

A service for Holy Eucharist
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20th Sunday after Pentecost

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1 INTRODUCTION

The Lord be with you
And also with you

2 HYMN –

1 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

GLORIA

Praise the Lord

Praise him you servants of the Lord

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Blessed be God's Name, now and for ever

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

3 THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Please be seated

Let us pray

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 Christ our Lord.

THE PENITENCE

Let us confess our sins, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you through our own fault: in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on *us*; pardon *our* sins and set *us* free from them; confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness and keep *us* in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

4 THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Holy God,

You govern all things in heaven and on earth:

Enable us to be obedient to your authority

That serving you in the world

We will be faithful witnesses of your kingdom;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

5 The First Reading

A reading from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

After the reading is said

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

6 Psalm 99

**Glory to the Father and to the Son:
And to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning:
Is now and will be for ever. Amen**

7 The Gospel

Please stand

Listen to the Good News proclaimed in the Gospel according to Matthew 22:15-22

After the reading

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ our Lord

8 The Sermon

9 THE CREED (AFFIRMATION OF FAITH)

Please stand

Together, we affirm our faith in the words of the Baptismal Creed:

**I believe and trust in God the Father who made the world
I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed humankind.
I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God.
I believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

10 THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercession are offered for the day and its tasks; for the world and its needs; for the Church and her life

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

11 THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always

Peace be with you

12 HYMN

1 Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.
Keep me singing till the break of day. (Refrain)

Refrain:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

2 Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.

Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing.
Keep me sharing till the break of day. (Refrain)

4 Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying.
Give me faith in my heart, I pray.
Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying.
Keep me praying till the break of day. (Refrain)

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS for pledges and offerings received via internet banking
Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your won do we give you. Amen.

13 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING –

Please have some bread and wine/grape juice available

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, given by the earth and fruit of the vine, made by human hands.

For us it becomes the bread of life, the cup of salvation. Blessed be God forever!

13 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – The 1st EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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The First Eucharistic Prayer

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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 right and indeed our duty and joy, Lord and heavenly Father, God almighty and eternal, always and everywhere to give thanks through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord;

Because through him you have created everything from the beginning and formed us in your own image; Through him you delivered us from the slavery of sin, when you gave him to be born as man, to die on the cross and to rise again for us; Through him you claimed us as your own people when you enthroned him with you in heaven, and through him sent out your Holy Spirit, the giver of life:

Proper preface for

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we acclaim you and declare the greatness of your glory; we praise you now and for ever saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hear us, Father, through your Son Christ our Lord; through him accept our offering of thanks and praise, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine so that they may be to us his body and his blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, 'Take this and eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

So too after supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.'

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

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

Holy Father, with these your gifts, we your people celebrate before you the one perfect sacrifice of Christ our Lord, his rising from the dead and his ascending to the glory of heaven.

Gracious Lord, accept us in him, unworthy though we are, so that we who share in the body and blood of your Son may be made one with all your people of this and every age.

Grant that as we await the coming of Christ our Saviour in the glory and triumph of his kingdom, we may daily grown into his likeness; with whom, and in whom, and through whom, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour be given to you, almighty Father, by the whole company of earth and heaven, throughout all ages, now and for ever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

As Christ has taught us we are bold to pray,

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

The bread which we break, is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?

We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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

A moment of quiet

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table, but you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.

Draw near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

As we partake of the bread, either on our own, or with those gathered with us we say,
The body of Christ, broken for you. Amen

As we share the wine we say,
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen

Pause

14 THE CONCLUSION

Give thanks, for the Lord is gracious
His mercy endures forever

We say together,

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise, more than we can utter, more than we can understand, be to you, O holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, from all Angels, all people, all creatures, for ever and ever.

And so we offer ourselves in service,

Father almighty, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

15 Notice

16 THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

17 RECESSIONAL

1 When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

2 Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.

3 When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold.
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your Lord on high.

4 So amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end