

THIRD ORDER OF SERVICE

PRAISE

All stand, and the minister says:

Let us worship God.

A hymn or lyric is sung

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalms 100:4-5

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us 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. O that today you would listen to his voice! Psalms 95:6-7

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. Psalms 24:3-4

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. Daniel 9:9-10

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalms 51:17

Jesus said, Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. Luke 15:18

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Psalms 19:14

OR

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!

Habakkuk 2:20

Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Psalms 96:6f,

I through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house,

I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you. Psalms 5:7

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 27:1

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; Psalms 103:10-11

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord

Psalms 116:12-13

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Psalms 19:14

The minister reads a verse or verses from the Bible, such as those given at the beginning of the Second Order.

The minister says:

Let us pray

The minister prays in his own words, or he may say:

Almighty God, we are come into your presence to offer you, through our Lord Jesus Christ, our worship and thanksgiving. Help us to make a true confession of our sins, and to pray for others as well as for ourselves. Grant that by our listening to your holy Word we may know more truly the greatness of your love, and show forth in our lives the fruits of your grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, **AMEN**

OR

Almighty and gracious God, in whom alone our hearts find rest and peace: we ask you to reveal yourself to us in this hour of worship; pour down upon us your spiritual gifts; and grant that this season of holy quiet may be profitable to us in heavenly things, and refresh and strengthen us to finish the work which you have given us to do; through Jesus Christ our, Lord. **AMEN**

CONFESSION

The minister may use the following or read one or two appropriate verses from the Bible.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Psalms 103:8-13

Minister then says:

Let us confess our sins in silence

All are silent for a space.

After this, all say:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according into your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. AMEN

Psalms 51:1-4, 10, 12

OR

We confess to God, almighty, the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, through our grievous fault. Therefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us; forgive us all our sins, and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting; though Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

The minister may say a prayer for pardon:

Grant, we ask you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **AMEN**

OR

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive: Receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of your great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. **AMEN**

The minister and people may say together the General Thanksgiving (see the Second Order), or may say another prayer of thanksgiving.-

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A hymn or lyric may be sung.

The First Lesson is read from the Old Testament.

The Psalm or Psalms for the Day may be said or sung.

The Second Lesson is read from the New Testament

One of the Songs, from the Second Order may be said or sung.

Or another hymn or lyric may be sung.

A children's address may be given here, or a sermon may be preached.

The Apostles' Creed may be said

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN

The Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgiving for the Church and the world follow. At the end of these, all say together:

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN

A hymn or lyric is sung

The Sermon may be preached, if there has been no sermon after the Lessons.

A hymn or lyric is sung. During the singing, or directly afterwards, the offerings of the people are collected.

The minister may dedicate the offerings in his own words, or he may say:

O God, the Giver of all good gifts, we ask you graciously to accept this offering of your people, and so to bless it and them that peace and goodwill may abound throughout the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

OR

Eternal almighty and loving God, who has not spared your own Son, but delivered him up for us all, and who, with him, has freely given us all things; receive these offerings which we bring and dedicate to you; and enable us; with all our gifts, so to yield ourselves to you, that with body, soul, and spirit, we may truly and freely serve you, and in your service find our deepest joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

The minister dismisses the people with a blessing:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **AMEN** II Corinthians 13: 14

OR

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **AMEN** Hebrews 13:20-21

OR

May the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. **AMEN** I Peter 5:10-11

OR

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **AMEN** I Thessalonians 5: 23

Closing hymn & Recession

A hymn or lyric may be sung and the ministers go out carrying with them the Bible, the gifts of the people.

The Minister then prays, people standing. Then says:

Minister: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Minister: Let us depart in peace

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

People may kneel, have silent prayer and quietly go out