

The Order of Morning Service, or The Communion

¶ *A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost may be sung.*

¶ *The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall say:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*

Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said the Confession of Sins, as here followeth:*

THE CONFESSION OF SINS.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

¶ *Then, all kneeling or standing, shall be sung or said:*

Minister.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

¶ *Congregation.*

Who made heaven and earth.

¶ *Minister.*

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

¶ *Congregation.*

And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

¶ *Then shall the Minister 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.

¶ *The Congregation shall say with the Minister:*

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.

¶ *Then the Minister, standing, shall 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!

¶ *Then shall the Congregation sing or say:*

Amen.

¶ *Then, all standing to the close of the Collect, shall be sung or said the Introit for the day.*

THE INTROIT.

¶ *The Introit with the Gloria Patri may be sung by the Choir; or the Introit may be said by the Minister, and the Gloria Patri sung or said by the Congregation. Instead of the Introit a Psalm or a Hymn may be used.*

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.

¶ *Then shall follow the*

KYRIE.

¶ *The Kyrie may be sung or said by the Minister and Congregation, or each petition may be said by the Minister, and sing or said by the Congregation in response.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then shall be sung the Gloria in Excelsis as here followeth. Instead of the Gloria in Excelsis, another Canticle or Hymn of Praise may be sung, except on festival days, and when there is a Communion.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

Glory be to God on high!

¶ *The Congregation shall sing:*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

The Lord be with you.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*

And with thy spirit.

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the Collect for the Day.*

THE COLLECT.

¶ *The Collect ended, the Congregation shall sing or say:*

Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister read the Epistle for the Day. Other Scripture Lessons may be read before the Epistle, but the Epistle and Gospel for the Day shall always be read, the Minister shall announce the Epistle, saying:*

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

THE EPISTLE FOR THE DAY.

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

Here endeth the Epistle.

¶ *Then shall the Hallelujah be sung or said, except in the Passion season.*

THE HALLELUJAH.

Hallelujah!

¶ *Then shall the Minister announce the Gospel for the Day, saying:*

The Holy Gospel is written in the chapter of St. _____ beginning at the _____ Verse.

¶ *The Congregation may sing or say:*

Glory be to Thee, Lord!

¶ *Then shall the Minister read*

THE GOSPEL FOR THE DAY.

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

Here endeth the Gospel,

and the Congregation shall stand up, unless they have stood at the rending of the Gospel, and shall sing or say:

Praise be to Thee, Christ!

¶ *Then shall be said or sung 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. Amen.

¶ Then may a Hymn be sung, and the Minister shall go into the pulpit. After the Hymn shall follow the Sermon.

THE SERMON.

¶ The Sermon ended, the Congregation standing up, the Minister shall say:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

¶ The Offerings shall be gathered and brought to the Minister, who shall place them on the Altar.

¶ Then shall the Minister make mention of any special Petition, Intercessions, or Thanksgivings which may have been requested. He may also make mention of the death of any member of the Congregation.

¶ Then shall follow the General Prayer. The Prayer here following may be used; or, if there be no Communion, the Litany, or a selection from the Collects and Prayers, or any other suitable prayer. The Minister shall stand before the Altar.

THE GENERAL PRAYER.

Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: we give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Thy dear Son, and for the revelation of Thy will and grace; and we beseech Thee so to implant Thy Word in us that in good and honest hearts we may keep it, and bring forth fruit by patient continuance in well-doing.

Most heartily we beseech Thee so to rule and govern Thy Church universal, with all its pastors and ministers, that it may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Thy saving Word, whereby faith toward Thee may be strengthened, and charity increased in us toward all mankind.

Grant also health and prosperity to all that are in authority, especially to the President [and Congress] of the United States, the Governor [and Legislature] of this Commonwealth, and to all our Judges and Magistrates; and endue them with grace to rule after Thy good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

May it please Thee also to turn the hearts of our enemies and adversaries, that they may cease their enmity, and be inclined to walk with us in meekness and in peace. All who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity, especially those who are in suffering for Thy name and for Thy truth's sake, comfort, God, with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may receive and acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestation of Thy fatherly will.

And although we have deserved Thy righteous wrath and manifold punishments, yet, we entreat Thee, most merciful Father, remember not the sins of our youth nor our many transgressions, but out of Thine unspeakable goodness, grace, and mercy defend us from all harm and danger of body and soul. Preserve us from false and pernicious doctrine, from war and bloodshed, from plague and pestilence, from all calamity by fire and water, from hail and tempest, from failure of harvest and from famine, from anguish of heart and despair of Thy mercy, and from an evil death. And in every time of trouble show Thyself a very present Help, the Savior of all men. and especially of them that believe.

Cause also the needful fruits of the earth to prosper, that we may enjoy them in due season. Give success to the Christian training of the young, to all lawful occupations on land and sea, and to all pure arts and useful knowledge: and crown them with Thy blessing.

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

These, and whatsoever other things Thou wouldest have us ask of Thee, God, vouchsafe unto us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God. world without end.

¶ *Then shall the Minister, and the Congregation with him, say the Lord's Prayer.*

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 forever and ever Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.*

¶ *If there be no Communion, a Doxology may be sung, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall pronounce the Benediction, after which the Congregation shall offer silent prayer.*

THE BENEDICTION.

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 or say:*

Amen.

¶ *Whilst the Hymn is sung, the Minister shall go to the Altar, make ready the Communion vessels, and prepare for the administration of the Holy Communion.*

¶ *The Hymn ended, the Congregation shall rise, and stand to the end of the Agnus Dei.*

THE PREFACE.

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you.

¶ The Congregation shall sing or say

And with thy spirit.

¶ Minister.

Lift up your hearts.

¶ Congregation.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

¶ Minister.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

¶ Congregation.

It is meet and right so to do.

¶ Minister.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

¶ Then shall be said or sung the Sanctus.

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.

¶ Then may the Minister give this Exhortation.

THE EXHORTATION.

Dearly beloved! Forasmuch as we purpose to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it becometh us diligently to examine ourselves, as St. Paul exhorteth us. For this Holy Sacrament hath been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins, and who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

But if we thus examine ourselves, we shall find nothing in us but only sin and death, from which we can in no wise set ourselves free. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ hath had mercy upon us, and hath taken upon Himself our nature, that so He might fulfil for us the whole will and Law of God, and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And to the end that we should the more confidently believe this, and be strengthened by our faith in a cheerful obedience to His holy will, He hath instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feedeth us with His Body, and giveth us to drink of His Blood.

Therefore, whoso eateth of this bread, and drinketh of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwelleth in Christ, and Christ in him, and hath eternal life. We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offenses, and raised again for our justification, and, rendering unto Him most hearty thanks for the same, take up our cross and follow Him, and,

according to His commandment, love one another even as He hath loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread, and drink of this one cup.

¶ *Then the Minister, turning to the Altar, shall say:*

Let us pray.

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;

¶ *Then shall the Congregation sing or say:*

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread;^a 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.

Alter the same manner, also. He took the cup,^b 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.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

The peace of the Lord be with you alway!

¶ *Then shall he sung or said the Agnus Dei, and the distribution shall begin.*

AGNUS DEI.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace! Amen.

¶ *When the Minister giveth the Bread, he shall say:*

Take and eat; this is the true Body of Christ, given for thee.

¶ *When he giveth the Cup, he shall say:*

Take and drink; this is the true Blood of the New Testament, shed for thy sins.

¶ *In dismissing the Communicants, the Minister may say:*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life.

¶ *If the consecrated Bread or Wine be spent before all have, communed, the Minister shall consecrate more, saying aloud so much of the words of institution as pertaineth to the element to be consecrated.*

¶ *When all have communed, the Minister shall reverently cover what remaineth of the Bread and Wine.*

^a Here he shall take the Plate with the Bread in his hand.

^b Here he shall take the Cup in his hand.

¶ *Then, all standing, may be sung or said the Nunc Dimittis*

THE NUNC DIMITTIS.

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word:
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Thy people Israel.
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.**

¶ *Then shall be said:*

THE THANKSGIVING.

¶ *Minister.*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*

And His mercy endureth forever.

¶ *Minister.*

We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith towards Thee and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*

Amen.

¶ *Then may be sung or said the Benedicamus.*

BENEDICAMUS.

¶ *Minister.*

The Lord be with you.

¶ *Congregation.*

And with thy spirit.

¶ *Minister.*

Bless we the Lord.

¶ *Congregation.*

Thanks be to God.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the Benediction, as here followeth, or he may say the words 2 Cor. 13:14.*

¶ *After the Benediction the Congregation should offer silent prayer.*

THE BENEDICTION.

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.

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Amen.