

# Service without Communion

## PREPARATION

### **IN THE NAME**

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **HYMN LH 457**

**1 Mighty God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, our hearts adore Thee.  
All creation must proclaim  
Thy great works, and bow before Thee.  
Ages roll, but Thou wilt be  
Lord throughout eternity.**

**2 King of glory, God's own Son,  
Humbly our poor nature sharing,  
Now to save us Thou art come,  
All our sin and sorrow bearing;  
Thou hast brought us saving grace,  
Freed from guilt our sinful race.**

**3 O have mercy on us, Lord;  
Shed on us Thy richest blessing;  
Keep us steadfast in Thy Word,  
Ever Thy great name confessing.  
Lord, we trust alone in Thee;  
Thine we are eternally.**

asc. to Ignaz Franz (1719-1790)  
Tr. Frederick William Herzberger

### **CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF GRACE**

Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**He made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

**Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Most merciful God,  
you have given your only Son to die for us.  
Have mercy on us,  
and for his sake  
grant us forgiveness of all our sins.  
By your Holy Spirit  
increase our knowledge of you and your will,  
and make us obedient to your word,  
so that by your grace  
we may come to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become children of God and has given them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

**Amen.**

## PSALM/INTROIT

*After the psalm or introit:*

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Glory to God in the highest,

*I-// and on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased.*

[Amen.]

*I We praise you, we bless you,*

*// we worship you, we glorify you,*

*I-// we give thanks to you for your great glory,*

*I O Lord God, heavenly king,*

*// God, the Father almighty.*

*I-// O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ,*

*I O Lord God, Lamb of God,*

*// Son of the Father,*

*I you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*// You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.*

*I-// You are seated at the right hand of God the Father;*

*have mercy on us.*

*I For you alone are holy,*

*// you alone are Lord,*

*I you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,*

*// are most high in the glory of God the Father.*

*I-// Amen.*

## WORD

### GREETING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT)

(Let us pray for the unity of the Holy Spirit. *[silence]*)

**Holy Father, your Son prayed for his disciples that they would be one, as you and he are one.**

**Keep your whole church harmoniously together in faith and love, united by the one Spirit.**

**We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### FIRST READING

The first reading for \_\_\_\_\_ is written in chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, beginning at verse \_\_\_\_\_.

*After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 68:1-10

P: Sing to God, sing praise to his name,

**C: extol him who rides on the clouds-**

P: his name is the Lord-

**C: and rejoice before him.**

P: A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,

**C: is God in his holy dwelling.**

P: God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing;

**C: but the rebellious live in a sun scorched land.**

P: When you went out before your people, O God,

**C: when you marched through the waste land,**

P: the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,

**C: before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

P: You gave abundant showers, O God;

**C: you refreshed your weary inheritance.**

P: Your people settled in it and from your bounty, O God

**C: you provided for the poor.**

## **SECOND READING**

The second reading is written in chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
beginning at verse \_\_\_\_\_.

*After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **RESPONSE**

*The gradual or hymn of the day may be sung, or the following:*

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*OR, in Lent:*

**Christ humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even  
death on a cross.**

## **GOSPEL**

The holy gospel is written in chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel according to St \_\_\_\_\_, beginning at verse \_\_\_\_\_.

**Glory be to you, O Lord.**

*The minister reads the gospel.*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## **CREED**

*The Apostles' Creed (below) or the Nicene Creed is said.*

**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 Spirit,  
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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,  
from thence he will come 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: Christian; 'catholic' here means 'universal'

## **HYMN LH 109**

**1 Draw us to Thee;**

**For then shall we**

**Walk in Thy steps for ever,**

**And hasten on**

**Where Thou art gone,**

**To be with Thee, dear Saviour.**

2 Draw us to Thee,  
Lord, lovingly;  
Let us depart with gladness,  
That we may be  
For ever free  
From sorrow, grief and sadness.

3 Draw us to Thee;  
O grant that we  
May walk the road to heaven;  
Direct our way,  
Lest we should stray,  
And from Thy paths be driven.

4 Draw us to Thee,  
That also we  
Thy heavenly bliss inherit,  
And ever dwell  
Where sin and hell  
No more can vex our spirit.

5 Draw us to Thee  
Unceasingly:  
Into Thy kingdom take us;  
Let us for e'er  
Thy glory share;  
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

Zeuch uns nach dir  
Friedrich Funke (1642-1699)

#### **SERMON**

*After the sermon:*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

**OFFERING** (*a hymn may be sung*)

#### **HYMN LH 407**

- 1 All those who trust in God to guide them,  
who hope in him along life's way,  
will know his wonderful protection  
through cross and sadness, every day.  
When they are led by God's strong hand,  
they build on rock, not sinking sand.
- 2 How can our anxious worries help us?  
What use are all these moans and cries?  
How can it help when, in our hardships,  
we face each day with heavy sighs?  
Our cross and sufferings only press  
the heavier for our bitterness.
- 3 Let us be still, and find enjoyment  
in life, with heart and mind content  
to take whatever God our Father  
in his all-knowing love has sent;  
for all our deepest needs are known  
by God, who chose us for his own.

**4 Sing, pray, and be prepared to follow  
with faithfulness along God's way,  
and trust the heavenly Father's blessings;  
then you will find them new each day.  
God never will forsake in need  
all those who trust in him to lead.**

*Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten*

Georg Neumark 1621-81

tr David A Schubert 1942-

#### **OFFERTORY SONG**

*'What can I offer' (below) or another offertory song is sung.*

**1 What can I offer to the Lord  
for all his goodness to me?**

**2 I will lift up the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

**3 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

**4 I will keep my promises to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people;**

**5 in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

#### **PRAYERS**

##### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

##### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

#### **CONCLUSION**

##### **HYMN LH 115**

**1 Rejoice, the Lord is king!  
Your Lord and king adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore:**

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

**2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains,  
He took His seat above:**

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

3 His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

4 He sits at God's right hand  
Till all His foes submit,  
And bow to His command,  
And fall beneath His feet:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

#### **BLESSING**

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 favour and give us peace.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

#### **DOXOLOGY**