



OPENING SENTENCES

Christ humbled himself and became
obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.



THE INVOCATION

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



OPENING SONG

Here I am to worship PW 960

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth
You created
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
(repeat)

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Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

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or **THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

Friends in Christ: in the epistle reading today, St Paul invites us to have the same mind as Christ Jesus. Knowing that we continually fail in this area, let's confess our sins to our merciful God, trusting in his promise of forgiveness.

Loving God,

We confess that we do not live up to our calling as your servants.

For the times we seek to exalt ourselves above others,

We are sorry and ask for your forgiveness.

For the times when our success depends on someone else's failure

We are sorry and ask for your forgiveness.

For the times when we twist service into convenience and leisure,
ignoring the idea that to serve is to be a servant

We are sorry and ask for your forgiveness.

Show us your ways.

**Highlight what we can change,
and change what we cannot.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.



or **THE ABSOLUTION**

Our God is patient, steadfast, and understanding.

God hears our cries of repentance and knows our hearts, inside and out.

The One who created us promises to care for us, even when we turn away.

So, by the authority the Lord has given his church, 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



Come Praise and Glorify - Chester - Kauflin

1. Come praise and glorify our God

The Father of our Lord

In Christ He has in heav'nly realms

His blessings on us poured

For pure and blameless in His sight

He destined us to be

And now we've been adopted through

His Son eternally

To the praise of Your glory

To the praise of Your mercy and grace

To the praise of Your glory

You are the God who saves

2. Come praise and glorify our God

Who gives His grace in Christ

In Him our sins are washed away

Redeemed through sacrifice

In Him God has made known to us

The myst'ry of His will

That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves

3. Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God, the Three in One

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves
(repeat)

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THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray for humility.

**Merciful God,
give us the same attitude as Jesus,
who emptied himself
and was obedient to you
all the way to his death on the cross.
Make us eager to put others before ourselves,
and their needs before our own.
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**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Individual responsibility for sin

The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall

not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13 The humility and exaltation of Christ

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only
in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own
salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you,
enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32 Which son obeyed his father?

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the
people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are
you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said
to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer,
then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the
baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And
they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to
us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’

²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all
regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not
know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I
am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

THE ADDRESS

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**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 SONG** **Brother Sister, let me serve you**

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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THE OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a 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 your free spirit.**

OFFERING PRAYER

**Thank you, Lord, for all you have given us,
especially the gift of your Son.
Help us to accept his authority,
trust in him, and obey him.
Teach us to live our lives in service to you.
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 our 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.
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 power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. 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

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

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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION



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May we be one – A 172

1. May we be one,
 bound in love for ever,
 Growing close together day by day;
 Growing as God fills us with his life;
 We are joined in him,
 he makes us one.

2. May we be one,
as our Father planned it.
May the love of Jesus make us strong,
No one can harm us when he is near;
He has brought us peace,
he makes us one.

3. May we be one -
Jesus' truth to bind us.
With his body he unites us all;
Dying our death, he restores our life;
Living with us now, he makes us one.

4. May we be one,
sharing life together
With the Father and his only Son.
Now we have life in this world of death;
Heaven has begun, he makes us one.
Heaven has begun, he makes us one.

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You rescued me - Bullock

You rescued me and picked me up
a living hope of grace revealed
a life transformed in righteousness
O Lord you have rescued me.
Forgiving me you healed my heart
and set me free from sin and death
You've brought me life
you've made me whole
Oh Lord, you have rescued me

And you loved me before I knew you
and you knew me for all time
I've been created in your image, O Lord
And you bought me
and you sought me
Your blood poured out for me
A new creation in your image, O Lord
You rescued me
You rescued me

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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

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace,
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
you have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**We thank you, Father, for this healing gift:
the body and blood of your Son.
Let it strengthen our faith in you and our love for one another so that
we become more Christ-like in our words and actions.
We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 in peace as God's children to do his will.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



CLOSING SONG

In Christ Alone -Townend & Getty

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love,
What depths of peace
When fears are stilled
When strivings cease!
My comforter, My All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone! – who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied-
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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