

## **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**

Almighty God,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven.  
Mercifully give us faith to know  
that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;  
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.

The Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

*Refrain* Exalt him who rides upon the heavens.

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at  
the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.

*Refrain* Exalt him who rides upon the heavens.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*

Yahweh is his name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners  
into freedom; \*

but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

*Refrain* Exalt him who rides upon the heavens.

10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision  
for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

*Refrain* Exalt him who rides upon the heavens.

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!

Blessed be God!

*Refrain* Exalt him who rides upon the heavens.

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.

**Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**John 17:1-11**

17:1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and  
said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may  
glorify you,

17:2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal  
life to all whom you have given him.

17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

17:4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

17:5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I  
had in your presence before the world existed.

17:6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the  
world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept  
your word.

17:7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

17:8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

17:9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

17:10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

17:11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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:

Source of all joy,  
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Keep us in the love of Christ  
and bring us to the vision of his glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. 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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