
BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Stand

1. The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P 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 our Lord. (236)

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

2. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

3. The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained 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.

OR

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C Amen



HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Three

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- 1. The Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness, page 98, may be used before this service.*
 - 2. The minister may announce the day and its significance before the Entrance Hymn, before the lessons, or at another appropriate time.*
 - 3. When there is no Communion, the service is concluded after the Creed as indicated.*

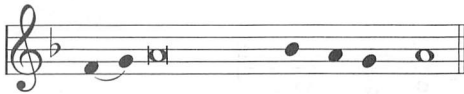
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- 4. The ENTRANCE HYMN or Psalm is sung.*
- 5. The minister greets the congregation.*

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

C And also with you.

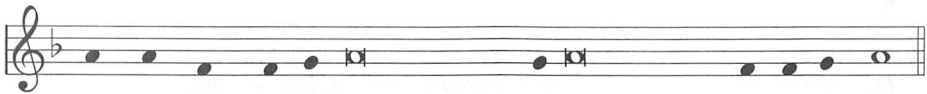
- 6. The KYRIE may follow.*



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



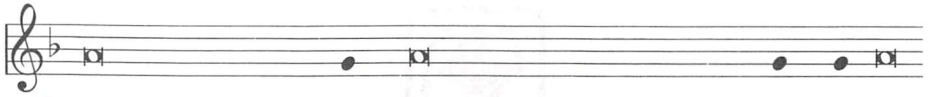
C Lord, have mer - cy.



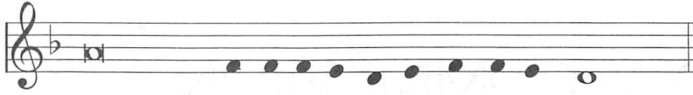
A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - - men

7. The HYMN OF PRAISE or another appropriate hymn may be sung.



A Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav'n - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



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



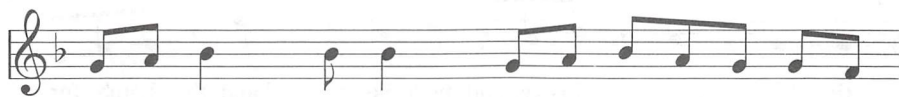
God: You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone



are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men

OR

A Al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

C Al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es,

wis - dom, and strength, hon - or, and bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

A This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. **C** Sing with all the

peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a -

tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for -

ev - er. A - men. This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

8. The *PRAYER OF THE DAY* is said; the salutation may precede it.

The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

Let us pray. . . .

Amen

Sit

9. The *FIRST LESSON* is announced and read.

The First Lesson is from the _____ chapter of _____.

10. After the lesson the reader may say: "Here ends the reading."

11. The appointed *PSALM* is sung or said.

12. The *SECOND LESSON* is announced and read.

The Second Lesson is from the _____ chapter of _____.

13. After the lesson the reader may say: "Here ends the reading."

14. The appointed *VERSE* is sung by the choir, or the congregation may sing the appropriate Verse below.

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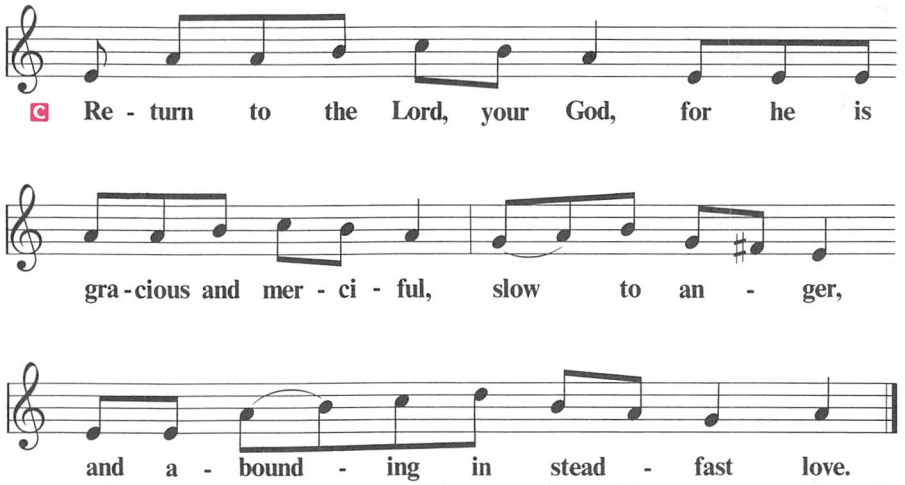
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

OR

LENT



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is
gra - cious and mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger,
and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

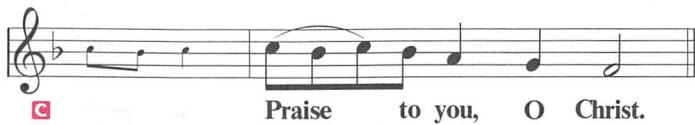
15. The GOSPEL is announced.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.



C Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

16. After the reading the minister may say: "The Gospel of the Lord."



C Praise to you, O Christ.

17. The Hymn of the Day may be sung before the Sermon.

Sit

18. The SERMON. Silence for reflection may follow.

Stand

19. The HYMN OF THE DAY is sung.

20. The CREED may be said. The Nicene Creed is said on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Apostles' Creed is said at other times. The Creed is omitted here if the service of Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is used.

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 catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

OR

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

*Or, He descended to the dead.

21. *When there is no Communion, the service continues on page 118. ►*

22. *THE PRAYERS are said.*

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, special concerns.

The congregation may be invited to offer petitions and thanksgivings.

Prayers of confession may be included if the Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness has not been used earlier.

The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.

After each portion of the prayers:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

OR **A** Let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

23. The PEACE is shared at this time or after the Lord's Prayer, prior to the distribution.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you.

P Peace be with you.

Sit

24. The OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

25. The appointed OFFERTORY may be sung by the choir as the gifts are presented, or the congregation may sing one of the following offertories, or an appropriate hymn or psalm may be sung.

Stand



C Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless-ing. Ga - ther a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and



give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OR



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his
 ben - e - fits to me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice
 of thanks-giv - ing and will call on the name of the
 Lord. I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of
 all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,
 in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

26. *After the gifts have been presented, one of these prayers is said.*

A Let us pray.

A Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (239)

OR

A Blessed are you,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (240)

27. *The ministers make ready the bread and wine.*

28. *The GREAT THANKSGIVING is begun by the minister standing at the altar.*



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

29. *The preface appropriate to the day or season is sung or said.*

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
 Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav - en 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.

30. The minister continues, using one of the sections below.

31. The minister may say:

P Holy God, mighty Lord,
 gracious Father:
 Endless is your mercy
 and eternal your reign.
 You have filled all creation
 with light and life;
 heaven and earth
 are full of your glory.
 Through Abraham you promised
 to bless all nations.
 You rescued Israel,
 your chosen people.
 Through the prophets
 you renewed your promise;
 and, at this end of all the ages,
 you sent your Son,

OR 32. The minister may say:

P In the night
 in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread,
 and gave thanks; broke it,
 and gave it to his disciples,
 saying: Take and eat;
 this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Again, after supper,
 he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink,
 saying: This cup is
 the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people
 for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

who in words and deeds
proclaimed your kingdom
and was obedient to your will,
even to giving his life.

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Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat
of this bread
and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death,
until he comes.

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

P Therefore, gracious Father,
with this bread and cup
we remember the life
our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness
of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us
the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray,
your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord
and of his resurrection,
that we who receive
the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise
of your glory
and receive our inheritance

OR

33. The minister may say:

P Blessed are you,
Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world
you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him
should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation
you have prepared
for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit
into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord
with a living faith
as he comes to us
in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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in which he was betrayed
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and gave it to his disciples,
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saying: This cup is
the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

with all your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers
with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them
with the ceaseless petitions
of our great high priest
until he comes
as victorious Lord of all.



C Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the



Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours,



al - migh - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men



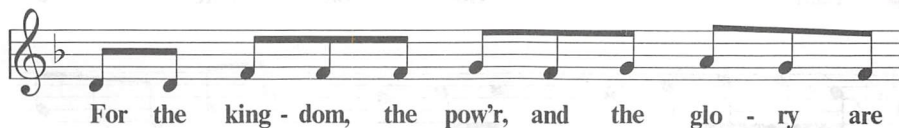
C Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lored be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done,



on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our



OR

C 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

Sit

34. The COMMUNION follows. The bread may be broken for distribution.

35. The presiding minister and the assisting ministers receive the bread and wine and then give them to those who come to receive. As the ministers give 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.

36. The communicant may say: "Amen."

37. Hymns and other music may be used during the ministration of Communion. One of the hymns may be the following.

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 mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin
of the world; grant us peace. A - men

Stand

38. After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace..

C Amen

39. The POST-COMMUNION canticle or an appropriate hymn is sung as the table is cleared.

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who
seeks the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple
forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing.
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

OR



Lord, now you let your ser - vant go in peace;




your word has been ful - filled. My own eyes have



seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre - pared



in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -




veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your




peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the



Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will



be for - ev - er. A - - - men

40. *One of these prayers is said.*

A Let us pray.

A We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. (241)

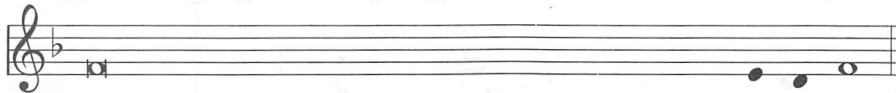
OR **A** Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (242)

OR **A** Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. (243)

C Amen

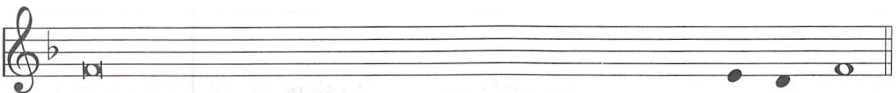
41. *Silence for reflection.*

42. *The minister blesses the congregation.*



P Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for-ever.

OR



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and. . . . ✠ give you peace.



C A - men

43. *The minister may dismiss the congregation.*

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

44. ► When there is no Communion, the service concludes as follows.

45. The OFFERING is received and may be presented at the altar.

46. The following Psalm or an appropriate hymn may be sung when the gifts are presented.

Stand



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

47. THE PRAYERS are said. One of the following or another form of prayer may be used.

A Let us pray.

A O Lord our God, you have commanded the light to shine out of darkness, and you have again brought us to your house of prayer to praise your goodness and ask for your gifts. Accept now in your endless mercy the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant us those requests which will be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day and heirs of your everlasting inheritance. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of your mercies, your whole Church, all who join with us in prayer, all our sisters and brothers wherever they may be in your vast kingdom who stand in need of your help and comfort. Pour out upon them the riches of your mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body and steadfast in faith, may ever praise your wonderful and holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always through all ages of ages. (244)

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C Amen

C 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

OR **C** 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.
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and the power, and the glory,
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The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen