

The Service with Holy Communion

ReClaim · Setting III

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord. Who made heaven and earth.

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Time for silent reflection.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

Amen.

- OR -

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you that are penitent pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. - OR -

And also with you.

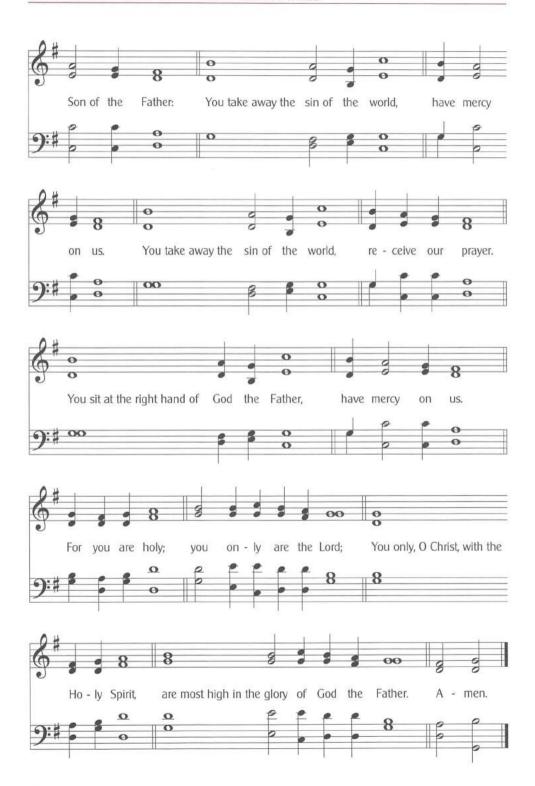
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And with your spirit.

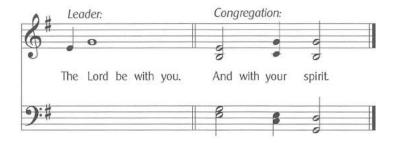


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SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

The minister prays the Prayer of the Day.



FIRST LESSON

The First Lesson is written in the _____ chapter of _____.

After the Lesson the reader may say, "The word of the Lord."

PSALM OR ANTHEM

SECOND LESSON

The Second Lesson is written in the _____ chapter of _____.

After the Lesson the reader may say, "The word of the Lord."

Stand

HALLELUJAH



- OR -

LENTEN SENTENCE



GOSPEL

The Gospel is written in the _____ chapter of _____.



After the Gospel the reader may say, "The Gospel of the Lord."



The Nicene Creed is used on festivals or when Holy Communion is administered. When the order for Baptism or another rite with a creed is used in the service, the creed may be omitted here.

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 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 Christian* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection from the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

^{*} Christian is the standard term used in the vernacular (German) translation of the Nicene Creed by the Reformers. The word "catholic" may be used here instead.

- OR -

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

SFRMON

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus unto life everlasting.

Amen

HYMN

During the hymn, gifts and tithes are received and may be placed on the altar by the ushers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here may follow orders for baptism, confirmation, ordination, wedding, installation, and dedication.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for your continual goodness and tender mercies, especially in sending your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, as the revelation of your saving grace and truth, your living, incarnate Word. We pray that Christ may so dwell in our hearts through faith that we may be filled with his endless life and daily abound in his redeeming work. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your holy church; defend and preserve it in the truth of your Word. Continue to send your Word and Holy Spirit throughout the world calling, gathering, and enlightening your whole church, and preserving it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. So that your light and truth may reach to the uttermost parts of the earth, raise up faithful pastors and messengers, and embolden Christians everywhere to be faithful witnesses, trusting that your Word, like the rain, will never return to you void, but will accomplish that for which you sent it. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let the light of your Word shine in our homes. Enable and empower parents to teach their children by word and example the daily life of believers. Bless all centers of learning and all who administer and teach in them, that they may send forth men and women committed to serving you. And grant that they may look to you, as the fountain of all wisdom. For all to whom we entrust the authority to govern; we ask for wisdom, guidance, and strength. Help them to serve your purposes and establish good order, peace, justice, and prosperity for the common good. Cause the earth to yield its fruit in its season and make us responsible stewards of our resources. Give success to all beneficial occupations, to all true art and useful knowledge, and crown all such endeavors with your blessing. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who are in trouble, want, sickness, adversity, or peril of death, especially those who suffer persecution for your name's sake: grant them strength and peace within, to endure the buffeting of body and soul in the confidence that they are always in your keeping, and nothing can ever snatch them out of their Father's hands. Most gracious Father, although we deserve the just consequences of our sins, we pray that you would graciously defend us from all harm. Protect us from false and pernicious influences in the world, from violence and immorality, pornography and lewdness, from plagues and disease, from famine and terror, and most of all from unbelief and despair of your mercy. In all our temptations

and needs help us to turn and to trust in you as our very present help in trouble. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.

Amen.

-OR-

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

We pray for your holy church gathered and nurtured by your Word and sent into the world to be the body of Christ. Give us always the mind of Christ, that we may seek the lost, bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive. Empower us for mission with purity in teaching, holiness in living, and Christ likeness in serving.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all to whom we entrust authority to govern. Help them to serve according to your will so that mercy and truth, justice and peace may prevail. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer sickness, sorrow, and adversity. We pray especially for ______ and for those whom we name in our hearts before you. Make bold all who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. Keep safe those who endanger their lives protecting others. Refresh those who bear heavy burdens; and use us as messengers of your mercy and instruments of your peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.

Amen.



If there is no Holy Communion, the service concludes with the Lord's Prayer, Hymn, and Benediction.

LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

- OR -

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hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

The Benediction may be said or sung (see page 93).

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and + give you peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

When there is Communion, the bread and wine are prepared during the singing of the Hymn.

HYMN

Stand

EXHORTATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, to receive this Holy Sacrament in a worthy manner, consider what we must now believe and do.

We should believe that Jesus Christ himself is truly present in the bread and wine as his words declare: "This is my body, which is given for you; this is my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin."

We should also trust that Jesus Christ forgives our sins as his words promise: "for the forgiveness of sin."

Finally, we should do as Christ commands when he says: "Take. Eat. Drink. Do this in remembrance of me."

When we repent, believe these words, and do as Christ commands, then we have rightly examined ourselves and may worthily come to the Lord's table for the forgiveness of all our sins.

Together, we should also give thanks to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for this great gift. We should love one another with a pure heart, and with the whole Christian church take comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. May our heavenly Father grant us his grace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

- OR -

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Apostle Paul admonishes us: Examine yourselves before eating the bread and drinking the cup.

Scripture hereby encourages us to come to the Lord's table, believing that Jesus Christ is himself present in the bread and the wine as his words declare: "This is my body. This is my blood."

Scripture also encourages us to come trusting in the forgiveness of sins, as Jesus says, "For you, for the forgiveness of sin."

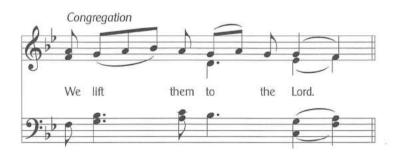
Finally, we are encouraged to do as Christ commands when he says: "Take. Eat. Drink. Do this in remembrance of me."

When we repent of sin, believe his words, and do as he commands, we come in a worthy manner, and join the whole Christian church on earth in giving thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for so great a gift. We also pray that his love will renew our love for one another and that we, with the whole Christian church, may know the comfort and joy that is in Christ our Savior and Lord. Receive now his grace with believing hearts. Amen.

PREFACE



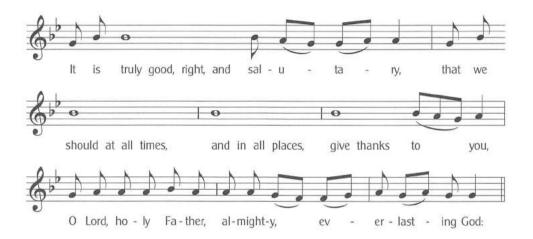








PROPER PREFACES



Advent

Through Jesus | Christ our Lord,* whom John the baptizer heralded as the a- | nointed One,* the very | Lamb of God,* calling sinners to repent, to escape the judgment | of his coming.* Therefore with angels . . .

Christmas

For in the mystery of the [|] Word made flesh,* you have given us a new revelation [|] of your glory;* that seeing you in the person [|] of your Son,* we may be drawn to the love of those things that [|] are not seen.* Therefore with angels . . .

Epiphany

And now we praise you, that you have sent to us your only be- | gotten Son,* and that in him, being found in the form of a man, you have revealed the fullness | of your glory.* Therefore with angels . . .

Lent

You call your people to re- | pent of sin* and prepare for the joy of the | paschal feast* Renew us in faith and holiness, and bring us into the fullness of your | grace and truth* that belongs to the chil- | dren of God.* Therefore with angels . . .

Holy Week

Who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to | humankind;* so when death arose, life also might | rise again.* And that the serpent who by a tree once | overcame,* might likewise by a tree be overcome, through | Christ our Lord.* Therefore with angels . . .

Easter

But chiefly are we bound to praise you* for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.* For he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was of- fered for us,* and has taken away the sin of the world;* who by his death has destroyed death,* and by his rising to life again, has restored to us ever- lasting life.* Therefore with angels . . .

Ascension

Through Jesus ¹ Christ our Lord,* who after his resurrection appeared openly to all ¹ his disciples,* and in their sight was taken up ¹ into heaven,* that he might make us partakers of his di- ¹ vine nature.* Therefore with angels . . .

Pentecost (and the Sundays in Pentecost)

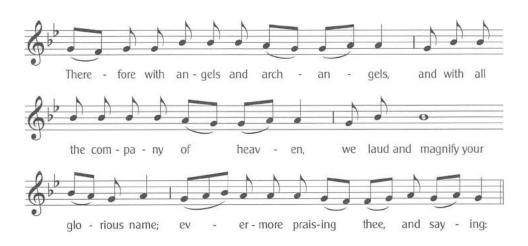
Through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our ¹ Lord and Savior,* who ascending above the heavens and sitting at ¹ your right hand,* poured out [on this day] the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the cho- ¹ sen disciples,* causing the whole earth ¹ to rejoice.* Therefore with angels . . .

Trinity

Who with your only be- ¹ gotten Son,* and the Holy Spirit, are one ¹ God, one Lord.* And in the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trini- ¹ ty in person,* and the unity in substance, of majes- ¹ ty coequal.* Therefore with angels . . .

All Saints

Who did surround us with so great a ¹ cloud of witnesses,* to encourage us with their fellowship to run the race that is ¹ set before us;* and with them ¹ to obtain* the ever- ¹ lasting crown.* Therefore with angels . . .



SANCTUS



LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

- OR -

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Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, 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."

Sit

AGNUS DEI



Hymns may be sung during the distribution.

As the ministers distribute the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

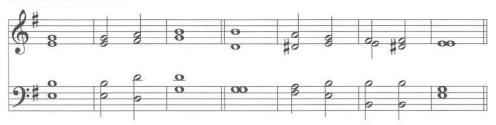
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The presiding minister and the assisting ministers commune after the congregation. The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

The Nunc Dimittus may be said or sung.

NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now let your servant de- I part in I peace,

ac- | cording to | your | word.

For my eyes have I seen your sal- I vation,

which you have prepared before the I face of I all I people:

A light to I lighten the I Gentiles

and the | glory of your | people | Israel.

Glory | be to the | Father,

and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,

As it I was in the be-I ginning,

is now, and ever shall be, I world without I end. I A- I men.

THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this your salutary gift; and we ask you in your mercy to strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

BENEDICAMUS



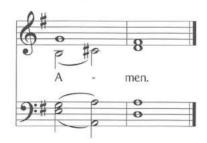
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The Benediction may be said or sung.

BENEDICTION



The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.



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