

The Gathering of the Community

Sentence: I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me. *John 14.6*

The presiding celebrant greets the community

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Or from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost,

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

The following prayer may be said.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **to you all hearts are open,**

all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden.

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.

Glory to God

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

All **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**

Collect

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another
and walk in the way of his commandments,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO. Psalm 95.

COME, let us sing unto the LORD: / let us
heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
/ and show ourselves glad in him with
psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, / and a great
King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: /
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: / and his hands
prepared the dry land.

O COME, let us worship, and fall down, / and
kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; / and we are the
people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

TO-DAY, O that ye would hear his voice: /
'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation,
and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;
When your fathers tempted me, / proved me,

and saw my works.
Forty years long was I grieved with that generation,
and said, / “It is a people that do err in their
hearts, for they have not known my ways”;
Unto whom I swear in my wrath, / that they
should not enter into my rest.’
GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and
to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, / world without end. Amen.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit, *

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit, *

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit, *

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,

and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.”

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit, *

The Gospel: The Lord be with you,
Response: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
John 14: 1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?^[b] ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.”^[c] ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know^[d] my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me^[e] for anything, I will do it.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God,
The Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

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**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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all

people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People I will, with God's help.

The Prayers of the People

(As we remain in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, singing, "Lord, have mercy.")

For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Collects:

Gracious God,
you show us your way
and give us your divine life.
May everything we do
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

Celebrant Glory to God,
All whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our
Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the
eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you
may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his
sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and

ever.

The Peace

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