



# THE GATHERING

- 1 We are called to be God's people  
showing by our lives his grace,  
one in heart and one in spirit,  
sign of hope for every race.  
Let us show how he has changed us,  
and remade us as his own;  
let us share our life together  
as we shall around his throne.
- 2 We are called to be God's servants,  
working in his world today;  
taking his own task upon us,  
all his sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to his summons,  
dedicate to him our all,  
that we may be faithful servants,  
quick to answer now his call.
- 3 We are called to be God's prophets,  
speaking for the truth and right;  
standing firm for godly justice,  
bringing evil into light.  
Let us seek the courage needed,  
our high calling to fulfil,  
that we all may know God's blessing  
in the doing of his will.

# THE GATHERING

## Greeting

*The President says*

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

## Opening Responses

We come to worship God in our need,  
**bringing with us  
the wounds of the world.**

We come to God, who meets us in Jesus,  
**and reconciles us to him  
through his blood.**

We come as we are, because it is God  
who invites us to come;  
**God has promised  
never to turn us away.**

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## Prayers of Penitence

*The Deacon says*

God shows his love for us  
in that, while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him  
by confessing our sins in penitence and  
faith.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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## Absolution

*The President says*

God, the Father of mercies,  
has reconciled the world to himself  
through the death and resurrection  
of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
not holding our sins against us,  
but sending his Holy Spirit  
to shed abroad his love among us.  
By the ministry of reconciliation  
entrusted by Christ to his Church,  
receive his pardon and peace to stand  
before him in his strength alone  
this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

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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 God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find  
their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts  
and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## New Testament

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians. 3. 22-26

But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

- 1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace first taught my heart to-  
and grace my fears relieved; -fear  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and-  
I have already come; -snares  
God's grace has brought me safe thus-  
and grace will lead me home. -far,
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand-  
bright shining as the sun, -years  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

AMAZING GRACE

*John Newton (1725-1807), William Cowper (1731-1800)*

*Southern Harmony (1835 Walker)*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that comes from the mouth of God.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew. 16. 13-20

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of  
Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,  
'Who do people say that the Son of Man  
is?' And they said, 'Some say John the  
Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others  
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said  
to them, 'But who do you say that I  
am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the  
Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And  
Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you,  
Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood  
has not revealed this to you, but my Father  
in heaven. And I tell you, you are  
Peter, and on this rock I will build my

church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

# **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

## **Nicene Creed**

**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 from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

# **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**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.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 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.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## Peace

*The President says*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

## Preparation of the Altar

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor, who fills our praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## 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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.  
Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

*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.

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*The President continues*

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love  
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks,  
broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

This is my blood,  
shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread  
and this cup we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again and is alive  
with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food offer  
ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and  
power be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

# **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises  
into one,  
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.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## 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

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## 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

Jesu, joy of man's desiring

J S Bach

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## Post Communion Prayer

*The President says*

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually  
to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# THE DISMISSAL

## Blessing

The God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing;  
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.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

# THE DISMISSAL

- 1 In Christ there is no east nor west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find.  
His service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
Who serves my Father as a child  
is surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet  
both east and west,  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

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