

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The Word of God

A **Hymn** may be sung.

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

*In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*In Lent and on other penitential occasions*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*The Congregation says:*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you 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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Gloria** *is said or sung (except during Lent)*

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

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*During Lent the following is used*

Lord, have mercy.  
*Christ, have mercy.*  
Lord, have mercy.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*The Officiant says to the people*

                  The Lord be with you.  
*People*     And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### **The Lessons**

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading (Lesson) from \_\_\_\_\_.  
*A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.*

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

                  The Word of the Lord.  
*People*     Thanks be to God.

### **The Psalm**

### **The Epistle**

*Silence may follow*

### **Hymn**

### **The Gospel**

A reading from the Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_  
Hear what the spirit is saying to the Church.

*After the Gospel,*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **The Sermon**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

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 to the dead.

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.

## **Hymn**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may  
be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal  
your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

*The Officiant says*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that 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.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Officiant says to the people*

                  The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*       And also with you.

## **Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

### *For a Birthday*

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as (s)he begins another year. Grant that (s)he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *For Wedding Anniversaries*

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: We pray for your blessing to be upon these your servants, that they may continue to so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace, and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Offertory**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

## **Offertory Hymn**

## **The Doxology**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Officiant*

## **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,  
    for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Collect for the Mission of the Church**

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. *Amen.*

### **Collect for Sunday**

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Litany of Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

*We thank you, Lord.*

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,  
revealing the image of Christ,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and  
our friends,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering  
and faithful in adversity,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and  
promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
*To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the  
Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.*

## **Hymn**

*Then is said*

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

*From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may  
be added to the preceding versicle and response.*

*The Officiant concludes*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in  
believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*  
*Romans 15:13*