:

Advent

Through Jesus[†] Christ our Lord,* whom John the baptizer heralded as the a-[†]nointed One,* the very[†] Lamb of God,* calling sinners to repent, to escape the judgment[†] of his coming.* Therefore with angels . . .

Christmas

For in the mystery of the[†] Word made flesh,* you have given us a new revelation[†] of your glory;* that seeing you in the person[†] of your Son,* we may be drawn to the love of those things that[†] are not seen.* Therefore with angels . . .

Epiphany

And now we praise you, that you have sent to us your only be-[†]gotten Son,* and that in him, being found in the form of a man, you have revealed the fullness[†] of your glory.* Therefore with angels . . .

Lent

You call your people to re-[†]pent of sin* and prepare for the joy of the[†] paschal feast.* Renew us in faith and holiness, and bring us into the fullness of your[†] grace and truth* that belongs to the chil-[†]dren of God.* Therefore with angels . . .

Holy Week

Who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to[†] humankind,* so when death arose, life also might[†] rise again.* And that the serpent who by a tree once[†] overcame,* might likewise by a tree be overcome, through[†] Christ our Lord.* Therefore with angels . . .

Easter

But chiefly are we ^l bound to praise you* for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus ^l Christ, our Lord.* For he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was of- ^l fered for us,* and has taken away the sin ^l of the world;* who by his death has de- ^l stroyed death,* and by his rising to life again, has restored to us ever- ^l lasting life.* Therefore with angels . . .

Ascension

Through Jesus ^l Christ our Lord,* who after his resurrection appeared openly to all ^l his disciples,* and in their sight was taken up ^l into heaven,* that he might make us partakers of his di- ^l vine nature.* Therefore with angels . . .

Pentecost (and the Sundays in Pentecost)

Through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our ^l Lord and Savior,* who ascending above the heavens and sitting at ^l your right hand,* poured out [on this day] the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the cho- ^l sen disciples,* causing the whole earth ^l to rejoice.* Therefore with angels . . .

Trinity

Who with your only be- ^l gotten Son,* and the Holy Spirit, are one ^l God, one Lord.* And in the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trini- ^l ty in person,* and the unity in substance, of majes- ^l ty coequal.* Therefore with angels . . .

All Saints

Who did surround us with so great a ^l cloud of witnesses,* to encourage us with their fellowship to run the race that is ^l set before us;* and with them ^l to obtain* the ever- ^l lasting crown.* Therefore with angels . . .

There - fore with an - gels and arch - an - gels, and with all
 the com - pa - ny of heav - en, we laud and magnify your
 glo - rious name; ev - er - more prais - ing thee, and say - ing:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Heav'n 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

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

- OR -

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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."

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Sit

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin

of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,

grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Hymns may be sung during the distribution.

As the ministers distribute the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you.

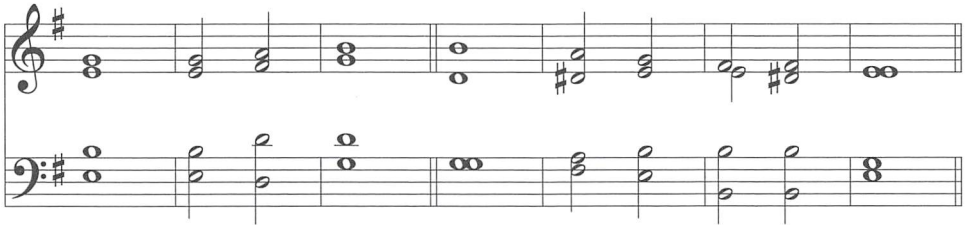
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The presiding minister and the assisting ministers commune after the congregation.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

The Nunc Dimittus may be said or sung.

NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.

For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:

A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.

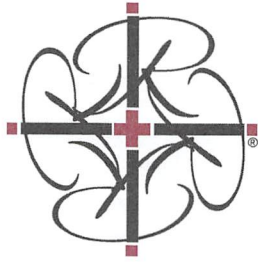
Glor- | y be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,

As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men.

THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this your salutary gift; and we ask you in your mercy to strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.





Order for Holy Baptism

May be used at a public service.

A hymn may be sung.

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

All people are born in sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ has said, “No one can see the kingdom of God without being born again” (see John 3:3). Let us call upon God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that in his goodness and mercy he will receive ___ Name ___ by baptism and make ___ Name ___ a member of his holy church.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whose power we are born again: Grant to all those who seek the gift of Holy Baptism your everlasting grace by the washing of regeneration (Titus 3:5). Receive them, O Lord, as you have promised through your beloved Son, saying, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7 *ESV*), through the same Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.



For the baptism of children.

Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

“And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.’ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them” (Mark 10:13-16 *ESV*).

Our risen Lord Jesus Christ said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20 *ESV*).

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

- OR -

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.



For the baptism of children.

Then shall the minister say to those who present the child.

In obedience to our Lord's command, you bring this child for Holy Baptism. I therefore ask you:



For the baptism of adults.

_____, I ask you:

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and ways?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Response: I believe.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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?

Response: I believe.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting?

Response: I believe.

Receive the sign of the cross, on your head and on your heart, as a sign that you will know the Lord, the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his suffering.

____ Name _____, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.†

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace for life eternal. Amen.

Peace be with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God and Father, we give you thanks for preserving and extending your church and for granting _____ Name _____ new birth in Holy Baptism, receiving *him/her* as your child and an heir to your eternal kingdom. We humbly ask you to defend and keep *him/her* in this grace, that *he/she* may never depart from you, but may always live according to your will, finally receiving the fullness of your promise in your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For the baptism of children.

Dear Christian friends:

As sponsors you are witnesses that this child has been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. You are also to remember *him/her* before God in prayer; and, if the parents are not able to fulfill their obligations, you shall, as far as possible, see to it that the Holy Scriptures are placed in *his/her* hands, that *he/she* is taught the Ten Commandments, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, and that *he/she* is brought to the services of God's house, so that as *he/she* grows in years *he/she* may abide in Christ, even as now, through Holy Baptism, *he/she* has been grafted into him.

The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen.

A hymn may be sung.

* *Christian* is the standard term used in the vernacular (German) translations of the creeds by the Reformers.

† Or, "_____ is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

EMERGENCY BAPTISM

When an unbaptized child is in danger of dying, and no pastor is available, any Christian should proceed to administer the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Apply water to the head of the child saying:

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.†

If time allows, the Lord's Prayer may be said.

In the case of an adult, ask:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Do you wish to be baptized?

Upon affirmation proceed to apply water to the person's head saying:

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

If time allows, the Lord's Prayer may be said.

The baptism should be reported to the home congregation.



† Or, "_____ is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit."



Rite of Confirmation

All Christians obey Jesus' command to baptize. We also obey his mandate, "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." The following order may be used as a conclusion to basic instruction, especially for young people.

All the names are read (baptismal names plus surnames).

Beloved of the Lord, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism you were received by our Lord Jesus Christ and made members of his holy church. In accordance with our Lord's command: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you," you have been instructed in the Word of God and led to a knowledge of his will and of his gracious Gospel, and you now desire to make public profession of your faith.

I, therefore, ask each of you:

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord?

Response: 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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Response: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

May he who has brought you to this faith continue his good work in you until the day of Jesus Christ.

The confirmand kneels and the minister may lay his hand on the confirmand's head for the blessing

Individual's Christian name The Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit to the strengthening of your faith, to your growth in grace, to your patience in suffering, and to the blessed hope of everlasting life. Amen.

Let us pray.

Gracious God and Father, we rejoice and give you praise and thanks for bringing these, your sons and daughters, to the knowledge of the Gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, enabling them to believe with their hearts and confess with their mouths your saving grace. Grant that they may bring forth the fruits of faith by daily faithfulness.

Confirm in them the work you have begun so that they may abide in the fellowship of your church and in the faith of the Gospel, that no false doctrine, no lust of the flesh, nor love of the world may lead them away from you or the truth they have confessed, but that in joyful obedience to your Word they may ever know you more perfectly, love you more fervently, and serve you to the blessing of their neighbors, the edification of your people, and the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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The word "catholic" may be used here instead.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
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 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
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 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation,
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 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

A hymn may be sung.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen.



Order for a Wedding

Music appropriate for a Christian service may be inserted wherever fitting.

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

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God and in the presence of this company to unite this man and this woman in holy matrimony, which as an estate instituted by God signifies for us the mystical union between Christ and his church and is therefore not to be entered lightly but with reverence for God and for one another.

An appropriate text is read, followed by a sermon.

Let us hear the Word of the Lord concerning this estate.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh" (Matthew 19:4-6a ESV).

Remember also that the same Jesus Christ our Lord, when he was invited to the wedding in Cana of Galilee, gladly came and sat at table with the bridegroom and the bride and revealed his glory and blessed them. Invite the Lord likewise to be your guest and pray that he may abide with you and you with him, in his Word and in his church. And the Lord will make known his glory to you so that you will be strong in faith, sanctified in truth, and guarded from evil.

And although, by reason of sin, many a cross has been laid upon this estate, nevertheless our gracious Father in heaven does not forsake his children in an estate so holy and acceptable to him, but is ever present with his bountiful blessings.

Take to heart also these words of our Lord, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34 ESV).

And further, "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant" (Matthew 20:26b ESV). For all who enter into marriage are above all to love and serve one another.

Be of one heart, but also of one mind. Give in neither to anger nor resentment, but pray with and for each other. Bear each other's burdens, with Christ as your example. Share mutually the trials of the day, but above all, endeavor to help one another on the way to life eternal. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will sanctify you in body, mind, and soul, and sustain you until the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I ask you _____ *Groom's Christian name* _____, do you take this woman to be your wife, to live together according to God's holy Word as husband and wife? Do you promise to love her, comfort her, honor, and keep her in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, give yourself only to her, as long as you both shall live?

Response: I do.

I ask you _____ *Bride's Christian name* _____, do you take this man to be your husband, to live together according to God's holy Word as husband and wife? Do you promise to love him, comfort him, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, give yourself only to him, as long as you both shall live?

Response: I do.

Please join hands and repeat after me.

Each repeats the vow following the minister.

I take you to be my wife/husband,
to have and to hold from this day forward,
for better for worse, for richer for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish till death us do part,
according to God's holy Word;
therefore, I make this solemn vow.

_____ and _____ by their promises before God and before this assembly have joined themselves to each other as husband and wife.

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder. Amen.

The bride and groom exchange rings with these words.

I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

HYMN

The couple kneels.

The minister places his hands on their heads and prays.

Gracious God and Father, grant your blessing to this man and this woman in their life together. Fulfill in them your love that they may be one. Strengthen them with the power of your Holy Spirit, that in both carefree and troublesome days they may put their trust in you alone and in your Word and by mutual love and help fulfill the promises they have made to each other. And bring them at last to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

- OR -

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The couple rises.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and + give you peace.
Amen.



Order for a Funeral

Stand

Processional

A funeral pall may be used. A hymn may be sung.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Repeat after me:

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Let us pray.

One of the following psalms or prayers may be said.

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me besides still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness,
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23 *ESV*).

- OR -

PSALM 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word do I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities (Psalm 130).

Amen.

- OR -

PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, you have called us into the fellowship of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and graciously given us forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. By your tender mercies comfort and sustain your people that, even now in the presence of death, they may believe the glorious promise, "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

- OR -

PRAYER

We give you thanks, gracious Father, that you have called us into the fellowship of your Son, removed the sting of death, and given to us and to your *son/daughter*, _____ *Name* _____, forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation, binding us together in bonds of family, friendship, and faith. As we commit _____ *Name* _____ to your keeping, and continue under the consolation of your Word, refresh us with the promise of our Lord, "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world," until we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE "WAY OF SALVATION" TEXTS

Dear friends, let us hear what the Holy Scriptures testify concerning the way of salvation.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
 or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
 from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
 You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"
 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday
 when it is past, or as a watch in the night.
 You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,
 like grass that is renewed in the morning;
 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
 in the evening it fades and withers.
 So teach us to number our days
 that we may get a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90:2-6, 12 *ESV*).

And furthermore it is written:

"Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned" (Romans 5:12 *ESV*).

"Each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment"
 (see Hebrews 9:27).

Let us also hear about the watchfulness and preparedness which the Lord desires to find in us.

“Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And that is what I say to all: Stay awake” (Mark 13:33-37 *ESV*).

Finally let us hear the blessed words concerning resurrection and everlasting life.

“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die” (John 11:25-26 *ESV*).

And the Apostle Paul writes, “For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

‘Death is swallowed up in victory!
‘O death, where is your victory?
O death where is your sting?’

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:53-55, 57 *ESV*).

The Word of the Lord.

If the above “Way of Salvation” texts are not used, an appropriate selection from the following may be used.

ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE TEXTS

“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:16-18 *ESV*).

- OR -

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life” (John 5:24 ESV).

- OR -

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new” (Revelation 21:3-5 ESV).

The following text may be used for the burial of children.

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them (Mark 10:13-16 ESV).

Additional texts to consider:

Romans 8:31-39

1 Corinthians 15:12-26

1 Peter 1:3-9

Revelation 7:9-17

John 11:21-27

John 14:1-10

An obituary may be read.

A eulogy may be included.

HYMN OR SOLO

LESSON

The Lesson is written in the _____ chapter of _____ .

After the Lesson the reader may say, "The Word of the Lord."

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 Christian* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON

The sermon ends with the Nunc Dimittis, which may be said or sung.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,
according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before the face of all people:

A light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,

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

* *Christian* is the standard term used in the vernacular (German) translation of the Apostles' Creed by the Reformers.
The word "catholic" may be used here instead.

HYMN

PRAYER

One of the following prayers may be said, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, who by the death of your Son has removed from us the doom of eternal death and has sanctified the grave to your faithful people so that it has become a peaceful resting place, help us to be diligently mindful of our last hour so that by true repentance and faith we may die daily to sin and to the corruptible ways of this world and together with all your saints be raised up daily to eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- OR -

Gracious Father, through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, you have given us abundant comfort against death. Comfort us now by your Word and Holy Spirit, that we be not turned away from you by any distress or assault of evil, but rather live in the hope you have given us and depart this life in your peace and in your keeping rest until we are raised by your power to join the redeemed where sin and death are no more, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- OR -

O God, our heavenly Father, to whom can we turn for help? Only you can heal the broken hearted and bind up their wounds. Have compassion on your servants whose joy has been turned to sorrow. Do not leave them without comfort. Rather, let this sorrow draw them closer to you and to one another. Fill their lives with your presence and with a vision of that life where all mysteries will be revealed and all tears wiped away, that they may be able to abide until that morning breaks when all darkness flees, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Other prayers may be said.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

- OR -

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For the kingdom, the power,
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BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and + give you peace. Amen.

HYMN

GRAVESIDE COMMITTAL

A hymn may be sung.

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

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors" (Revelation 14:13 ESV).

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26 ESV).

I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God (Job 19:25-26 ESV).

In the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, we commit _____ *Name* _____ body to the ground: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Earth may be cast upon the coffin three times saying:

Out of dust you were taken.
Unto dust you shall return.
Out of the dust you will rise again.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3 ESV).



At the burial of a child.

O God, whose dear Son took little children into his arms and blessed them; with confidence in your grace we now leave this child in your hands, praying that we may all come at last to your heavenly kingdom through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, who by your death did take away the sting of death, grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may fall peacefully asleep in you and awake in your likeness, through your mercy, O Lord, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
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who trespass against us;
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forever and ever. Amen.

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who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

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



Individual Confession and Absolution

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld. John 20:23

Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 18:18

The person seeking forgiveness may say:

I confess to you and to almighty God that I am by nature sinful and unclean, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that I cannot escape the consequences of my sin. I can only implore God's mercy in Jesus Christ, who has made full satisfaction.

The penitent confesses in his/her own words.

The pastor, with laying-on of hands, says:

Upon your confession, and speaking according to the council of God, I declare you in God's stead free from all your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PSALM 130:1-8

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning.

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love
and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, and + to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.



Order for Public Confession

HYMN

Leader: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You wilt not de - spise.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with -

out end. A - men.

PSALM 51:1-13, 15 *(May be said or sung)*

Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love;
 according to your abundant mercy
 blot out my transgressions.
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.
 Against you, you only, have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight,
 so that you may be justified in your words
 and blameless in your judgment.
 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
 and in sin did my mother conceive me.
 Behold, you delight in truth in the
 inward being,
 and you teach me wisdom in the
 secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
 wash me, and I shall be whiter
 than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;
 let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins,
 and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,
 and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
 and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
 and sinners will return to you.

O Lord, open my lips,
 and my mouth will declare your praise.

Glory be to the Father, and + to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

LESSONS *(May be said or sung)*

Exodus 20:1-17

Luke 13:1-9

Isaiah 1:11-18

Luke 15:1-2, 11-31

Isaiah 57:14-21

John 13:1-17

Daniel 9:4-9, 17-19

John 20:19-23

Matthew 5:21-29

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Matthew 11:25-30

1 John 1:5-9

Mark 12: 28-31

SERMON**HYMN***Stand*

When this service is used as preparation for Holy Communion, the minister continues with the following exhortation. When used for other occasions, the service continues with the prayer below.

EXHORTATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, to receive this Holy Sacrament in a worthy manner, consider what we must now believe and do.

We should believe that Jesus Christ himself is truly present in the bread and wine as his words declare: "This is my body, which is given for you; this is my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin."

We should also trust that Jesus Christ forgives our sins as his words promise: "for the forgiveness of sin."

Finally, we should do as Christ commands when he says: "Take. Eat. Drink. Do this in remembrance of me."

When we repent, believe these words, and do as Christ commands, then we have rightly examined ourselves and may worthily come to the Lord's table for the forgiveness of all our sins.

Together, we should also give thanks to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for this great gift. We should love one another with a pure heart, and with the whole Christian church take comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. May our heavenly Father grant us his grace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER

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, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

- OR -

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Apostle Paul admonishes us: Examine yourselves before eating the bread and drinking the cup.

Scripture hereby encourages us to come to the Lord's table, believing that Jesus Christ is himself present in the bread and the wine as his words declare: "This is my body. This is my blood."

Scripture also encourages us to come trusting in the forgiveness of sins, as Jesus says, "For you, for the forgiveness of sin."

Finally, we are encouraged to do as Christ commands when he says: "Take. Eat. Drink. Do this in remembrance of me."

When we repent of sin, believe his words, and do as he commands, we come in a worthy manner, and join the whole Christian church on earth in giving thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for so great a gift. We also pray that his love will renew our love for one another and that we, with the whole Christian church, may know the comfort and joy that is in Christ our Savior and Lord. Receive now his grace with believing hearts. Amen.

CONFESSION

I ask you in the presence of Almighty God, who searches the heart:

Do you confess that you are by nature sinful and that by what you have done and by what you have left undone you have in thought, word, and deed, offended God and thereby deserve His condemnation? If this is your confession, answer Yes.

Response: Yes.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners and that all who believe on his name receive the forgiveness of sins? Do you desire to be delivered from all your sins, and are you confident that it is the gracious will of your heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake, to forgive you? If so, answer Yes.

Response: Yes.

Is it your intention, henceforth, to be obedient to the Holy Spirit so as to forsake all manner of sin, to live in God's presence, and to strive daily after holiness in life? If so, answer Yes.

Response: Yes.

All may be seated or kneel.

PRAYER

O God, our heavenly Father, I confess to you that I have grievously sinned against you in many ways, not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires, which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known to you.

I do earnestly repent and am heartily sorry for these my offenses, and I ask you of your great goodness to have mercy on me and, for the sake of your dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to forgive my sins and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Then shall the minister rise and say:

Almighty God our heavenly Father has had mercy upon us and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of his dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord forgives us all our sins. As a 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.

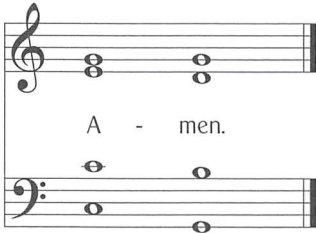
On the other hand, by the same authority, I declare to the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as they continue in their impenitence God has not forgiven their sins and will surely visit their iniquities upon them if they do not turn from their ways and come to repentance and faith before the day of grace is ended.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

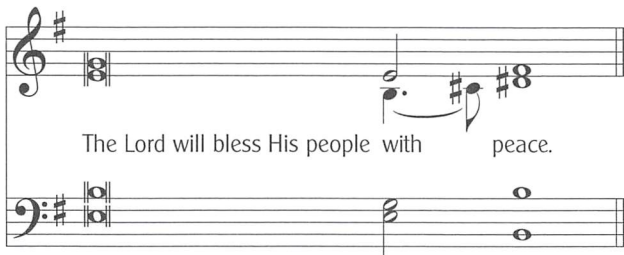
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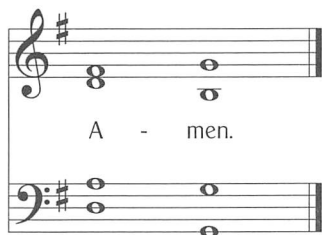


COLLECT FOR PEACE

Leader: The Lord will strengthen his people.

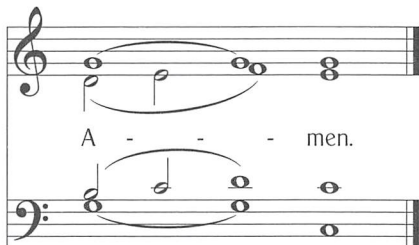


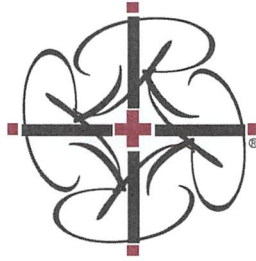
Leader: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do come, give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and also that, being defended from fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.







General Order for Prayer

For use at church meetings, retreats, and in the home, as well as with small groups and Bible studies.

A hymn appropriate for the time or occasion may be sung.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

LORD'S PRAYER

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thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
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as we forgive those
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but deliver us from evil.
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I believe in God, the Father almighty,
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He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
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He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
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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 Christian* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

A reading from Scripture or a section from Luther's Small Catechism may be shared at this time, and brief comment may follow.

Show us your mercy, O Lord.
And grant us your salvation.

Hide your face from our sins.
And blot out all our iniquities.

Create in us clean hearts, O God.
And renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence.
And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation.
And uphold us with a willing spirit.

O Lord, let your mercy be upon us,
As our trust is in you.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.
And let our cry come before you.

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

One of the following or another prayer appropriate for the time or occasion is said.

* *Christian* is the standard term used in the vernacular (German) translation of the Apostles' Creed by the Reformers. The word "catholic" may be used here instead.

For morning

We thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we ask you to protect us this day also from sin and every evil, that in all we do today we may please you. For into your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels watch over us that the wicked foe have no power over us.

Amen.

For evening

We thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today; and we ask you to forgive us all our sins and the wrongs that we have done. By your mercy, graciously protect us from the dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels watch over us, that the wicked foe have no power over us.

Amen.

For other times

Behold, Lord, empty vessels that need to be filled. Our Lord, fill them. We are weak in the faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make us fervent that our love may go out to our neighbors. We do not have a strong and firm faith; at times we doubt and are unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help us. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. In you we have sealed the treasures of all we have. We are poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. We are sinners; you are upright. With us there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, we will remain with you of whom we can receive but to whom we may not give.

Amen.

Additional prayers may be said.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

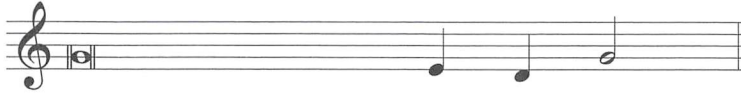
The blessing of almighty God, the Father, ✚ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Amen.

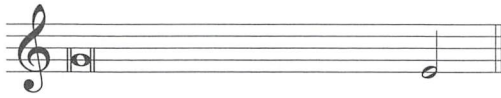
A hymn appropriate for the time or occasion may be sung.



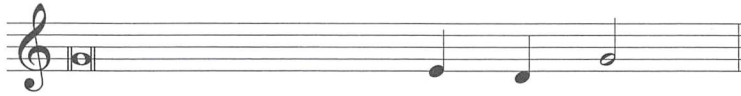
Evening Prayer



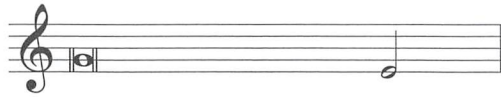
L: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.



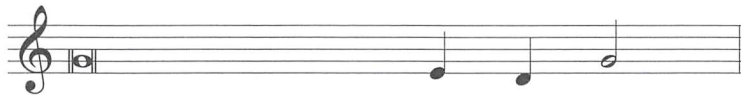
C: The light no darkness can over-come.



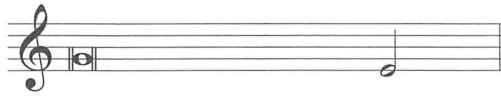
L: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening.



C: And the day is almost over.



L: Let your light scatter the darkness.



C: And illumine your church.



L: Joy- ous light of glo- ry:



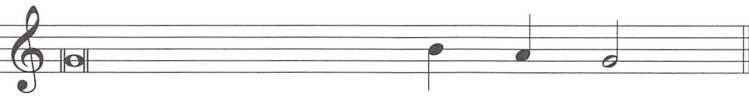
C: Of the immortal Fath- er;
 We have come to the setting of the sun,
 We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Ho- ly Spirit:
 O Son of God, O giver of life:



Heavenly, holy, blessed Je- sus Christ
 And we look to the eve- ning light
 He is worthy of being
 praised with pure voi- ces for- ever.
 The universe pro- claims your glory.

PSALM

A psalm may be sung, followed by the gloria patri.



L: Glory (be) to the Father,
 and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spirit:



C: As it was in
 the beginning, is now, and shall
 be for- ev- er. A- men.

LESSON

One or two lessons may be read. After the lessons, the leader continues:



L: Lord, have mercy up- on us.



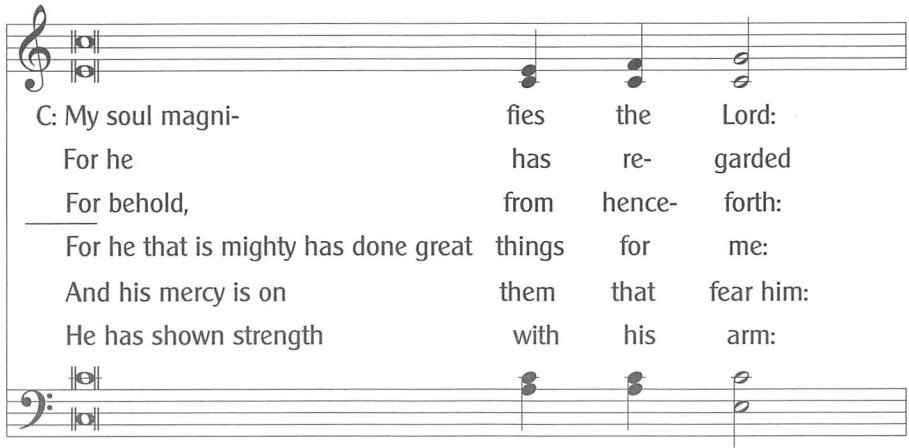
C: Thanks be to God.

A hymn may be sung.

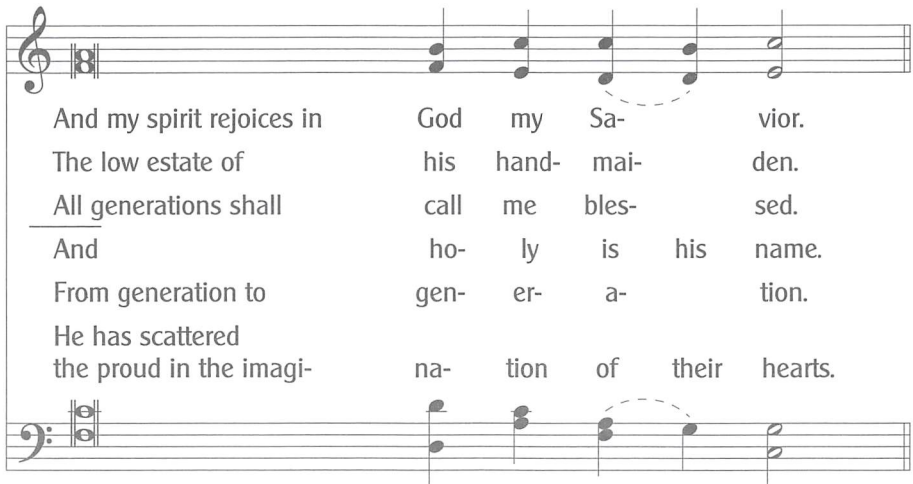
Leader: Let my prayer come before you as incense.

Response: And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

CANTICLE



C: My soul magni- fies the Lord:
 For he has re- garded
 For behold, from hence- forth:
 For he that is mighty has done great things for me:
 And his mercy is on them that fear him:
 He has shown strength with his arm:



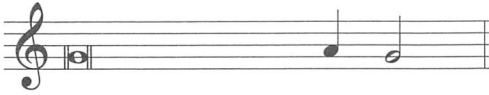
And my spirit rejoices in God my Sa- vior.
 The low estate of his hand- mai- den.
 All generations shall call me bles- sed.
 And ho- ly is his name.
 From generation to gen- er- a- tion.
 He has scattered
 the proud in the imagi- na- tion of their hearts.

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He has put down the mighty from their seats:
 He has filled the hungry with good things:
 He has helped his servant
 Israel in remembrance of his mercy:
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
 As it was in the begin- ning, is now,

And exalted those of low de- gree.
 And the rich he has sent a- way empty.
 As he spoke to our fathers,
 to Abraham, and to his seed for- e- ver.
 And to the Ho- ly Spir- it
 And shall be for- e- ver. A- men.

C: Glory (be) to the
 Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it;
 as it was in the
 begin- ning, is now, and shall be for- ev- er. A- men.



L: Lord, have mercy up- on us.

C: Lord, have mer - cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy up-on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

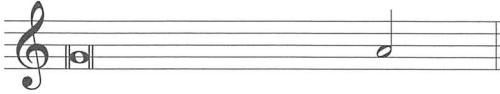
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

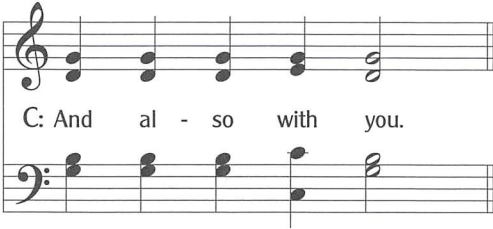
- OR -

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.
 Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

COLLECTS



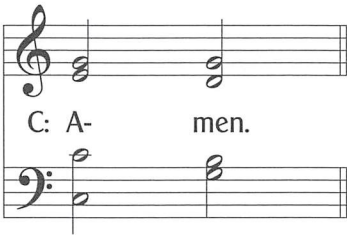
L: The Lord be with you.



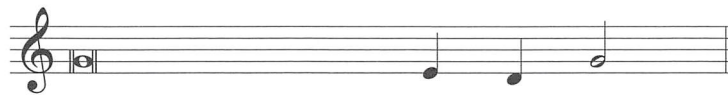
C: And al - so with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

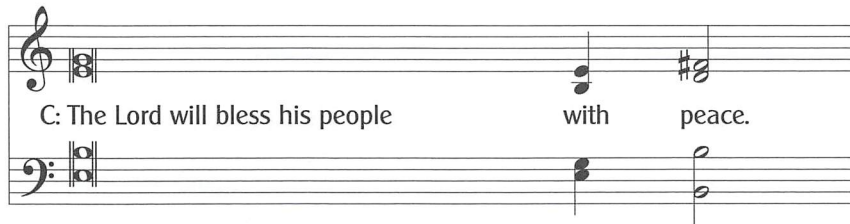
The prayer of the day is offered.



C: A- men.



L: The Lord will give strength to his people.



C: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The prayer for peace is offered.

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be ready to obey your commandments and that, freed from fear of our enemies, we may live peaceful and fruitful lives, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C: A- men.

BENEDICAMUS

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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

C: A- men.