

The Gathering of the Community

Sentence: If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. *See John 14.23*

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

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive 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 66:7-18

Refrain: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

Refrain: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

Refrain: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

Refrain: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Refrain: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands

BENEDICTUS. St Luke 1. 68.

LESSED be the Lord God of Israel; / for
he hath visited, and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, /
in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, /
which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, /
and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,
/ and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our
forefather Abraham, / that he would grant us

That we being delivered out of the hands of
our enemies / might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him, / all
the days of our life.

AND thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet
of the Highest: / for thou shalt go before the face
of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto
his people/ for the remission of their sins;

Through the tender mercy of our God; /
whereby the day-spring from on high hath
visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and
in the shadow of death, / and to guide our feet
into the way of peace.

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.

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: 15-21

15 "If you love me, you will keep^[a] my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,^[b] to be with you forever. **17** This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in^[c] you.

18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. **19** In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. **20** On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. **21** They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

The Prayers of the People

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy.")

We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests.

Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in

the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8.12

Leader Let us remember before God our selfish ways, the things we have done wrong, the sorrows we have caused, the love we have not shown.

692 Home Prayers

Silence for reflection is kept.

**All Most merciful Father,
forgive us our sins against you
and against each other.
Strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses,
that we may live in love
as you would have us live,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

The priest says,

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

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:

God of glory,
accept all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,
where Christ is King.
We ask this in his name..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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