



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Stand

1. *A HYMN is sung.*

2. *The appropriate DIALOG is read. It may be said responsively by the leader and the congregation or antiphonally by two sections of the congregation.*

Holy is the Lord, the Almighty.

He was, he is, and he is to come.

He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

He created all things. By his will they came to be.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

By his blood he purchased for God

people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

Christ made of them a kingdom

and priests to serve our God.

And they shall reign on earth forever.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

OR

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

for in your wisdom you have formed us.

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You set free those who are bound.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You raise up those whose courage falters.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You provide for our every need.

Accept our grateful praises.

You have called us from all peoples.

We rejoice and bless your name forever.

You bless your people with peace.

We bless you and praise your loving grace.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

for in your wisdom you have formed us.

OR

ADVENT

Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say—

a voice that speaks for peace.

Peace for all people and for his friends

and those who turn to him in their hearts.

His help is near for those who fear him,

and his glory will live in our land.

Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

OR

LENT

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.**

Seek the Lord while he may be found.

Call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked abandon their ways,

and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the Lord for mercy,

to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

All you who are thirsty, come to the water.

You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.

Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk.

**Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.**

L God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

3. An OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE (see canticles 14, 15, 16, 18, 19) appropriate to the season or occasion is sung.

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

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

Sit

5. The FIRST LESSON is announced and read.

L The First Lesson is from the _____ chapter of _____.

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

7. A psalm, hymn, or anthem is sung.

8. The SECOND LESSON is announced and read.

L The Second Lesson is from the _____ chapter of _____.

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

*Or: He descended to the dead.

10. *A response follows the Second Lesson.*

11. *Silence for meditation.*

12. *The SERMON follows the silence.*

Stand

13. *A HYMN is sung.*

Sit

14. *An OFFERING may be received.*

15. *THE PRAYERS follow. The leader may use the prayer below, the form for prayer in the Holy Communion (65), one of the forms of Responsive Prayer (161), one of the litanies (148 or 168), a series of prayers, or any appropriate prayer. Opportunity for prayers from the congregation may be provided.*

Stand

☐ Let us pray.

☐ Almighty and everlasting God, you are worthy to be held in reverence by all the mortal race. We give you thanks for the innumerable blessings which, despite our unworthiness, you have showered upon us.

We praise you especially that you have preserved for us in their purity your saving Word and the sacred ordinances of your house. Grant and preserve to your Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful pastors who shall preach your Word with power, and help all who hear rightly to understand and firmly to believe your Word of truth.

Protect and defend your people in time of tribulation and danger, that we, in communion with your Church and in unity with all Christian people, may fight the good fight of faith and in the end receive the fullness of salvation.

Upon all the nations of the earth bestow your grace. Especially we ask you to bless our land and all its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Cause your glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, justice and peace everywhere prevail. We commend to your care all our schools, that virtue and useful knowledge may be nourished and the wholesome fruits of life may abound.

In your mercy defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper all who labor, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Show yourself to be the helper of the sick and needy, the comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with these gifts, as our offering of praise.

Special supplications, intercessions, and thanksgivings.

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work which you have given us to do while it is day, before that night comes when no one can work. And, when our last hour shall come, support us by

your power and receive us into your everlasting kingdom, where, with your Son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever.

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.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

16. A NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE (see canticles 13, 17, 20, 21) appropriate to the season or occasion is sung.

17. The BENEDICTION is said; a hymn may follow.

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

C Amen