

OPENING SENTENCES

If we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord;
so then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:7,8 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.
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,
Come as you are.
Come as you are,

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THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Friends in Christ,
Let us come before our loving God and confess our sins, knowing that
he is full of grace and mercy

**Merciful God,
we confess that we are often quick to notice the wrongs of others and
slow to recognise our own.
We have kept count of hurts,
held on to resentment, and sometimes failed to show the mercy we
have received from you.
Forgive us, Lord.
Give us courage to speak truth,
wisdom to seek justice,
and grace to forgive. Amen.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

THE ABSOLUTION

Hear the good news!
God, whose mercy is greater than our sin,
has forgiven us through Jesus Christ.
Our debts are cancelled,
our failures do not have the final word,
and we are set free to live as people of grace.

As a called and ordained servant of the word, I announce the grace of God to all of you.

On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command,
I forgive the sins of all of you who repent and believe,
in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Peace be with you. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

What the Lord has done in me
Let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Let the blind say I can see
It's what the Lord has done in me. (Repeat)

Hosanna, Hosanna
To the Lamb that was slain
Hosanna, Hosanna
Jesus died and rose again
(Repeat)

Into the river I will wade
There my sins are washed away
By the heaven's mercy stream
Of the Saviour's love for me

I will rise from waters deep
Into the saving arms of God
I will sing salvation songs
Jesus Christ has set me free.

Hosanna, Hosanna
To the Lamb that was slain
Hosanna, Hosanna
Jesus died and rose again
(Repeat)

Let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Let the blind say I can see
It's what the Lord has done in me.

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THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray that we forgive one another.

**Thank you, God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that you have had mercy on us
and have forgiven us through your Son.
Make us more like him, so that we too
forgive one another from the heart.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21 **Joseph is reconciled with his brothers**

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died,

¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them

THE SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12 The strong and the weak faith

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

PLEASE STAND



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35 **Parable of the unforgiving servant**

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked

slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

PLEASE BE SEATED



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**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† 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

AT 397 These I lay down

1. Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share his life in bread and wine,
I recognise the sorry things within -
these I lay down.

2. The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,
the signs of care I argued out of sight -
these I lay down.

3. The narrowness of vision and of mind,
the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt -
these I lay down.

4. Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine,
that every contradiction to Christ's peace
might be laid down.

5. Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands,
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine
which you lay down.

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OFFERING PRAYER

**Thank you, Lord, for your great mercy in continuing to forgive us.
Help us likewise to show mercy to our sisters and brothers
and forgive them when they wrong us.
Strengthen our faith and our love,
and lead us to live in gratitude for all you have done for us,
serving you and other people. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH -

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 truly right to give you thanks, loving God,
for you have not treated us according to what we deserve,
but have met us with mercy and forgiveness.
You call us to become a people who tell the truth,
seek justice, bear with one another,
and extend to others the abundant grace we have received from you.
And so, with all who know your mercy,
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.**

DISTRIBUTION

AT 331 Turn to me with all your heart

1. Turn to me with all your heart,
come with fasting and weeping.

Come with spirits torn apart,
secrets you've been keeping.

2. Turn to me, your gracious Lord,
come for mercy and blessing.

Enter now the open door,
all your sins confessing.

3. Turn to me, assemble now,
gather children and infants.
Blow the trumpet! Speak your vows!
Then receive forgiveness.

4. Turn to me, be satisfied -
I'll no longer reject you.
Come, for I alone provide,
guard you and protect you.

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Take heart

1. Broken one, take heart
For your king has entered in
Made your heart his home
When he washed away your sin
In the darkest day,
know your shame is all gone
When he looks at you, God will see his Son
At the throne of grace,
he says "sinner, come"

2. Hurting one, take heart
For your king will walk beside
With each rising sun
Every grace he will provide
In the hardest day, he will never forsake
For he knows your grief,
and he feels your pain
When the world gives way,
Jesus will remain

3. Waiting one, take heart
For your king will soon return
Ending every strife
He will reign upon the earth
In the longest day, know the vict'ry is won
Do not fear the world, he has overcome
You are safe in him covered by his love

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THE DISMISSAL

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

**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.**

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Loving heavenly Father,
it is by your mercy that we are redeemed.
Through the gift of the body and blood of your Son
in this sacrament, help us always to remember
that you have forgiven and accepted us**

**only because of Christ, and not because of ourselves
or anything that we have done.**

**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

Go now as people who have been forgiven.

Tell the truth when truth needs to be spoken.

Stand beside those who have been hurt.

Have courage to confront what is wrong.

Make room for repentance and new beginnings.

And when you are able, let go of keeping score,
and extend to others the mercy you have received from God.

Go in peace and live as people of grace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



CLOSING SONG

Nothing but the blood

1 What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus

2 For my pardon this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus

3 This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus (Repeat)

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