

# **AN ORDER FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER**

## **THE PREPARATION**

*A hymn or psalm or bhajan may be sung or said*

*As the ministers come to the Lord's Table, the congregation stands. The presbyter, or one of those with the presbyter, carries in both hands the Bible from which the lessons are to be read, and places it on the Table or on a lectern. The presbyter may stand behind the Table, facing the people.*

*The presbyter says, the congregation standing:*

Let us pray

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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**

**OR**

O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **AMEN**

**OR**

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior: Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. **AMEN**

**OR**

Great and merciful God, your life is the source of all life; your mercy is our only hope; your eyes watch over all your creatures; you know the secrets of our hearts. By your life-giving Spirit, draw us into your presence, that we may worship in the true life of your Spirit, who lives moved by your love; through him who has led us to your heart of love, even Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

All sit

*Lighting of the lamp*

*The presbyter says:*

As, the light is lit, let us pray that the flame of God's loving presence may spring up in our hearts and transform us by the knowledge of his glory.

*Then, as the lamp is lit by some members suitably selected from the congregation, a bhajan such as **Asatoma sadgamaya, Tamasoma jyothirgamaya, Mrithiyoma amrithamgamaya, Shanthi, shanthi, shanthi** is chanted.*

*Then all sing or say:*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the 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, hi the glory of God the Father. AMEN**

**OR**

*This ancient hymn is repeated thrice:*

Holy God

**Holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*This litany, with the deacon leading the refrain:*

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.**

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia***

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia***

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia***

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia***

Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. **Amen**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia***

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia***

*If there has been no special service before the celebration, one or more passages set for the devotion before the Lord's Supper may be read here.*

#### **OUR LORD'S SUMMARY OF THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you should love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the great and first commandment. And the second one is: You should love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Mark 12 and Matthew 22

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*On festive occasions, the full form of the Ten Commandments may be read, instead of the summary of the Law and the Prophets.*

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*Then the presbyter says:*

Brothers and sisters, we have come together to hear God's most holy Word, and to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord. Let us therefore kneel and examine ourselves in silence, seeking God's grace that we may draw near to him with repentance and faith.

*All kneel. After a short silence the presbyter continues:*

You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and peace with your neighbor, and intend to live a new life, following the commandments of God and walking from now on in his holy ways, make your humble confession to the compassionate God, that you may be reconciled anew to him through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*The deacon leading, all say together:*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbor. We have walked in darkness rather than in light; we have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. Have mercy upon us, we ask you; for the sake of Jesus Christ forgive us all our sins; cleanse us by your Holy Spirit; quicken our consciences; and enable us to forgive others; that we may hereafter serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN**

**OR**

**O God of compassion, we confess that we have sinned against you and our sisters and brothers. We have not been true followers of your new way in Christ. We have not shared in your liberating work in the world. We have fallen short of your glory. In your great compassion, make us clean from our sin, and set us free in the joy of your Spirit, that we may serve you with new life; through Jesus Christ who gave his life that we might live in peace with you and with our fellow creatures. AMEN**

**OR**

**O God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN**

**OR**

*An alternative litany of this kind may be used:*

For taking advantage of people's weakness or powerlessness, for taking people for granted, for directly or indirectly hurting or ridiculing people when God's Word says that we have to encourage, build up, equip and bear one another's burdens

### **God have mercy and forgive us our sins**

For our unwillingness to be reformed, so that we can be transformed as a people, as a church and as a community, when God's Word says Let each one of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others following the example of our Lord Jesus who emptied himself even unto death on the cross.

### **God have mercy and forgive us our sins**

For our lack of honesty and integrity in the life and work of the church, in our society, for our sham and show, for our hypocrisy and double standards, for our lack of priority and perspective, for being preoccupied with life in fragments and at the periphery, when God's Word exhorts us to be occupied with more important matters like justice, mercy and faithfulness.

### **God have mercy and forgive us our sins**

*Then the presbyter stands and says: (a selection from the following)*

Hear the gracious Word of God to all who truly turn to him through Jesus Christ:

Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Isaiah 1:18

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. Jeremiah 31:33-34

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:40

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

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I Timothy 1:15

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. I John 2:1-2

*After a short silence, the presbyter says:*

Almighty God, our merciful Savior, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who forgive their brothers and sisters and with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen, thanks be to God.**

**OR**

The Savior of the world, the refuge of the repentant, forgives and strengthens all who truly seek his grace. He accepts you as his sons and daughters, and sets you free from the bondage of your past. For Christ died and rose to new life that we might all share his wholeness and abundant life. A&-God's own people, be merciful in action, kind in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above every thing else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.

**Amen, thanks be to God.**

## **THE PEACE**

*(All Stand) Then the presbyter says*

Having been forgiven and made whole through our Peacemaker, let us live together in Peace. God's Peace challenges us and guides us towards the acts of justice, peace and integration of the whole creation. Let us say '*Shalom*' to one another and give each other a sign of reconciliation and peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

*(The peace is shared; passed on either by touch of hand, or by the gesture of namaskara or a handclasp).*

*The congregation kneels.*

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **The prayer for illumination**

*Then the presbyter says*

By your Word, O Light of this whole universe, we live, move and have our being. As you have illumined the hearts of people at many times in the past, we pray, eternal God, for your awakening within us.

From delusion to truth, and to your righteous way:

**Lead us, source of all, our Father and our Mother.**

From darkness to light and into your gracious will:

**Lead us O Christ, our Friend and our Brother.**

From death to eternal life and into your infinite joy:

**Lead us Divine Spirit, enlivening Power within, for we seek your awakening touch.**

**OR**

Your Word is a lamp to guide us.

**And a light for our path.**

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

*(Then the Bible is given to the first reader who takes it to the lectern).  
The lesson from the Old Testament is read, and after it the congregation says:*

**This is your Word, thank you Lord.**

**(Thanks be to you O God.)**

*A psalm, bhajan or canticle may be sung.*

*The lesson from the Epistles is read, and after it the congregation says:*

**We thank you God for speaking to us.**

**(Thanks be to you O God.)**

*The congregation stands for the Gospel reading and joins in singing*

*Gloria:*

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, Hallelujah**

**hallelujah.**

*The lesson from the Gospels is read, and after it the congregation says:*

**The Lord has spoken. Continue to speak to us Lord.**

**(Praise be to you O Christ.)**

*The Congregation joins in singing Hallelujah:*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah (3)**

**Hallelujah hallelujah**

*A Hymn may be sung by all standing.*

**The Sermon**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

***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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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****

**OR**

***Apostles' Creed***

**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

OR

We affirm our faith in one God -

Source of all life, greater than all names and forms, source of our being, closer than any. Upon this one God we depend for all we are and for all that ever will be.

And we affirm our faith in Christ -

Who has shown us the way to true life. By breaking the chain of human bondage, through his self-giving life and death and by his rising again, he has given us hope for a new humanity, hope for the healing of earth's life.

And we affirm our faith in the living Spirit of God -

through whom we awaken to God's purpose for the world, and share in the freedom, joy and peace of the children of God. For by his Spirit God's love has flooded our lives, shaping us into a community of forgiven and freely accepted brothers and sisters set apart for God's service, risen with Christ we share in his work for God's world of everlasting life, justice and peace. AMEN

OR

I believe in one God who creates, loves, cares and corrects all people, who acts in history, and who promises never to leave us alone.

I believe in Jesus of Nazareth who is Lord, Christ and Redeemer, who wants not to be idealized, but to be followed.

I believe that we live in the presence of the Holy Spirit without whom we are nothing; filled with the Holy Spirit we are able to become creative, free and full of life.

I believe in the church of God in Jesus Christ, a community where we find companions and courage for the struggles of life, where we grow in the understanding of our faith through worship, fellowship and acts of liberation.

I believe that God has called us to a partnership for the continuance of his mission in this time and place, and that, though we live in the midst of confusion, turmoil, exploitation, oppression and in the grip of the forces of death, we are called to be instruments of peace and justice.

I believe that God brings about changes in people, in nature and in the whole cosmos, that God makes the whole creation a new heaven and a new earth of justice, peace, harmony and life in all it's fullness. AMEN

*The congregation may be seated.*

*The announcements may be made here, and the offering may be collected. A hymn or lyric may also be sung. An offertory prayer and an appropriate prayer remembering those who have celebrated birthdays, marriage anniversaries and other happy occasions may be said.*

Almighty and merciful God from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share, accept and use our offerings for your glory, and for the service of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray on your servants who have celebrated their birthdays, marriage anniversaries, during this week. As they begin another year, grant that they may be showered with all blessings, and may grow in health and strength, wisdom and grace. Strengthen their trust in your goodness, and show them that they live under your protection and care all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

## INTERCESSION

### Litany I

Almighty God, who has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all creation; hear us when we pray: that it may please you to inspire continually the universal church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord:

**Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

That it may please you to grant that all those who confess your holy name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and bear witness to it with courage, and fidelity:

**Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

That it may please you to lead the nations in the paths of righteousness and peace:

**Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

That it may please you to guide with your pure and peace-loving wisdom those who bear authority in the affairs of humankind, especially the President of the Indian Republic ....

The Prime Minister, the Governor of our State .....the Chief Minister and all those who serve in the Government; that we and all people may be governed with justice and honor:

**Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

That it may please you to give grace to all bishops, presbyters, and deacons, especially your servants, .....

our Moderator, and our Bishop, that by their life and doctrine

they may set forth your true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy sacraments:

**Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

That it may please you to bring into one fellowship and union the churches in our land, that together they may maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and bear witness to the Gospel, especially the churches with which we are in full communion and to guide their councils and leaders, especially the Moderator of the Church of North India, the Metropolitan of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church and .....

**Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

That it may please you to guide and prosper those who are laboring for the spread of your Gospel among the nations, and to enlighten with your Spirit, all places of education, learning and healing:

**Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

That it may please you that through your heavenly benediction we may be saved from death and famine, and may with thankful hearts enjoy the fruits of the earth in their season:

**Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

That it may please you to give your heavenly grace to all your people in their several callings, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive your holy Word; truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life:

**Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

That it may please you of your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity:

**Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

And we praise you for all your servants who have departed from this life in your faith and fear, asking you to give us grace that we may follow their good examples, and with them be made partakers of your heavenly kingdom:

**Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

### **Litany 2**

For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of God's holy churches, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our bishops and all other ministers, especially our Moderator, and our Bishop the Moderator of the Church of North India, and the Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church that with a good heart and a pure conscience they may accomplish their ministry, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the President of our Republic .the Prime Minister ..... the Governor of our State .....the Chief Minister ... and all those who serve in the Government, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the hungry, the orphans and the widows, and them that suffer persecution, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all his servants who have served him here and are now at rest, we may enter into the fullness of his unending joy, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **Litany 3**

In your comforting presence, we remember the poor and the homeless, the widows and the exploited women, the undernourished children and the victims of war, terrorism and unjust socio-economic systems. Where the mind is without fear, where the head is held high, into that haven of freedom O Lord, let our world awake.

**Lord hear our prayer; let our cry come to you.**

In your comforting presence, we remember those who cannot and may not read and write, those who are denied the power of knowledge and skill, those who are rendered voiceless through exploitation and oppression for being ignorant, those whose questioning faculty has been taken away and the ones who are tormented and mentally ill. Where knowledge is free, where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sands of dead habit, into that haven of freedom, O Lord, let our world awake.

**Lord hear our prayer; let our cry come to you.**

In your comforting presence, we remember those who work without getting their due, the landless laborers, the child laborers, the bonded laborers, the dispossessed and those who are unjustly treated or falsely accused. Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection, into that haven of freedom O Lord, let our world awake.

**Lord hear our prayer; let our cry come to you.**

In your comforting presence, we remember the victims of discrimination because of color, race, class, caste, nationality, religion and traditions. Help our leaders and all those who serve in the Government especially the President of our Republic the Prime Minister the Governor of our State .....the Chief Minister .....to do everything they can to build a society of



equality and justice. Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls, into that haven of freedom, O Lord let our world awake.

**Lord hear our prayer; let our cry come to you.**

In your comforting presence, we remember your church especially .....our Moderator, and .. our Bishop, and ..... the Moderator of the Church of North India, and .....the Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church. Let the Church be a foretaste of the coming reign of God in the world, let her work in partnership with all humanity for reconciliation, justice and peace to make this world an *oikumene* - a happy home for all creation. Where words come out from the depths of truth, where the mind is led forward by you into ever-widening thought and action, into that haven of freedom, O Lord let my world awake.

**Lord hear our prayer; let our cry come to you.**

#### **Litany 4**

Where ignorance, self-love and insensitivity have fractured life in community:

**Give your light, O God of love.**

Where injustice and oppression have broken the spirit of peoples:

**Give your light, O God of love.**

Where hunger and poverty, illness and death have made life an unbearable burden:

**Give your light, O God of love.**

Where suspicion *and* hatred, conflict and war have challenged your goodness:

**Give your light, O God of love.**

Eternal God, remove the blindness of the nations and peoples so that they may walk in the light of love; remove the ignorance and stubbornness of nations and peoples so that they may drink from the fountain of your goodness. **AMEN**

*After the Litany the presbyter says:*

Let us pray

Almighty God, the Fountain of all wisdom, who knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we ask you to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

**OR**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified: receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all people in your holy church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and justly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

**OR**

Eternal God, our Father and Mother, we commit our struggles and sufferings into your Son's wounded hands, our hopes and aspirations into His praying hands, our poor, hungry and exploited people into His just and caring hands, our living and departed into His hands that hold the key to the future. Blessed be the Lord, forever. **AMEN**

*The presbyter then gives the first benediction:*

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

*Those who wish to leave may do so now.*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*All stand, and the presbyter says:*

How very good and pleasant it is when people of God live together in unity! Psalm 133:1

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. I Corinthians 10:17

**Now I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.** Psalm 27:6

*A hymn or lyric is sung while an offering of a tray of flowers, with other signs of God's goodness in creation are brought forward with the offerings of bread and wine for the Eucharist, and placed on the altar.*

Glory to God, source of all bounty and beauty whose fullness and fragrance can transform us within and without:

**Creator God, we lift our hearts to you in thanks.**

Glory to God, who has made a covenant with all living creatures, and has promised never to forsake the creation he loves:

**Creator God, we lift our hearts to you in thanks.**

Glory to God, who made us all in his image, and entrusted earth and her life to our care:

**Creator God, we lift our hearts to you in thanks.**

O God, Redeemer of all things, with grateful thanks we offer these gifts and this bread and wine, fruits of your earth and of our labor, and signs of your redemptive purpose for our lives and for all creation. By sharing in this bread and wine you assure us, in Christ, of a share in your being, your bliss, your purpose:

**Glory to God, our Redeemer, who saves us by his grace.**

**OR**

Holy God, who through your dear Son has consecrated for us a new and living way to your throne of grace, we come to you through him, unworthy as we are, and we humbly ask you to accept and use us and these our gifts for your glory. All that is in heaven and earth is yours, and of your own we give to you.

**AMEN**

**OR**

O God, you have given us a new and living way to offer ourselves to you. Though unworthy we come to you, as we are, by that way, your Son Jesus of Nazareth; and in his name we ask you to accept and use us and these gifts however it best pleases you. All that is created is yours and everything that we can offer already belongs to you. **AMEN**

*The bearers of the offertory return to their places.*

*The presbyter and the congregation kneel, and say together:*

**Be present, be present, O Jesus you good High Priest, as you were in the midst of your disciples, and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. AMEN**

*The presbyter stands.*

*The presbyter may use A or B or C for Great Thanksgiving*

**A**

The Lord be with you:

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts:

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our Lord God:

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

It is indeed right, our duty, and highest joy, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, holy, almighty and everlasting God;\*\* through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, through whom you created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, and made humankind in your own image, and when it had fallen into sin you redeemed it to be the first fruits of a new creation.

**Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:**

**Holy holy holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he that has come and is to come in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

Truly holy, truly blessed are you, O God our savior, who of your tender love towards humankind gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death, until he comes again: who, in the same night when he was betrayed, took bread, and after having given thanks, 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. Likewise, after supper he took the cup, and after he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying: Drink all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Amen. Your death O Lord we commemorate, your resurrection we confess, and your coming we await. Glory be to you, O Christ.**

Therefore, O Lord our God, remembering the precious death and passion, and glorious resurrection and ascension, of your Son our Lord, we your servants do this in remembrance of him as he commanded, until his coming again, giving thanks to you for the perfect redemption which you have brought about for us in him.

**We give thanks to you, we praise you, we glorify you, O Lord our God.**

And we most humbly ask you, O merciful God, to sanctify with your Holy Spirit us and these your own gifts of bread and wine, that the bread which we break may be the communion of the body of Christ, and the cup which we bless the communion of the blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may all attain to the unity of the faith, and may grow up all things, unto him who is the Head, even Christ, our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, O God almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

**B**

Our Creator God is with us to bless us;

**Saranam, saranam, saranam**

The risen Lord is with us to bless us;

**Saranam, saranam, saranam**

The transforming Spirit is with us to bless us;

**Saranam, saranam, saranam**

O God, Redeemer of fallen creation, at the last meal that your Son, Jesus Christ, shared with his disciples before his death, he took bread in his hands of compassion, gave you praise and thanks, and broke bread. Then he said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

**We celebrate through this bread, the self-offering of our Savior Christ.**

Then after the meal he took the cup, offered praise and thanks to you, gave the cup to his disciples 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. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**We celebrate through this cup the new covenant of our Savior Christ.**

As this bread is broken and this wine poured out, O Seeker and Savior of the lost, we remember again the poor and oppressed of the earth. We recall that your body was broken that the hungry might be nourished, the oppressed set free, replenished with the bread of new hope and new life.

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come in glory.**

As this bread was once scattered seed, O Bread of life sown in the earth to die and rise to new life: so gather all peoples together in one humanity of your coming reign. Restore the broken life of your creation; heal the disfigured body of your world; draw all creatures unto yourself through the cross and in the power of your risen life. And grant to all the faithful departed a share in your bliss, that with them we too at the end may be welcomed into your eternal kingdom through your inexhaustible grace, and through the guidance of your indwelling Spirit.

**Sanctify us, sanctify this bread, sanctify this wine, so that together we may be the body of Christ. AMEN**

**C**

The Lord be with you:

**And also be 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 God thanks and praise.**

Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving O Lord, holy Father/Parent. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image. Through your Son, our Lord Jesus you came to us while we wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us by name to leave what is comfortable to be his disciples, friends and partners. With his outstretched arms on the cross, and through his death he bore our sins and through his resurrection we are saved. And through your Holy Spirit you brood over the chaos we create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspired the prophets and the apostles to find the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission to make everything new. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim and sing your glory:

**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.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night, in which he was betrayed, took the bread and when he had given thanks to you, 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.

The same way after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: 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. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Lord we commemorate your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection and we await your coming.**

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

*Here the presbyter may kneel*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, so we pray:

**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 moment's silence is kept, all kneeling. The prayer of humble access may be said:*

**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 from 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 and souls may be made clean by his most precious body and blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. AMEN**

*As the bread is lifted up and broken, prior to the congregation's coming forward to share together in it, the following sentences may be said.*

When we break the bread, do we not share in the body of Christ?

**We seek to share your life, gracious God.**

*As the cup is lifted up:*

When we lift the cup, do we not share in the life-blood of Christ?

**We seek to share your life, gracious God.**

*During this time these words may be said or sung:*

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

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

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

*The ministers and the congregation receive the bread and the wine. The, following words of administration may be used:*

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bread of life .

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the true Vine

*[If the bread or wine set apart be insufficient, the presbyter taking more, may say:*

Obeying the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, we take this bread (wine) to be set apart for this holy use, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN]

*When all have partaken, the minister says:*

Having now by faith received the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us give thanks:

O gracious God, you have fed us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. You have assured us, in these holy mysteries, of your favor and goodness towards us, and that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. For these great benefits we thank you, and in union with your Son we offer you ourselves as a living sacrifice. And now, Lord, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

**Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God, forever and ever. AMEN**

**OR**

Merciful God of all creation, holy Father/Parent of all people through our Lord Jesus Christ who united all things in His fullness, we join your whole creation in exultant praise of your bountiful goodness. You have now touched us with new life and filled us with new hope that your reign will come, that the hungry will be fed, that the oppressed will be set free from evil, that your reconciling work will be done, that love and faithfulness meet together, that justice and peace will kiss each other and the whole creation will be filled with your glory. **AMEN**

**Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God, for ever and ever. AMEN**

**OR**

Glorious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world. **AMEN**

**Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God, for ever and ever. AMEN**

*The presbyter gives the second benediction:*

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **AMEN**

**OR**

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **AMEN**

**Closing hymn & Recession**

*The person carrying the cross, the choir and the ministers go out carrying with them the Bible, the gifts of the people, and the vessels used for the communion.*

*The Presbyter 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.

## **\*\*PROPER PREFACES**

*(to be used with the great thanksgiving A)*

### **ADVENT**

*On the fourth Sunday before Christmas, and until Christmas Eve:*

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior, by whom you have sent a new light to shine upon the world, that we who rejoice in that light may be found cleansed from our sins and without fear when he shall come again to judge the world in righteousness.

### **CHRISTMAS**

*On Christmas day, and until the Epiphany or second Sunday after Christmas:*

Especially at this time we praise you, because you gave Jesus Christ your only Son to be born for us of Mary, that through him we may have power to become the sons of God.

### **EPIPHANY**

*On January 6, or the second Sunday after Christmas, and for seven days after:*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in his human life revealed your glory to bring humankind out of darkness into light.

### **LENT**

*On Ash Wednesday, and until the second Sunday before Easter:*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet remained sinless. By his grace we are able to overcome our sinful desires and to live not for ourselves, but for our Lord who died for us and rose from the dead.

### **PASSIONTIDE**

*On the second Sunday before Easter (Passion Sunday) and until the Wednesday before Easter, except for Palm Sunday:*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in his life as a human, humbled himself, and in obedience accepted death, even the death on a cross; that, being lifted up from the earth, he may draw all people to himself.

*On the Sunday next before Easter (Palm Sunday):*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by your grace fulfilled all the prophecies about him in holy scripture, from his birth in Bethlehem till his entry into Jerusalem, whom also we now bless with those who met him with psalms and with hosannas.

*On the Thursday before Easter (Maundy Thursday):*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who, having loved his own in the world, loved them to the end, and on the night before he suffered instituted these holy mysteries, that we, receiving the benefits of his passion, and being quickened by his resurrection, may be made partakers of his divine nature, and be filled with all the fullness of God.

### **EASTER**

*On Easter Day, and until the Ascension:*

But chiefly, we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his resurrection has restored life to us.

### **ASCENSION**

*On Ascension Day, and until Pentecost:*

But chiefly we are bound to praise you for Jesus Christ our Lord, who ascended upon high, the one mediator between God and Creation; who abides for ever in that glory which he had with you, and in that nature which he took of us, that he may bring us to the fellowship of his Godhead.

## **PENTECOST**

*On the day of Pentecost, and until Trinity Sunday; and also at meetings of the Synod and the Diocesan Councils:*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose promise the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples to teach them, and to lead them into all truth; giving them both the gift of tongues, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel to all people. .

## **TRINITY SUNDAY**

Though Jesus Christ our Lord; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, is one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

## **SAINTS**

*On November 1, or on any day appointed for the commemoration of a saint, and for seven days thereafter:*

Who in the righteousness of your saints has given us an example of godly living, and in their blessedness a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling, that, being encompassed by so great a cloud of witnesses, we may run with patience the race that is set before us, and with them receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

## **THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH**

*At the dedication of a church, or on its anniversary:*

Heaven itself, O Lord cannot contain you, and your glory fills all the world. And yet you accept our setting apart of places for your worship, and in them pour out your gifts of grace upon your faithful people.

## **ORDINATION**

*At the ordination of a deacon:*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave authority to his disciples, saying: As the Father has sent me, so I send you.