



OPENING SENTENCES

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God. (Rom 12:1 NRSV)



THE INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and † of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



OPENING SONG

Come as you are

Come out of sadness,
from wherever you've been.
Come, broken- hearted;
let rescue begin.
come find your mercy;
Oh sinner, come kneel.
Earth has no sorrow
that heaven can't heal.

So lay down your burdens,
lay down your shame.
All who are broken,
lift up your face.
Oh, wanderer come home
you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt,
lay down your heart; come as you are.
There's hope for the hopeless
and all those who've strayed.
Come sit at the table
come taste the grace.

There's rest for the weary,
rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow
that heaven can't cure.

So lay down your burdens,
lay down your shame.
All who are broken
lift up your face.
Oh wanderer come home;
you're not too far.
Lay down your hurt,
lay down your heart;
come as you are.

Come as you are
Fall in His arms.
Come as you are.
There's joy for the mourning
Oh sinner, be still.
Earth has no sorrow
that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
that heaven can't heal.

So lay down your burdens,
lay down your shame.
All who are broken,
lift up your face.

Oh, wanderer come home
you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt,
lay down your heart;
Come as you are. Come as you are,

or **THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

Before we confess our faith with our lips, we first come honestly before God with our hearts. Jesus asks each of us, "Who do you say that I am?" Too often our lives fail to reflect the faith we profess. Yet Christ, who is full of mercy and truth, invites us to bring our sins before him, trusting in his forgiveness and grace.

Merciful God,

we confess that although we call Jesus Lord, we have not always trusted him with our whole lives.

We have remained silent when we could have spoken of your love.

We have allowed fear, doubt, and self-interest to shape our words and actions.

We have failed to love our neighbours as Christ has loved us.

Forgive us. Renew our faith. By your Holy Spirit, strengthen us to confess Christ with courage,

to serve others with compassion, and to live as faithful witnesses to your gospel. Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

or **THE ABSOLUTION**

Hear the good news. God has not abandoned us to our weakness. In Jesus Christ, true God and true human, we are forgiven, reconciled, and made new. For his sake, your sins are forgiven. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, deepen your hope, and fill you with the courage to confess Christ in both word and deed. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE



You are Glorious

You are glorious.

Evry knee shall bow to one victorious,

Now exalted to the highest place of all,

Every tongue confess that you are Lord of all Lord of all.

And we belong to you, we love your name,

The name above all other names.

And Your glory is upon us now

As we worship you,

King of Kings.

You are glorious.

Evry knee shall bow to one victorious,

Now exalted to the highest place of all,

Every tongue confess that you are Lord of all

Lord of all.



THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray for faith to follow Christ :

Almighty and everlasting God,

you have revealed your Son to be the Christ, your living Word made flesh for the salvation of the world. By your Holy Spirit strengthen our faith, that we may confess Jesus Christ with confidence, trust him with our whole lives, and faithfully bear witness to his gospel; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

May God go with you, fill your hearts with joy, and help you grow in His love today. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6 The earth will pass away, but God's salvation is forever

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,

but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8 The basis of ethics, and advice on gifts

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

PLEASE STAND

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20 Peter declares Jesus to be the Christ

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹

⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

PLEASE BE SEATED



THE ADDRESS



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PLEASE STAND

**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, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic^t and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED



OFFERING SONG The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought,
Ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

*This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Now the daylight flees;
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.
*This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death;
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

*This, the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

I OFFERING PRAYER

**Thank you, Lord, for giving faith
to us and to your whole church,
and for the gift of forgiveness.
Help us in gratitude
to offer ourselves in your service.
Lead us to work in harmony with one another,
using the gifts you have given us for the common good.
Amen.**

Blessing of Joshua & Nadine

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PLEASE STAND

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

It is indeed right and good,

Lord God, holy Father,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks to you,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By your living Word you have revealed yourself to the world,
and through the witness of the apostles and the faithful confession of
your Church,

you continue to draw people into the life of your kingdom.

And so, with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we adore and praise your glorious name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord!

God the Lord of heavenly hosts!

With your glory you now fill

**Heav'n and earth to dwell with us.
Holy! Holy Lord.**

**Blessed, blessed is the King
who comes in your name to bless us here.
Sing Hosanna! Sing on high;
He has won the victory!
Sing Hosanna to our King!**



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed,
took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take and eat; this is † my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
Drink of it, all of you; this is † my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.



THE 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.**



THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**



LAMB OF GOD

Christ the Lamb, the Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy upon us. Have mercy on us. *(Repeat)*

Christ the Lamb, the Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us your peace now. Amen.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

NOTE: "Please allow the Band to commune first."

1. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

2. Gluten free wafers are also available.

** Come, for all is made ready.

God warmly invites you to His table.



DISTRIBUTION

Communion 1 - Behold the Lamb

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

2. The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you - eat and remember;
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

3. The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin,
Shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

Communion 2 - He will hold me fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast

For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

2. Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

3. For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last"

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast.



THE DISMISSAL

PLEASE STAND PASTOR NEV

The body of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you
in body and soul to life eternal. Go in peace †. **Amen.**



POST-COMMUNION SONG

(sung)

Now, Lord, you let your servant go
in peace, according to your word
for I have seen how you have sent
your Son to save the world from sin.

Now your salvation is revealed:
a light that shines in this dark world;
a light of grace for all the earth;
a light that glorifies your saints.

All glory to the Father, Son
and Holy Spirit, one true God;
the God who was, the God who is,
and will be ever more. Amen.

Now, Lord you let your servant go
in peace, according to your word
for I have seen how you have sent
your Son to save the world from sin.

Pastor & Sue facing the altar



THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God,
thank you for the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is the way, the truth, and the life.

**Help us to follow him
and walk along the way
that leads to eternal life.
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.**

THE 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.

THE COMMISSION

Jesus still asks the question, "Who do you say that I am?" Go now to answer that question not only with the words of the Creed, but with lives shaped by his grace.

Share the good news of Christ with humility, confidence, and love. And may the Holy Spirit give you courage to confess Jesus faithfully wherever you are, until all people come to know the hope and peace found in him. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

PASTOR – *final notice, if needed*

CLOSING SONG

Yet not I but through Christ in me

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
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Thank you for worshiping with St Paul's today