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**THE GREETING**

Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**HYMN**

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1 Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

**SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to the faith we profess. Hebrews 4: 14,16

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. *Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

**CONFESSION**

Jesus is our high priest, tempted like us, yet without sin. He lives for ever in heaven to intercede for us. Through him we approach the throne of grace with confidence. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace:

*Silence*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One: you alone are the Lord: you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

**THE COLLECT**

O God the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Mercifully give us faith to know  
that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**THE FIRST READING**

**Acts 1:6-14**

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ 7He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ 9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. 13When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of[\*](javascript:void(0);) James. 14All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**PSALM 68: 1 – 10, 32 – 35**

1  Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; ♦︎  
   let those that hate him flee before him.  
2  As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; ♦︎  
   as wax melts at the fire,  
      so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.  
3  But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; ♦︎  
   let them make merry with gladness.  
4  Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
      exalt him who rides on the clouds. ♦︎  
   The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.  
5  Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, ♦︎  
   God in his holy habitation!  
6  God gives the solitary a home  
      and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, ♦︎  
   but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.  
7  O God, when you went forth before your people, ♦︎  
   when you marched through the wilderness,  
8  The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,  
      at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, ♦︎  
   at the presence of God, the God of Israel.  
9  You sent down a gracious rain, O God; ♦︎  
   you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.  
10  Your people came to dwell there; ♦︎  
   in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.  
32  Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; ♦︎  
   make music in praise of the Lord;  
33  He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens ♦︎  
   and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice.  
34  Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel, ♦︎  
   whose power is above the clouds.  
35  How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, ♦︎  
   the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people!  
    Blessed be God.

**THE EPISTLE READING**

**1 Peter 4:12-14**

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. 14If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory,[\*](javascript:void(0);) which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.[\*](javascript:void(0);)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN**

**THE GOSPEL READING**

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,  
according to St John, chapter 17, beginning at the first verse.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

17After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2since you have given him authority over all people,[\*](javascript:void(0);) to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6 ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON**

**THE 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 by the Holy Spirit of 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, 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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray to the Father, glorified in the Son, to whom all things in heaven and earth are given.

We pray for the Church in all the world. May the people of your Church be faithful witnesses, always following your commandment to love. Grant that the witness of your church represents the unity in diversity that is at the heart of all creation, so that all may worship you in spirit and in truth.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascending far above the heavens and filling the universe, may we, who receive the gifts you give us, use them in your service.

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our world, torn apart by war and greed, selfishness and hatred. Help us so to work for justice, peace and truth that our broken world may be healed under your just and gentle rule.

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community, separated by disease and fear. May our enforced separation teach us the value of community and family life. Give wisdom and skill, and send down your blessing on all who labour to find new ways of protecting the vulnerable and healing the sick.

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

We hold before you all who are ill in mind, body or spirit. We pray for those who are weary with long hours of pain, anxious for the health, or lonely for the touch of those they love. We pray for all who are prisoners because of addiction, injustice or their own poor choices. We pray for all who live in fear of the people who share their dwelling. Grant that each sufferer may know your presence in their lives, bring them peace and light.

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

We remember with compassion all who have died unexpectedly, we pray that those who mourn their deaths will take comfort in your promise of eternal life. We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in faith and we pray that we may share with all the departed the joys of your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

 Jesus Christ, keep the church in the unity of the spirit and in the bond of your peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE**

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. John 14: 27,28

**THE PEACE**

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

*Offertory Sentence*

When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. Ephesians 4: 8

**AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

**THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

*Stand. The Presiding Minister takes the bread and wine and may say*

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us

**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour, thanks and praise be given to you at all times and in all places, Lord, Holy Father, true and living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is your eternal Word through whom you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

In your great love you gave him to be made man for us and to share our common life.

In obedience to your will you Son our Saviour offered himself a perfect sacrifice, and died on the cross for our redemption. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin and reconciled us to yourself, our God and Father.

He is our great high priest whom you raise from death and exalted to your right hand on high where he ever lives to intercede for us.

He passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope, that where he is we might also be and reign with him in glory.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit and made us a royal priesthood called to serve you for ever.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever 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.**

Merciful Father, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, and we pray that we who eat and drink them in the fellowship of the holy Spirit in obedience to our Saviour Christ in remembrance of his death and passion my be partakers of his body and his blood, who on the night he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

\* Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper \* he took the cup; and again giving you thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying, Drink from this, all of you \* This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Father, with this bread and this cup we do as our Saviour has commanded:

We celebrate the redemption he has won for us; we proclaim his perfect sacrifice, made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrections and glorious ascension; and we look for his coming to fulfil all things according to you will.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of you Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, by the power of the Holy Spirit,, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**AGNUS DEI**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

**THE COMMUNION**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

**THE GREAT SILENCE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

Christ our exalted King pour on you his abundant gifts make you faithful and strong to do his will that you may reign with him in glory:

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

**HYMN** 250 *verses 1, 4*

1 All hail the power of Jesu’s name,

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem

To crown him, crown him, crown him

Crown him Lord of all.

4 Let every kindred, every tribe

On this terrestrial ball,

To him all majesty ascribe,

And crown him, crown him, crown him

Crown him Lord of all.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**