

# Liturgical services

A Service of the Word  
and  
The Eucharist





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For scholars and research-workers, that their studies may benefit humanity, let us ask the light of the Lord.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, let us ask the peace of Christ.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Merciful Father,

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

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.**

**Hymn/Song** —during which an Offering is received.

*Consider all that God has done for you, especially as you see this in Jesus. 'Count your blessings' and respond with appropriate generosity from your material wealth.*

**Prayer for the Offerings:**

Heavenly Father,  
from all you give us  
we present these love-tokens  
from our wealth.

As we worship you now, accept our offering  
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

May Christ who for our sake became poor  
make you rich in everything  
in faith, speech,  
knowledge and love.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



## A SERVICE OF THE WORD

### The Parable of the Two Debtors

Matthew 18:21-35

Prayers and responses in **bold type** are said **altogether**.

**Welcome**

**Opening sentence**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters,  
by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a  
living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which  
is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

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

**And also with you.**

**Faithful One, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
For the kingdom of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Hymn/Song**

Coming together as God's family, with confidence  
let us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure  
to respond fully to his grace, for he is full of  
gentleness and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Lord, your grace overwhelms us, but we are often  
mean with others;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, your forgiveness is extravagant, yet we fail  
to show extravagance ourselves;  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, your love flows endlessly into our lives, but  
we restrict its flow through us;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Collect**

God our Father,  
without your love and forgiveness  
we would shrivel and die;  
by the enabling of your Spirit,  
help us to be channels to others  
of all that you so generously extend to us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. Amen

## First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

### A Song of Entreaty

Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
and in your faithfulness give ear to my  
supplications;  
answer me in your righteousness.  
Enter not into judgement with your servant,  
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.  
My spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is desolate.  
I stretch out my hands to you;  
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.  
O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails  
me;  
hide not your face from me  
lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.  
Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morn-  
ing,  
for in you I put my trust;  
show me the way I should walk in,  
for I lift up my soul to you.  
Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my  
God;  
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.  
Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake;  
for your righteousness 'sake, bring me out of  
trouble.

From Psalm 143

### 'Gloria ...'

Blessed is the Lord  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**  
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song we will praise our God.**

### Prayer of Dedication

**Almighty God,**  
**we thank you for the gift of your holy word.**  
**May it be a lantern to our feet,**  
**a light to our paths,**  
**and a strength to our lives.**  
**Take us and use us**  
**to love and serve**  
**in the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**and in the name of your Son,**  
**Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## Reading

Matthew 18:21-35  
The Parable of the Two Debtors

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn/Song(s)

## Sermon

## A prayer for Giving in Grace

**Heavenly Father,**  
**give grace to us,**  
**the living stones who form your Church,**  
**to reflect prayerfully at this special time**  
**on our love for you and our neighbour.**  
**Make us mindful of the many gifts**  
**you bestow upon us.**  
**We ask that your Holy Spirit**  
**will inspire and direct us**  
**in our choice of giving,**  
**remembering that we are only giving back**  
**that which is truly yours.**  
**Strengthen us, Lord, to meet this challenge**  
**according to your will.**  
**Through Jesus Christ our Lord**  
**who has given all**  
**that we might live.**  
**Amen.**

## Hymn/Song

Let us declare our faith in God.  
**We believe in God the Father,**  
**from whom every family**  
**in heaven and on earth is named.**  
**We believe in God the Son,**  
**who lives in our hearts through faith,**  
**and fills us with his love.**  
**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**  
**who strengthens us**  
**with power from on high.**  
**We believe in one God;**  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**  
**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray in faith to God our Father, through his  
Son Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy  
Spirit, saying,  
**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For the Church of the living God throughout the  
world, let us ask the riches of his grace.  
**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who proclaim the word of truth, let us ask  
the infinite wisdom of Christ.  
**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have consecrated their lives to the  
kingdom of God, and for all struggling to follow the  
way of Christ, let us ask the gifts of the Spirit.  
**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who use their gifts and skills working with  
those in unfortunate or deprived situations, let us  
ask the strength of God.  
**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

*Silent prayer*

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

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.**

**Hymn/Song** — during which an Offering is received.

*Consider all that God has done for you, especially  
as you see this in Jesus. 'Count your blessings' and  
respond with appropriate generosity from your  
material wealth.*

#### **Prayer for the Offerings**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;  
the source of all life and giver of all good things.  
We offer you this proportion of the wealth  
you have enabled us to create and enjoy,  
in token that all things are yours.  
Blessed be God for ever. **Amen**

#### **Blessing**

May Christ, the Lord of the vineyard  
keep you faithful in His service,  
that you may know the fullness of his joy  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



## **A SERVICE OF THE WORD The Labourers in the Vineyard Matthew 20:1-16**

Prayers and responses in **bold type** are said **altogether**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Opening sentence**

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure,  
pressed down, shaken together, running over, will  
be put into your lap; for the measure you give will  
be the measure you get back.

*Luke 6:38*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of  
God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with  
you. **And also with you.**

**Faithful One, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
For the kingdom of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

#### **Hymn/Song**

Coming together as God's family,  
with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness  
for our failure to respond fully to his grace,  
for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Lord, your provision is generous, but we are  
envious of others;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, we are unmindful of all that you give us  
and are not content with what we have;  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, our narrow spirits cramp our growth,  
when we fail to be thankful;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

#### **Collect**

Almighty God our heavenly Father,  
you are bountiful in your love for us  
and shower us generously with all that we need.  
By your grace give us generous hearts  
that we may declare your goodness  
and offer our lives back to you in thankful worship.  
for the sake of him who came among us as  
your gift of love, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## First Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

### General Prayer of Thanksgiving:

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants  
give you most humble and hearty thanks  
for all your goodness to us and to all people.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace,  
and for the hope of glory.  
And give us, we pray,  
such a sense of all your mercies  
that our hearts may be truly thankful,  
and that we show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you in holiness  
and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honour and glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;  
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
and in our song we will praise our God.**

### Prayer of Dedication

**Lord, you have entrusted us  
with the fullness of all that you have given  
and empowered us with the presence of your  
Holy Spirit:  
grant to us joy in our stewardship,  
generosity in our giving,  
trust in your promises,  
and confidence in Christ when our deeds are  
judged;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Giving in Grace

## Reading

Matthew 20:1-16  
Labourers in the Vineyard

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn/Song(s)

## Sermon

## A prayer for Giving in Grace

**Heavenly Father,  
give grace to us,  
the living stones who form your Church,  
to reflect prayerfully at this special time  
on our love for you and our neighbour.  
Make us mindful of the many gifts  
you bestow upon us.  
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will inspire and direct us  
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remembering that we are only giving back  
that which is truly yours.  
Strengthen us, Lord, to meet this challenge  
according to your will.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who has given all  
that we might live.  
Amen.**

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who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
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Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to the Father, in union with the Son  
and in the power of the Spirit.

Father, we pray for your Church and for ourselves  
as members: Deliver us from covetousness and  
give us generous hearts.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we pray for those in your world who are  
desperately hungry and in need: give us the will to  
live simply that they may simply live.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we pray for all who are sick in body, mind  
or spirit: touch each of us with the Holy and heal-  
ing Spirit of Jesus and make us new creatures in  
your Kingdom.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank you for the fellowship of your  
Kingdom: may we grow closer to each other and to  
Jesus as we gather at his Table.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son drew around him a company of friends.  
Bring love and joy to all who are alone. Help us all to  
find in the body of Christ a loving family.  
Father of all: **Hear your children's prayer.**

You are the God of the dead as well as of the living.  
In confidence we remember those of the household  
of faith who have gone before us. Bring us with them  
to the joy of your home in heaven.  
Father of all: **Hear your children's prayer.**

*Silent prayer*

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

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you see this in Jesus. 'Count your blessings' and  
respond with appropriate generosity from your  
material wealth.*

### **Prayer for the Offerings**

O Lord our God, maker of all things,  
through your goodness you have blessed us with  
these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your  
service and dedicate our lives to the care and  
redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of  
him who gave himself for us, Jesus our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Blessing**

May Christ, the Lord of the vineyard  
keep you faithful in His service,  
that you may know the fullness of his joy  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



## **A SERVICE OF THE WORD** **The Parable of the** **Rented Vineyard** Matthew 21:33-46

Prayers and responses in **bold type** are said **altogether.**

### **Welcome**

#### **Opening sentence**

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be  
content with what you have; because God has said,  
'I will never leave you or forsake you.'

*Hebrews 13. 5*

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

**And also with you.**

#### **Faithful One, whose word is life:**

**come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
For the kingdom of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **Hymn/Song**

Coming together as God's family, with confidence let  
us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure to re-  
spond fully to his grace, for he is full of gentleness  
and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

The Lord says, 'What more could I do for my  
people?'

Called to be stewards we have desired to possess;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Entrusted with much we have desired even more;  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Created for joy we have brought judgement on  
ourselves;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our  
sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

### **Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
all our possessions come from you:  
help us to be faithful stewards of our time,  
our talents and our wealth,  
and to consecrate gladly to your service  
a due proportion for all that you have given us.  
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son  
our Lord, who died that we might live. **Amen**

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 5:1-7  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

### A Song of David

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;  
you are exalted as head over all.**

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,  
for yours is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.  
Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;  
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,  
and you are exalted as head over all.  
Riches and honour come from you  
and you rule over all.  
In your hand are power and might;  
yours it is to give power and strength to all.  
And now we give you thanks, our God,  
and praise your glorious name.  
For all things come from you,  
and of your own have we given you.

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;  
you are exalted as head over all.**

From 1 Chronicles 29

‘Gloria ...’

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;  
You are exalted as head over all.**

Blessed is the Lord  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**  
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song we will praise our God.**

### Prayer of Dedication

**Reshape us, good Lord,  
until in generosity, in faith,  
and in the expectation that the best is yet to  
come,  
we are truly Christ-like.  
Make us passionate followers of Jesus,  
rather than passive supporters.  
Make our churches places of radical disci-  
ple-  
ship  
and signposts to heaven,  
then, in us, through us,  
and if need be despite us,  
let your kingdom come. Amen.**

A Prayer from the Iona Community

### Reading

Matthew 21:33-46  
The Parable of the Rented Vineyard

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn/Song(s)

### Sermon

### A prayer for Giving in Grace:

**Heavenly Father,  
give grace to us,  
the living stones who form your Church,  
to reflect prayerfully at this special time  
on our love for you and our neighbour.  
Make us mindful of the many gifts  
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Strengthen us, Lord, to meet this challenge  
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Amen.**

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Let us declare our faith in God.  
**We believe in God the Father,  
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who lives in our hearts through faith,  
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with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to the Father, in union with the Son and  
in the power of the Spirit.

Sovereign Lord, your Son has revealed you as our  
heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven  
and on earth is named.  
Father of all: **Hear your children's prayer.**

You have made your Church a spiritual family, a  
household of faith. Through our union with Christ we  
have become his brothers and sisters. Deepen our  
unity and fellowship in him and with each other.  
Father of all: **Hear your children's prayer.**

You sent your Son to give his life as a ransom for all  
of humanity. Give justice, peace and racial harmony  
to the world he died to save.  
Father of all: **Hear your children's prayer.**

You gave your Son a share in the life of a family in  
Nazareth. Help us to value our families, and to live  
sensitively within them.  
Father of all: **Hear your children's prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silent prayer*

Merciful Father,

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

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.**

**Hymn/Song** — during which an Offering is received.

*Consider all that God has done for you, especially as you see this in Jesus. 'Count your blessings' and respond with appropriate generosity from your material wealth.*

### **Prayer for the Offerings**

Giver of life and love,  
we thank you that in the heavenly banquet  
of your word you invigorate and renew us.  
May we boldly use your gifts  
to continue your work in the world.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

### **Blessing**

May God who loves a cheerful giver,  
and gives us all things in Christ,  
swell the harvest of your benevolence.  
**Amen.**

May Christ who for our sake became poor  
make you rich in everything –  
in faith, speech, knowledge and love.  
**Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit who gives gifts to all people,  
flood your hearts with thanksgiving to God.  
**Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**



## **A SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### **The Parable of the Wedding Feast**

Matthew 22:1-14

Prayers and responses in **bold type** are said **altogether**.

### **Welcome**

#### **Opening sentence**

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord', will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. *Matthew 7:21*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Faithful One, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer and shape our lives  
For the kingdom of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Hymn/Song**

Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure to respond fully to his grace, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Father, you call us to be your children;  
we enjoy your love but forget our responsibilities.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you invite us to your banquet;  
so often we make excuses.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, your grace enables us to  
give ourselves to Jesus;  
but often other things get in the way of your call.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

### **Collect**

Generous God,  
we know that all that we have is yours  
and you have a rightful claim on our lives:  
save us from our possessiveness,  
that your grace may abound  
in all things at all times;  
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ  
your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and  
ever. **Amen**

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 25:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

### A Song of God's Greatness

Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
You are clothed with majesty and honour,  
wrapped in light as in a garment.  
The sun knows the time for its setting.  
You make darkness that it may be night.  
O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.  
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will make music to my God while I have my  
being.

From Psalm 104

### 'Gloria ...'

Blessed is the Lord  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**  
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song we will praise our God.**

### Prayer of Dedication

**Almighty God,**  
**we thank you for the gift of your holy word.**  
**May it be a lantern to our feet,**  
**a light to our paths,**  
**and a strength to our lives.**  
**Take us and use us**  
**to love and serve**  
**in the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**and in the name of your Son,**  
**Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

**Reading:** Matthew 22:1-14  
The Parable of the Wedding Feast

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### Sermon

## A prayer for Giving in Grace

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**you bestow upon us.**  
**We ask that your Holy Spirit**  
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**in our choice of giving,**  
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**that which is truly yours.**  
**Strengthen us, Lord, to meet this challenge**  
**according to your will.**  
**Through Jesus Christ our Lord**  
**who has given all**  
**that we might live.**  
**Amen.**

### Hymn/Song

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**who strengthens us**  
**with power from on high.**  
**We believe in one God;**  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**  
**Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying,  
'Lord hear our prayer'.

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of  
unity, service and praise. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity  
of the human family. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness,  
and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is  
right. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater  
praise, that all may share the good things you  
provide. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the  
healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.  
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healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.  
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Lord, your Word teaches us to love your Church, the Body of Christ; make us generous in support of its mission and ministry.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

*Silent prayer*

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

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.**

**Hymn/Song** — during which an Offering is received.

*Consider all that God has done for you, especially as you see this in Jesus. 'Count your blessings' and respond with appropriate generosity from your material wealth.*

### **Prayer for the Offerings**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have our money to offer.  
Fruit of our labours, symbol of our commitment.  
It will become a tool to be used for your glory.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Blessing**

May God who gives us all things,  
give us the knowledge of his peace  
and constant care.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Prayers and responses in **bold type** are said **altogether.**

### **Welcome**

#### **Opening sentence**

I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you,  
O Lord, have given me.

*Deuteronomy 26.10*

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

**And also with you.**

**Faithful One, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
For the kingdom of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **Hymn/Song**

Coming together as God's family, with confidence  
let us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure  
to respond fully to his grace, for he is full of  
gentleness and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

When we have sown sparingly;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

When we have given reluctantly;  
so often we make excuses.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

That we may know the joy of cheerful giving;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us  
our sins, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
your love for us is beyond measure  
and you provide for our every need.  
Help us to offer you in worship  
a due proportion of our wealth,  
for all we are and have is rightly yours.  
We make our prayer  
in the precious name of Jesus,  
Lord and Saviour of creation. **Amen**

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 45:1-7  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

### General Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants  
give you most humble and hearty thanks  
for all your goodness to us and to all people.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace,  
and for the hope of glory.  
And give us, we pray,  
such a sense of all your mercies  
that our hearts may be truly thankful,  
and that we show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you in holiness  
and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honour and glory  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**  
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song we will praise our God.**

### Prayer of Dedication

**We give what we have, but not all  
help us to be more generous.  
We serve as we are called  
help us to see when you are calling us fur-  
ther.  
We love within our limits  
help us to break down those barriers.  
So that we may love and serve you and give  
wholeheartedly. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

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**Reading**      Matthew 22:15–22  
Give to God what is his

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### Hymn/Song(s)

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who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
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Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

In humility of heart let us pray to God the  
Father of all.

Lord, in your word you teach us that sparse sowing  
means meagre reaping; give us generous hearts  
as we respond to your love.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you teach us that a generous heart produces  
a bountiful harvest; pour your love within us.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you teach us to pray for those who govern  
us; bless all in positions of authority who take  
decisions for the nations of your world.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you teach us to bring your healing to the sick  
and suffering; may your healing be upon those  
whom we name before you now ...

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

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.**

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.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins  
of the world. Happy and blessed are those who are  
called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word,  
and I shall be healed.**



Holy Communion is shared.

#### **Post Communion Sentence**

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Gracious God, through Jesus  
you have given us your life and vitality  
in this sacrament;  
grant us also a thankful spirit  
and renew us for the service  
of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Blessing**

May Christ who for our sake became poor  
make you rich in everything –  
in faith, speech, knowledge and love.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



Prayers and responses in **bold type** are said **altogether.**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by  
the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a  
living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which  
is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Coming together as God's family, with confidence  
let us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure  
to respond fully to his grace, for he is full of  
gentleness and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Lord, your grace overwhelms us, but we are often  
mean with others; Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, your forgiveness is extravagant, yet we fail  
to show extravagance ourselves; Christ, have  
mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, your love flows endlessly into our lives, but  
we restrict its flow through us; Lord, have mercy.

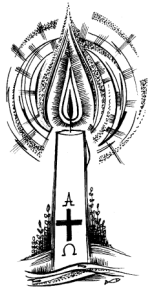
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May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us  
our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

#### **A Gloria song**

##### **Collect**

God our Father,  
without your love and forgiveness  
we would shrivel and die;  
by the enabling of your Spirit,  
help us to be channels to others  
of all that you so generously extend to us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen**



##### **First Reading**

James 2:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

##### **Hymn**

##### **Gospel Reading** Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the Gospel according  
to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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



## Sermon

Let us declare our faith in God.

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Amen.**



## Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray in faith to God our Father, through his Son Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, saying,

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For the Church of the living God throughout the world, let us ask the riches of his grace.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who proclaim the word of truth, let us ask the infinite wisdom of Christ.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have consecrated their lives to the kingdom of God, and for all struggling to follow the way of Christ, let us ask the gifts of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who use their gifts and skills working with those in unfortunate or deprived situations, let us ask the strength of God.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For scholars and research-workers, that their studies may benefit humanity, let us ask the light of the Lord.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, let us ask the peace of Christ.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Merciful Father,

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

## The Peace

The Kingdom of heaven is righteousness and peace and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## A Hymn may be sung and offerings received.

*Consider all that God has done for you,  
especially as you see this in Jesus.*

*'Count your blessings' and respond with  
appropriate generosity from your material  
wealth.*



## Offertory Prayer

Heavenly Father, from all you give us we present these love-tokens — bread and wine and a proportion of our wealth. As we worship you now, accept our offering and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*We continue to be united in prayer  
at the Lord's Table.*

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in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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#### **Post Communion Sentence**

The Lord is good and gracious to all.



A time of SILENCE - for reflection

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Here at your table, loving and righteous God, we know your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can desire or deserve:

liberate us from all jealousy and greed, that we may be free to love and serve others, and in your service may find our true reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **Blessing**

May Christ, the Lord of the vineyard keep you faithful in His service, that you may know the fullness of his joy and bring forth the fruits of righteousness; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



**Giving  
in Grace**

## **THE EUCHARIST The Labourers in the Vineyard Matthew 20:1-16**

Prayers and responses in **bold type** are said **altogether**

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

*Luke 6:38*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure to respond fully to his grace, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Lord, your provision is generous,  
but we are envious of others;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, we are unmindful of all that you give us  
and are not content with what we have;  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, our narrow spirits cramp our growth,  
when we fail to be thankful;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

#### **A Gloria song**

##### **Collect**

Almighty God our heavenly Father,  
you are bountiful in your love for us  
and shower us generously with all that we need.  
By your grace give us generous hearts  
that we may declare your goodness  
and offer our lives back to you in thankful worship.  
for the sake of him who came among us as  
your gift of love, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

##### **First Reading**

2 Corinthians 9:6-11  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

##### **Hymn**

##### **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew  
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##### **Sermon**



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Amen.**



### **Prayers of Intercession**

Let us pray to the Father, in union with the Son  
and in the power of the Spirit.

Father, we pray for your Church  
and for ourselves as members:  
Deliver us from covetousness and give us  
generous hearts.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we pray for those in your world  
who are desperately hungry and in need:  
give us the will to live simply  
that they may simply live.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we pray for all who are sick  
in body, mind or spirit:  
touch each of us with the Holy and healing Spirit  
of Jesus and make us new creatures in your  
Kingdom.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank you for the fellowship of your  
Kingdom:  
may we grow closer to each and to Jesus as we  
gather at his Table.  
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### *Silent prayer*

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

### **The Peace**

Stand firm, be united in the Spirit and the faith of  
the gospel.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
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your material wealth.*



### **Offertory Prayer**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;  
the source of all life and giver of all good things.  
We offer you this proportion of the wealth  
you have enabled us to create and enjoy,  
in token that all things are yours.  
Blessed be God for ever. **Amen**

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Great is the mystery of faith:

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at the Lord's Table.*

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.  
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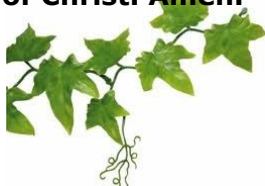
#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord, you have entrusted us with the fullness of all  
that you have given and empowered us with the  
presence of your Holy Spirit:  
grant to us joy in our stewardship,  
generosity in our giving,  
trust in your promises,  
and confidence in Christ when our deeds are  
judged;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Blessing**

May Christ, the Lord of the vineyard  
keep you faithful in His service,  
that you may know the fullness of his joy  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be  
content with what you have; because God has said,  
'I will never leave you or forsake you.'

*Hebrews 13:5*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the  
Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure to  
respond fully to his grace, for he is full of gentleness  
and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

The Lord says, 'What more could I do for my  
people?'

Called to be stewards we have desired to possess;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Entrusted with much we have desired even more;  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Created for joy we have brought judgement on  
ourselves;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our  
sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

#### **A Gloria song**

##### **Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
all our possessions come from you:  
help us to be faithful stewards of our time,  
our talents and our wealth,  
and to consecrate gladly to your service  
a due proportion for all that you have given us.  
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son  
our Lord, who died that we might live. **Amen.**

##### **First Reading**

2 Corinthians 4:1-13  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
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##### **Hymn**

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Sovereign Lord, your Son has revealed you as our  
heavenly Father, from whom every family in  
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Father of all: **Hear your children's prayer.**

You have made your Church a spiritual family,  
a household of faith. Through our union with  
Christ we have become his brothers and sisters.  
Deepen our unity and fellowship in him and with  
each other.

Father of all: **Hear your children's prayer.**

You sent your Son to give his life as a ransom for  
all of humanity. Give justice, peace and racial  
harmony to the world he died to save.

Father of all: **Hear your children's prayer.**

You gave your Son a share in the life of a family  
in Nazareth. Help us to value our families, and to  
live sensitively within them.

Father of all: **Hear your children's prayer.**

Your Son drew around him a company of friends.  
Bring love and joy to all who are alone. Help us all  
to find in the body of Christ a loving family.

Father of all: **Hear your children's prayer.**

You are the God of the dead  
as well as of the living.  
In confidence we remember those of the  
household of faith who have gone before us. Bring  
us with them to the joy of your home in heaven.

Father of all: **Hear your children's prayer.**

### *Silent prayer*

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

### **The Peace**

We have been given a place in Christ, that we  
may know him and the power of his resurrection.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **A Hymn may be sung and offerings received.**

*Consider all that God has done for you,  
especially as you see this in Jesus.  
'Count your blessings' and respond with  
appropriate generosity from your  
material wealth.*



### **Offertory Prayer**

O Lord our God, maker of all things,  
through your goodness you have blessed us with  
these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your  
service and dedicate our lives to the care and  
redemption of all that you have made, for the sake  
of him who gave himself for us, Jesus our Lord.

**Amen**

### **EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

Father, you made the world and love your  
creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our  
Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from  
sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with  
saints and angels praising you, and *saying*:

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**Christ has died:  
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*We continue to be united in prayer  
at the Lord's Table.*

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.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on  
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bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us. Lead us not into tempta-  
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We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body, be-  
cause we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God,  
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to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Holy Communion is shared.

### **Post Communion Sentence**

The Lord is good and gracious to all.



A time of SILENCE - for reflection

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
open our eyes to see your gracious action in your  
world. Open our hearts to align our  
ministry with yours;  
and open our minds to focus on  
the priorities of your kingdom,  
where Jesus reigns for ever.

**Amen.**



### **Blessing**

May God who loves a cheerful giver,  
and gives us all things in Christ,  
swell the harvest of your benevolence. **Amen.**

May Christ who for our sake became poor  
make you rich in everything –  
in faith, speech, knowledge and love. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit who gives gifts to all people,  
flood your hearts with thanksgiving to God. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain  
with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



## **THE EUCHARIST** **The Parable of the** **Wedding Feast** Matthew 22:1-14

Prayers and responses in **bold type** are said **altogether**.

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord', will enter  
the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the  
will of my Father in heaven. *Matthew 7:21*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the  
Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Coming together as God's family, with confidence let  
us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure to  
respond fully to his grace, for he is full of gentleness  
and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Father, you call us to be your children;  
we enjoy your love but forget our responsibilities.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you invite us to your banquet;  
so often we make excuses.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, your grace enables us  
to give ourselves to Jesus;  
but often other things get in the way of your call.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our  
sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

### **A Gloria song**

#### **Collect**

Generous God,  
we know that all that we have is yours  
and you have a rightful claim on our lives:  
save us from our possessiveness,  
that your grace may abound in all things at all times;  
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ  
your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and  
ever. **Amen.**

#### **First Reading**

1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Hymn**

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 22:1-14  
A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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#### **Sermon**



Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**



#### **Prayers of Intercession**

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying,  
'Lord hear our prayer'.

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way  
of unity, service and praise.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity  
of the human family.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness,  
and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is  
right.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater  
praise, that all may share the good things you  
provide.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for  
the healing of those who are sick in body or in  
mind.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end to all who are dying, and  
your comfort to those who mourn.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

#### *Silent prayer*

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

#### **The Peace**

Always be joyful in the Lord, tell God all your  
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especially as you see this in Jesus.  
Count your blessings' and respond with  
appropriate generosity from your  
material wealth.*



#### **Offertory Prayer**

Giver of life and love,  
we thank you that in the heavenly banquet  
of your table you invigorate and renew us.  
May we boldly use your gifts  
to continue your work in the world.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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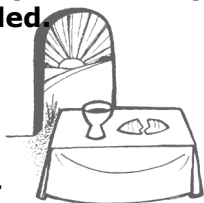
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#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Dear Father God, your love is constant.  
We rejoice in the gift of your Son,  
who became poor that we might become rich.  
Thank you for giving us the rich food  
of his body and blood.  
By your Spirit enable us to respond cheerfully,  
by giving ourselves generously to you and  
to others, all our days.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **Blessing**

May God who gives us all things,  
give us the knowledge of his peace  
and constant care.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



## **THE EUCHARIST** **Give to God what is His** Matthew 22:15-22

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I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you,  
O Lord, have given me.

*Deuteronomy 26:10*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness  
for our failure to respond fully to his grace,  
for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

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When we have sown sparingly;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

When we have given reluctantly;  
so often we make excuses.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

That we may know the joy of cheerful giving;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### **A Gloria song**

##### **Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
your love for us is beyond measure  
and you provide for our every need.  
Help us to offer you in worship  
a due proportion of our wealth,  
for all we are and have is rightly yours.  
We make our prayer in the precious  
name of Jesus,  
Lord and Saviour of creation. **Amen.**

##### **First Reading**

Romans 13:1-10  
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Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you teach us that a generous heart produces a bountiful harvest; pour your love within us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you teach us to pray for those who govern us; bless all in positions of authority who take decisions for the nations of your world.

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Lord, you teach us to bring your healing to the sick and suffering; may your healing be upon those whom we name before you now .....

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Lord, your Word teaches us to love your Church, the Body of Christ; make us generous in support of its mission and ministry.

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