

Service without Communion

PREPARATION

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

Amen.

HYMN LH 500

1 Blessed Jesus, at Thy word

We are gathered all to hear Thee;

Let our hearts and souls to be stirred

Now to seek and love and fear Thee;

By Thy gospel pure and holy

Teach us, Lord, to love Thee solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense and sight

Lie in deepest darkness shrouded,

Till Thy Spirit breaks our night

With the beams of truth unclouded;

Thou alone to God canst win us,

Thou must work all good within us.

3 Glorious Lord, Thyself impart;

Light of light from God proceeding,

Open lips and ears and heart,

Help us by Thy Spirit's pleading;

Hear the cry Thy Church now raises,

Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

Tobias Clausnitzer (c.1618-1684)
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.

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. (sung)

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.

**(It is impossible for us to come to God with a true/pure heart of our own doing, as only He can cleanse us and purify our motives. What is meant by "a true heart" in confession, is that we come with the trust/heart of a child. See Luke 18:15-17).*

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

PSALM 100

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

C: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

P: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his,

C: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise

C: give thanks to him and praise his name.

P: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

C: his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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 (Or, "Kyrie Eleison" in Greek. This is not a repeat of our earlier confession, but a petition on behalf of the world as a part of our role as the "Priesthood of all believers".)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased.

[Amen.]

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you for your great glory.**

O Lord God, heavenly king, God, the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

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

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

You are seated at the right hand of God the Father;

have mercy on us.

For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord,

you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GREETING (A longer greeting originally – 'The Lord be with your Spirit in your praying'. 'And also with your Spirit'. This was because Scripture tells us we are to worship God in spirit).

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT)

(Let us pray for empowerment to follow Jesus. *[silence]*)

Jesus, our Saviour, thank you for giving up everything for us, and making us your people.

Live within us, and with your Spirit, to help us follow you without counting the cost. For you live and reign with the Father 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.

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!

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 Christian church - the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

HYMN LH 221

1. Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word,
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
Wheresoe'r His breath has given
Life to beings meant for heaven.
- 2 Tell them how the Father's will
Made the world, and keeps it still:
How His only Son He gave,
Man from sin and death to save.
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's love,
Who for ever doth remove
By His holy sacrifice
All the guilt that on us lies.
- 4 Tell them of the Spirit given
Now to guide us up to heaven,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.
- 5 Up! The ripening fields ye see,
Mighty shall the harvest be:
But the reapers still are few,
Great the work they have to do.

**6 Lord of the harvest, let there be
Joy and strength to work for Thee,
Till the nations far and near
See Thy light, and learn Thy fear.**

Jonathon Friedrich Bahnmeister (1774-1841)

SERMON

OFFERING (*a hymn may be sung*)

HYMN LH 377

**1 Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2 Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**3 Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my king;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.**

**4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.**

**5 Take my will, and make it Thine:
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart: it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

OFFERTORY SONG (from Psalm 116)

'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.

HYMN LH 194

1 Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned Thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness:
'One Church, one faith, one Lord.'

2 Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest, as to least;
They bade men rise, and hasten
To share the great king's feast;
And this was all their teaching,
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming
'One Church, one faith, one Lord.'

3 And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
'One Church, one faith, one Lord.'

4 Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave Thy work undone;
With Thy right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then by men and angels
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem:
'One Church, one faith, one Lord.'

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

BLESSING

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 favour and give you peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen.