

THE GATHERING

Hymn

- 1 Here and now we're bound together:
held in one divine embrace.
Help us see, in one another,
difference as a gift of grace.
As each passing generation
worships you in fresh new ways,
join our songs with all creation,
lift our voice to sing your praise.
- 2 Lord, affirm our shared vocation:
may we bring your plans to birth,
build your church on sure foundations,
fit to serve a troubled earth.
Growing, praying, sharing, learning,
deep in wisdom, broad in scope,
love-revealing, truth-discerning,
living out the gospel hope.
- 3 In your work of transformation
you are making all things new.
Stir our hearts' imagination,
call us now to work with you.
Send us out to share your mission;
show us each our part to play
as we live the Great Commission
joyful in the world today.

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Greeting

The President says

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

**Let us rejoice
and sing God's praise for ever.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

On this Vocations Sunday
we give thanks to God
that he calls us all to varieties of forms
of service in his Church and in the world.
And so we pray
for openness to his Holy Spirit,
that each of us
may discern the call of God upon our lives.

All sit

Conversation

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Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon says

‘I set no store by life: I only want to finish the race and complete the task that the Lord has assigned to me, of bearing witness to the gospel of God’s grace.’

Acts 20.24

Let us confess our failure to live up to our calling.

After a short silence, each sentence is said and the congregation respond

Lord Jesus, you said to your disciples: ‘You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.’

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, we know that the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you appointed us to go and bear fruit that will last.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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Absolution

The President says

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit
and raise you to new life
in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand

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Gloria

The choir sings

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesu Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest
at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.

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Collect

The President says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit
the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer
for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

All sit

Conversation

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New Testament

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
4. 5-12

The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes of the people assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given

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among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand

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Hymn

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

- 2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
- 3 And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for You are with me, and Your rod and
are the comfort I need to know. -staff

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Whoever wishes

to become great among you

must be your servant,

and whoever wishes

to be first among you

must be the servant of all.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Holy Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John. 10. 11-18

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up

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again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit

Sermon

All stand

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Affirmation of Faith

The President says the following and all respond

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared
to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

All sit

Conversation

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Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit
and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

*After each petition
the following response may be used*

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

At the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace

The President says

The risen Christ came
and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad
when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Preparation of the Altar

Heavenly Father,
as we set before you
these gifts of bread and wine,
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds
as we offer our lives in your service;
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

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Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
heavenly Father, source of all that is,
for you have called our world
into existence,
and filled it with abundant life.

You called a chosen people as your own,
and led them in the way of holiness.
You called your beloved Son,
in whom you were well pleased,
to give his life for us on the cross,
and rise again in glory.

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And now we give you thanks
that you call men and women
to equip your holy people
for the work of ministry,
for the building up of the body of Christ.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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The President continues

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread,
gave it to them and said:
Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended
he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you,
gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

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So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his
sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are the Saviour of the world.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes and justice
and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ,
and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit

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Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

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Breaking of the Bread

The President says

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia!

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Agnus Dei

The choir sings

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Communion Motet

Ave verum

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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Post Communion Prayer

The President says

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
whose risen Son
gave gifts of leadership and service
to the Church:
strengthen us
who have received this holy food
to be good stewards
of your manifold grace;
through him who came not to be served
but to serve,
and give his life as a ransom for many,
Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Conversation

All stand

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

The President says

May the boldness of the Spirit
transform you,
may the gentleness of the Spirit
lead you,
may the gifts of the Spirit
equip you
to serve and worship God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
In the name of Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE DISMISSAL

Hymn

- 1 Thy hand, O God, has guided thy flock, from age to age; their wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page; our fathers owned thy goodness, and we their deeds record; and both of this bear witness; one Church, one faith, one Lord.
- 2 And we, shall we be faithless? Shall hearts fail, hands hang down? shall we evade the conflict, and cast away our crown? Not so: in God's deep counsels some better thing is stored; we will maintain, unflinching, one Church, one faith, one Lord.
- 3 Thy mercy will not fail us, nor leave thy work undone; with thy right hand to help us, thy victory shall be won; and then, by all creation thy name shall be adored, and this shall be our anthem: one Church, one faith, one Lord.

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