

WELCOME & NOTICES

OPENING SENTENCES

If I live, it will be for Christ;
and if I die, I will gain even more.

THE INVOCATION

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

OPENING HYMN - Praise, my soul, the king of heaven

TIS 134

1. Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah!
Praise the everlasting king!

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
widely as his mercy flows!

5. Angels, help us to adore him,
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space;
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise with us the God of grace.

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or **THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

Dear friends,

Our God is a generous and merciful God who is always waiting to welcome us with open arms. Knowing that he is ready to forgive us, let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**Lord God, our heavenly Father,
we confess to you that we are sinful,
and we have sinned against you in many ways:
in our thoughts and in our words;
in what we have done,
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We have compared ourselves to others
and expected to be treated more generously.**

**We have received your generous love
and not shown it to others.**

Have mercy and forgive us.

**Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
help us to obey you,
keep us from all evil,
and bring us to eternal life.**

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

or **THE ABSOLUTION**

Our God of abundant and generous love has had mercy on us,
and has given his Son to die for us.
So, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ,
I forgive you all your sins,
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LORD HAVE MERCY (KYRIE)

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased.**

**We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you for your great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly king, God, the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of God the Father;
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord,
you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**



THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray for the gift of generosity.

**Loving and righteous God,
you are far more generous to us,
and to all who work in your kingdom,
than we desire or deserve.**

**Make us generous to others
as you have been to us.**

**We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.



ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN



THE FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10- 4:11 Jonah is angered by God's mercy

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

4 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. **2** He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. **3** And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." **4** And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" **5** Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

6 The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. **7** But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. **8** When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

9 But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." **10** Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. **11** And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

This is the word of the Lord **(Cong) Thanks be to God**

 **PSALM 145:1-8**

Cantor:

I will praise your name for ever my king and my God.

Response: I will praise your name for ever my king and my God.

*I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.*

I will praise your name for ever my king and my God.

*One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

I will praise your name for ever my king and my God.

*The might of your awesome
deeds shall be proclaimed,
And I will declare your greatness.
They shall celebrate the fame
of your abundant goodness,
And shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

I will praise your name for ever my king and my God.

*The Lord is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

I will praise your name for ever my king and my God.

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THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30 Living for Christ

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is

more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord **(Cong) Thanks be to God**



ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said "The Kingdom of Heaven is like this: the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Alleluia, alleluia.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew Chapter 20.

(Sung) Glory to you, O Lord.

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into

the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. (Cong) Praise to you O Christ

THE ADDRESS

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 of the Holy Spirit and 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.**

**🔊 OFFERING HYMN Lord of all hopefulness
TIS 613**

1. Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts,
Lord, at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe;
be there at our labours
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts,
Lord, at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindliness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts,
Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts,
Lord, at the end of the day.

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THE OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**



OFFERING PRAYER

**Lord, thank you for being so generous and merciful to us.
Help us to remember what Christ has done for us,
and to give ourselves in love and service
as a response to his love.
Amen.**



THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



THE PREFACE

**It is indeed right and good,
Lord God, holy Father,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
On this day
he overcame death by his resurrection
and opened up for us
the way to eternal life with you.**

And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we adore and praise your glorious name:

! HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;
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!**

! THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed,
took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take and eat; this is † my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
Drink of it, all of you; this is † my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

! THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**



LAMB OF GOD

**O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us. (repeat)**

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



DISTRIBUTION

Distribution Hymn

LHS 326 O how great is your compassion

1. O how great is your compassion,
faithful Father, God of grace.
Though our fallen human race
has deserved your condemnation,
you had mercy, so that we
might be saved eternally.

2. In your love you came to find us,
so that we, from hell set free,
live with you eternally.
Your dear Son himself, in kindness,
issues us his loving call,
to his meal invites us all.

3. Witnessing to our salvation
comes your Holy Spirit, Lord,
in your sacraments and word.
There he sends true consolation,
giving us the gift of faith,
that we fear not hell or death.

4. Lord, your mercy will not leave me;
always will your truth abide.
Then in you I will confide.
Since your word cannot deceive me,
my salvation is to me
safe and sure eternally.

5. I will praise your great compassion,
faithful Father, God of grace.
Though our fallen human race
has deserved your condemnation,
you had mercy, so that we
might bring praises endlessly.

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THE DISMISSAL

The body of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you
in body and soul to life eternal.
Go in peace †. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION SONG

**Lord, now let your servant depart in peace
according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared
in the presence of all people;**

**a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for evermore.
Amen.**

! THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Almighty and merciful Father,
thank you that your Son Jesus Christ
has served us at his own table.
As he became the servant of all,
help us to be a servant to others.
For he lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

! THE BLESSING

**The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favour and give you † peace
Amen.**

! THE COMMISSION

**Go and speak the Word of grace to those who need to hear it.
Go and forgive as you have been forgiven.
Go and welcome those whom others might reject.
And when you are tempted to judge, remember the mercy you yourself
have received.
In the name of Christ. Amen.**



CLOSING HYMN

Forth in your Name, O Lord I go.

TIS 571

1. Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue,
you, Lord, alone resolved to know,
in all I think, or speak, or do.
2. Each task your wisdom has assigned
still let me cheerfully fulfil,
in all my works your presence find,
and prove your good and perfect will.
3. You may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost
substance view,
and labour on at your command,
and offer all my works to you.
4. Give me to bear your easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to your glorious day;
5. For you delightfully employ
all that your bounteous grace has given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.

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