

2017 Centennial Convocation Liturgies
Third Order, Society of Saint Francis
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Friday Liturgies
June 23, 2017

Morning Prayer in the Season after Pentecost

LIVING WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER: THE COMMUNITY OBEDIENCE

Here, and in all your churches throughout the world, we adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world. Amen.

Day Twenty-Three - The First Note (continued)

Humility confesses that we have nothing that we have not received and admits the fact of our insufficiency and our dependence upon God. It is the basis of all Christian virtues. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux said, "No spiritual house can stand for a moment except on the foundation of humility." It is the first condition of a joyful life within any community.

Silence

God, we give you thanks for the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis. Grant, we pray, that being knit together in community and prayer, we your servants may glorify your holy name after the example of Saint Francis, and win others to your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus, in your servant Francis you displayed the wonderful power of the cross: help us always to follow you in the way of the cross, and give us strength to resist all temptation; to you, Lord, with the Father and the Holy Spirit be all glory for ever. Amen.

May our blessed Lady pray for us.

May Saint Francis pray for us.

May Saint Clare pray for us.

May all the saints of the Third Order pray for us.

May all the holy angels watch over us and befriend us.

May the Lord Jesus give us his blessing and his peace. Amen.

THE PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessèd are you, Sovereign God, creator of all;

To you be glory and praise for ever!

You founded the earth in the beginning

And the heavens are the work of your hands.

As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us,

Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts

and your praises ever be on our lips,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessèd be God for ever!

God comes to set us free:
O come, let us worship.

THE OPENING CANTICLE:

Psalm 97:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE OPENING PRAYER

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;
Let us pray with one heart and mind;
(*A moment of silence is kept.*)

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day
So may the light of your presence, O God,
Set our heart on fire with love for you;
Now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PSALM 88

O Lord, my God, my Savior, *
by day and night I cry to you.
Let my prayer enter into your presence; *
incline your ear to my lamentation.

For I am full of trouble; *
 my life is at the brink of the grave.
I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; *
 I have become like one who has no strength;

Lost among the dead, *
 like the slain who lie in the grave,
Whom you remember no more, *
 for they are cut off from your hand.

You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, *
 in dark places, and in the abyss.
Your anger weighs upon me heavily, *
 and all your great waves overwhelm me.

You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them; *
 I am in prison and cannot get free.
My sight has failed me because of trouble; *
 Lord, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to you.

Do you work wonders for the dead? *
 will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?
Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? *
 your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

Will your wonders be known in the dark? *
 or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?
But as for me, O Lord, I cry to you for help; *
 in the morning my prayer comes before you.

Lord, why have you rejected me? *
 why have you hidden your face from me?
Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death; *
 I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind.

Your blazing anger has swept over me; *
 your terrors have destroyed me;
They surround me all day long like a flood; *
 they encompass me on every side.

My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, *
 and darkness is my only companion.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

LECTIO DIVINA *Luke 21:5-19*

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

LISTENING FOR CHRIST THE WORD

- One person reads aloud the passage of scripture, as others listen for the word or phrase that is especially meaningful for them.
- Silence for two minutes.
- Each person hears and silently repeats a word or a phrase that has attracted them.
- Sharing aloud, each may make a single sentence statement of the word or phrase that has attracted them. No elaboration.

HOW CHRIST THE WORD SPEAKS TO ME

- Second Reading of the same passage by another person.
- Silence for two minutes reflecting on "How does the content of this reading touch my life today?"
- Share aloud, briefly, beginning with "I hear. . ." or "I see. . ."

WHAT CHRIST THE WORD IS INVITING ME TO DO

- Third Reading of the same passage by another person
- Silence for two minutes reflecting on "I believe that God wants me to . . . today/during this convocation."
- Sharing aloud the result of each person's reflection. Be especially aware of what is shared by the person on your right.
- After sharing, pray in turn, for the person on your right.
- Important note: Anyone may say "pass" at any time. If instead of sharing with the group you prefer to pray silently, simply state this aloud and conclude your silent prayer with "Amen."

THE PRAYERS

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,

Who wonderfully created us in your own image in your Son Jesus Christ:

Grant that, as he came to share our human nature, so we may be partakers of his divine glory;

Who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray in faith and trust:

Our Father, who art in heaven. . .

THE CONCLUSION

All: The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

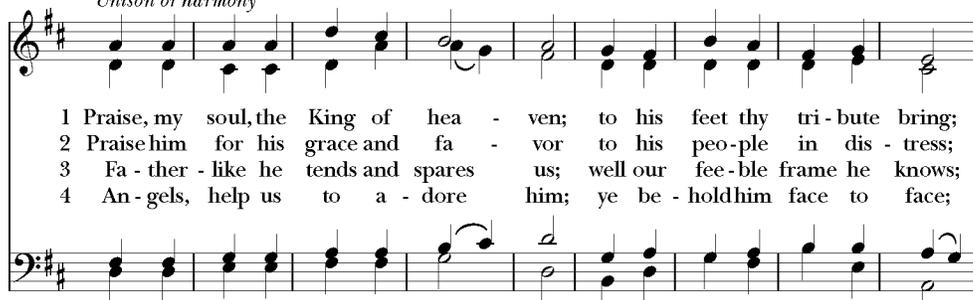
Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

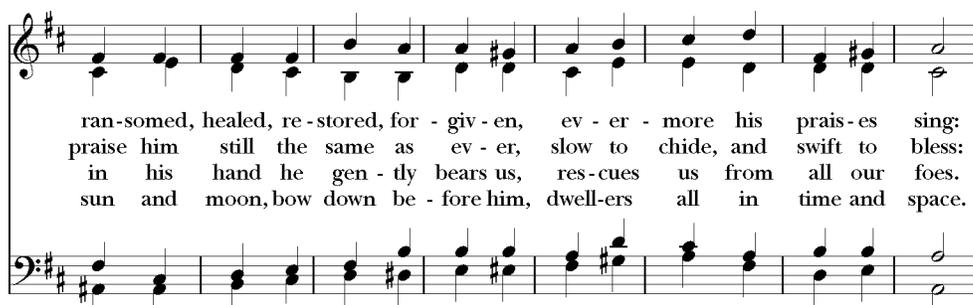
The Holy Eucharist

OPENING HYMN 410 · *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

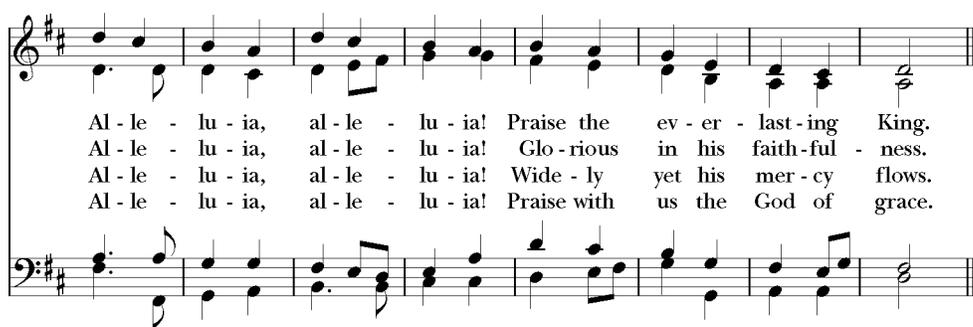
Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

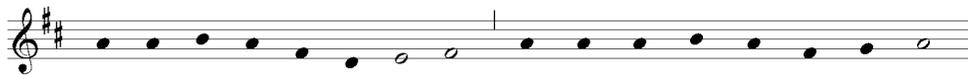
THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLET FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Hymnal S278**Sung by all.*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.*All are seated.*

THE LESSON *2 Corinthians 11: 18, 21b-30*

Since many boast according to human standards, I will also boast. To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone dares to boast of – I am speaking as a fool – I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman – I am a better one: with far greater labours, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-6

Read by all, remaining seated.

I will bless the Lord at all times; *
 his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
 I will glory in the Lord; *
 let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;*
 let us exalt his Name together.
 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
 and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *
 and let not your faces be ashamed.
 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
 and saved me from all my troubles.

SEQUENCE HYMN 707 · *Take my life, and let it be**Sung by all, standing.*

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 6:19-23**Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!'

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Diácono Santo Evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, según Matthew.
Pueblo ¡Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor!

No os acumuléis tesoros en la tierra, donde la polilla y la herrumbre destruyen, y donde ladrones penetran y roban; sino acumulad tesoros en el cielo, donde ni la polilla ni la herrumbre destruyen, y donde ladrones no penetran ni roban; porque donde esté tu tesoro, allí estará también tu corazón. La lámpara del cuerpo es el ojo; por eso, si tu ojo está sano, todo tu cuerpo estará lleno de luz. Pero si tu ojo está malo, todo tu cuerpo estará lleno de oscuridad. Así que, si la luz que hay en ti es oscuridad, ¡cuán grande no será la oscuridad!

Diácono El Evangelio de Señor.
Pueblo Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

Leitor O Santo Evangelho de nosso Senhor Jesus Cristo, conforme Mateus.
Povo Glória te seja dada, ó Senhor.

“Não acumulem para vocês tesouros na terra, onde a traça e a ferrugem destroem, e onde os ladrões arrombam e furtam. Mas acumulem para vocês tesouros nos céus, onde a traça e a ferrugem não destroem, e onde os ladrões não arrombam nem furtam. Pois onde estiver o seu tesouro, aí também estará o seu coração. “Os olhos são a candeia do corpo. Se os seus olhos forem bons, todo o seu corpo será cheio de luz. Mas se os seus olhos forem maus, todo o seu corpo será cheio de trevas. Portanto, se a luz que está dentro de você são trevas, que tremendas trevas são!

Leitor Evangelho do Senhor.
Povo Louvado sejas, ó Cristo.

THE SERMON *The Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton, Bishop Protector*

THE NICENE CREED *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 358*
Said by all, standing.

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For our several bishops, and all other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
(The People may add their own intercessions.)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
(The People may add their own intercessions.)

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
(The People may add their own intercessions.)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All say

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

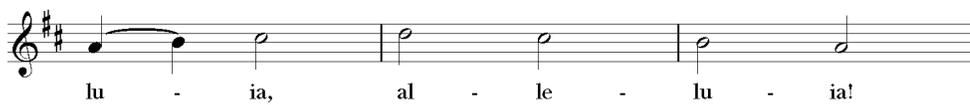
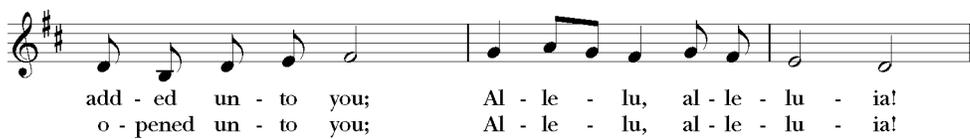
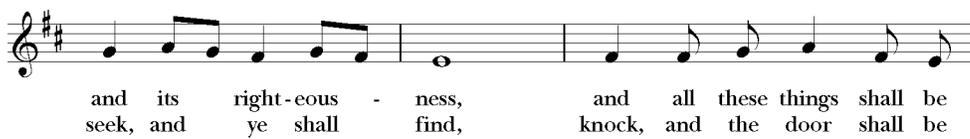
The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet each other in the name of the Lord. The People are seated. The Celebrant says an offertory sentence.

OFFERTORY HYMN 711 · *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*
Sung by all, standing.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A, The Book of Common Prayer, page 361*

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *Hymnal S128*
Sung by all.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith;

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant concludes

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Said by all, standing.

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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the bread. A short period of silence follows.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

COMMUNION HYMN 704 · *O thou who camest from above*

1 O thou who cam - est from a - bove the fire ce -
 2 There let it for thy glo - ry burn with ev - er -
 3 Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire to work, and
 * 4 Still let me prove thy per - fect will, my acts of

les - tial to im - part, kin - dle a flame of
 bright, un - dy - ing blaze, and trem - bling to its
 speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the
 faith and love re - peat, till death thy end - less

sa - cred love up - on the al - tar of my heart.
 source re - turn in hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.
 ho - ly fire and still stir up the gift in me.
 mer - cies seal, and make the sac - ri - fice com - plete.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 477 · *All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine*
Sung by all, standing.

Descant

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Celebrant says the Blessing

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

An Order for Compline

The Officiant begins

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

**We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,**

**in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.**

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

**and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,**

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

PSALM 134

Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, *
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord; *
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *I Peter 5:8-9a*

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

THE PRAYERS

Leader Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
People **For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**
Leader Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
People **Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

Leader Lord, have mercy.
People *Christ, have mercy.*
Leader Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Said by all.

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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People **And let our cry come to you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE SONG OF SIMEON*Said by all*

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake
we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

**Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake
we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

THE CONCLUSION

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*

