

The Word of God

## OPENING HYMN

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever, Amen.**

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## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

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## SONG OF PRAISE

*Often the Gloria, but sometimes the Kyrie or the Trisagion.*

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Each Sunday has its own collect, or prayer, for the day, reflecting the season (Advent, Easter, etc.) and/or the readings.*

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## PSALM

*spoken or sung*

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## FIRST READING

*usually from Hebrew Scripture*

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## SECOND READING

*usually an epistle, which means letter*

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## SEQUENCE HYMN

*a song before the Gospel reading*

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## HOMILY

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## GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew/Mark/Luke/John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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## 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...**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life...**

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Prayers of intercession for the universal church, the nation, the world, the local community, those who suffer, and those who have died.*

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## ABSOLUTION

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

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## CONFESSION

**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...**

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## PEACE

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

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## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The celebrant signals the beginning of Holy Communion with a sentence about offering gifts to God. We often hear "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:2)*

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## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

...On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me..."

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## OFFERTORY

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the celebrant. During the Offertory, the choir sings an anthem.*

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## 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...**

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## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**...Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

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## BLESSING

*The celebrant offers a trinitarian blessing, such as "The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and remain with you always."*

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**CLOSING HYMN**

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**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**