

The Order of Morning Service

¶ *While a Prelude is being played the Minister proceeds to the Altar and kneels before it. He remains in this position while an Assistant reads:*

I. THE OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Thy presence to hear Thy holy word. We pray Thee so to open our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Thy word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake Amen

¶ *The Minister rises and stands facing the Altar.*

2. THE HYMN

¶ *The contents of this Hymn may be determined by the season of the Church Year. On ordinary Sundays the Hymn may be a general Hymn of Prayer.*

3a. THE CONFESSION OF SIN

¶ *The Minister turning to the Congregation shall say:*

Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

¶ *Then the Minister kneeling before the Altar shall say:*

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Or:

O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

3b. THE KYRIE.

O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us!

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us!

O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us!

3c. THE ABSOLUTION

¶ *Then shall the Minister turn to the Congregation and say:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father hath had mercy upon us, and hath given His Only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God, and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

4. THE GLORIA

¶ *Then shall the Minister turn to the Altar and chant or say:*

Glory be to God in the highest

Or:

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¶ *Then shall the Congregation continue, saying:*

And on earth peace, good will toward men.

¶ *On the three great Festivals the Congregation shall then sing the Hymn: "All glory be to God on high."*

(During Lent the Gloria may be omitted.)

5. THE COLLECT

¶ *The Congregation shall rise and stand until the Epistle is read.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister turn to the Congregation and chant:*

The Lord be with you.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing:*

And with thy spirit.

¶ *The Minister shall then chant:*

Let us all pray.

¶ *Then shall the Minister turning to the Altar chant the Collect for the day.*

¶ *The Collect ended the Congregation shall sing:*

Amen.

6. THE EPISTLE, OR LESSON.

¶ *The Minister, turning to the Congregation, shall read the Epistle for the day, announcing it as follows:*

The Epistle for (here he shall name the day) is written in the _____ chapter of _____ beginning at the _____ verse.

¶ *The Epistle ended the Minister shall then say:*

Here endeth the Epistle (or Lesson)

7. HYMN.

¶ *This hymn shall correspond to the Epistle or be a Hymn of Praise.*

8. THE GOSPEL

¶ *The Minister, turning to the Congregation, shall say:*

The holy Gospel is written in the ____ chapter of St. ____ beginning at the ____ verse.

¶ *The Congregation shall here rise and remain standing until the Confession of faith has been said.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister read the Gospel of the day.*

¶ *The Gospel ended, the Minister shall say:*

Here endeth the Gospel.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation sing:*

God be praised for his glad tidings.

9. THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

Let us confess our holy Faith

¶ *The Minister shall turn to the Altar and, together with the Congregation, he shall say*

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.

¶ *The congregation shall sing:*

Amen.

10. HYMN

¶ *Then shall a hymn be sung, during which the Minister shall enter the pulpit.*

¶ *After the Hymn shall follow*

11a. THE SERMON

¶ *The Sermon shall close with the GLORIA PATRI:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

11b. THE GENERAL PRAYER

Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech Thee in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Look in mercy upon Thy Church. Protect it, and sanctify it by Thy truth. May Thy word be taught in its purity and Thy sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Thy Church faithful pastors who shall

declare Thy truth with power and shall live according to Thy will. Send forth laborers into Thy harvest, and open the door of faith unto all the heathen and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Thy Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

Let Thy protecting hand be over our nation and country and over all who travel by land or water. Prosper what is good among us, and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, our Judges and Magistrates, and all others in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of the Spirit of Thy wisdom and fear, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.

According to Thy promise, O God. be Thou the Defender of the widow and the Father of the orphan. Believe and comfort the sick and the sorrowful. Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's name. Grant that we may dwell together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather. And bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

Especially do we commend to Thy care and keeping this Thy congregation which Thou hast bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses, and bind us together in the unity of Thy holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Thy Name may be brought up in Thy fear. (Bestow the power of renunciation and faith upon the hearts of the young who are to be confirmed in their baptismal covenant.*) And at Thy Table give unto those who there commune with Thee peace and life everlasting.

*) The words enclosed in this parenthesis are to be used when a class is being prepared for confirmation.

Be merciful, O God, unto all men, according: to Thy great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And, when our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and, on the last day, a resurrection to Thy glory. Amen.

¶ *Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made,*

THE 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *The Minister shall then say:*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all Amen.

12. HYMN

¶ *The Hymn ended the Offerings may be gathered during which an anthem may be sung or an interlude played*

¶ *Holy Baptism shall then be administered before and after which a baptismal Hymn shall be sung*

(The Catechization of the Young may here take place This shall begin and close with appropriate Hymns.)

13. HOLY COMMUNION

¶ *When Holy Communion is to be celebrated it shall be introduced with a COMMUNION HYMN or the following PREFACE.*

¶ *The Minister turning to the Congregation shall chant:*

The Lord be with you.

¶ *The Congregation shall rise and sing:*

And with thy spirit.

¶ *The Minister:*

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

¶ *The Congregation:*

We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.

¶ *The Minister:*

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

¶ *The Congregation:*

It is meet and right to do so.

¶ *The Minister shall then turn to the Altar and chant:*

It is truly meet, right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise unto Thee, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name; evermore praising Thee and saying:

¶ *The Congregation shall sing*

THE SANCTUS.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory;
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

¶ *The Communicants shall gather about the Altar and remain standing, while the Minister, turning to the Congregation, shall »ay:*

14. THE EXHORTATION BEFORE COMMUNION

Dear Friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily it becomes you diligently to consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: "This is my Body, which is given for you"; "This is my Blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins"; you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His Body and Blood, as the words declare. From Christ's

words, “For the remission of sins”, you should, in the next place, believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His Body and Blood to confirm unto you the remission of all your sins. And, finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says: “Take, eat”; “Drink ye all of it”; and, “This do in remembrance of me”. If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then have you rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's Body and drink His Blood for the remission of your sins. You should, also, unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus, with the whole Christian Church, have comfort and Joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us all pray.

15. THE LORD'S PRAYER

¶ *The Minister, turning to the Altar, shall chant:*

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

¶ *The congregation shall sing:*

Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister chant:*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, In the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner, also, He took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

17. THE DISTRIBUTION.

¶ *Then shall the Minister give the bread to the Communicants, saying to each one: This is the true Body of Christ.*

¶ *He then gives the Cup to the Communicants, saying to each one: This is the true Blood of Christ.*

¶ *A Communion Hymn is sung by the Congregation during the Distribution.*

¶ *The Distribution ended, the Minister, turning to the Communicants, shall say:*

Our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who now hath bestowed upon you His holy Body and Blood, whereby He hath made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

18. A HYMN OF THANKSGIVING.

19. THE COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING.

¶ The Minister, turning to the Congregation, shall chant:

The Lord be with you.

¶ The Congregation, standing, shall sing:

And with thy spirit.

¶ The Minister shall chant:

Let us give thanks and pray.

¶ Then shall the Minister, turning to the Altar, chant:

We thank Thee, Lord God Almighty, that Thou hast vouchsafed to refresh us with these Thy salutary gifts; and we beseech Thee, of Thy mercy, to strengthen us through the same, in faith toward Thee, in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

¶ The congregation shall sing:

Amen.

20. THE BENEDICTION.

¶ The Minister, turning to the Congregation, shall chant:

The Lord be with you.

¶ The Congregation:

And with thy spirit.

¶ The Minister:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

¶ The Congregation shall sing:

Amen.

21. CLOSING HYMN.

22. THE CLOSING PRATER.

¶ The Assistant, standing before the Chancel, while the Minister kneels at the Altar, shall say:

O Lord! we render unto Thee our heartfelt thanks that Thou hast taught us what Thou wouldst have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Thy Holy Spirit for the sake of Jesus Christ to keep Thy word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness and comforted in life and death. Amen.

(When the Holy Communion is not celebrated, Nos. 13 to 18 inclusive are omitted. No. 19 is directly connected with No. 12, but so that the Collect for the Word is substituted for the Collect of Thanksgiving.)

THE COLLECT FOR THE WORD

Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee, that of Thy great mercy Thou hast given us Thy holy and blessed word by which Thou dost also among us gather Thy Christian Church. We humbly entreat Thee, grant us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may receive Thy word with thankful hearts, and live according thereto, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation: through Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing:*

Amen.

¶ *Instead of the Collect for the Word the following is used during Lent and on Good Friday.*

We thank Thee, Lord God the Father, that Thou didst give Thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. We thank Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, that Thou hast borne in Thy sacred body all our sins, and by Thy blood hast blotted out all our transgressions. We thank Thee, Lord the Holy Ghost, that Thou hast wrought in our hearts such faith, that we know nothing wherein to trust for salvation, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Grant us, O God, Thy grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven, for the sake of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Thy Holy Spirit, that, in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus, until we see Him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing:*

Amen.