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The Gathering

Priest We gather together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen**

Priest God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

All **May we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ,
that we may share God's love and his life.**

Priest The living Christ is with us.

All **Praise the Lord!** *(Life in Liturgy)*

All **Dear Father, quieten our minds, still our hearts.**

For your loving ways are all we seek.

Strengthen our lives, inspire our spirits,

in your living waters flow endless grace.

Confession and Absolution

Priest Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Priest I will set out and go back to my father and say to him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. *(Luke 15:18).*

All **Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way,
and rejected your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you in every way;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest: The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Gloria

All: **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
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,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

'Let us pray'.
Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always
those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without
you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Suddenly the word of the LORD came to him: 'Why are you here, Elijah?' 'Because of my great zeal for the LORD the God of hosts' he said. 'The people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, torn down thy altars, and put thy prophets to death with the sword. I alone am left, and they seek to take my life.'

The answer came 'Go and stand on the mount before the LORD' for the LORD was passing by. A great strong wind came rending mountains and shattering the rocks before him, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire a low murmuring sound. When Elijah heard it, he muffled his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice, 'Why are you here, Elijah?' 'Because of my great zeal for the LORD the God of hosts.' he said. 'The people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, torn down thy altars, and put thy prophets to death with the sword. I alone am left, and they seek to take my life.'

The LORD said to him, 'Go back by way of the wilderness of Damascus. Enter the city and anoint Hazael to be the king of Aram. Anoint Jehu son of Nimshi to be king of Israel, and Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah to be prophet in your place. Anyone who escape the sword of Hazael, Jehu will slay and any one who escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will slay. But I will leave seven thousand in Israel – all who have not bent the knee to Baal, all whose lips have not kissed him.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

HYMN

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love
interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!
O still, small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'

²⁸ 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.'

²⁹ 'Come,' he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, Lord save me!'

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?'

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, O Lord.**

The Sermon

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

cf Ephesians 3

Prayers of Intercession

At the end:

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

“Then Jesus arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace, be still!’
And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.”

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

cf Mark 4:39

All **And also with you.**

HYMN

1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Refrain:

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love*

2. It is safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand,
For 'tis well secured by the Saviour's hand;
And the cables passed from His heart to mine,
Can defy the blast, through strength divine.

3. It will firmly hold in the straits of fear,
When the breakers have told the reef is near;
Though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,
Not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.

4. It will surely hold in the floods of death,
When the waters cold chill our latest breath;
On the rising tide it can never fail,
While our hopes abide within the veil.

Words Priscilla Jayne Owens (1829-1899), tune William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

Preparation of the table

Be present be present our risen high priest,
and make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

Eucharistic Prayer

Come, all you who are loved by God,
Come to the table of the Lord,
Come and eat food with no cost,
Come and drink with no money to pay.

We come to eat, to drink, and our hearts are glad.
Yes, dear Lord our God, our hearts truly are glad,
and we are filled with thankfulness,
because in Your great love You did not abandon us
in the dark and fearful places of this world,
but in Jesus, You came to us, to rescue us, to restore us,

and to give us new life.
And all who are tired and burdened,
all who are frightened and unsafe,
all who are sick and broken, can come and find new life.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us His love:
On the evening before He died, He had supper with His friends.
During the meal, He took the loaf of bread,
gave thanks for it, broke it (*bread is broken*)
and then passed it around with these words:
This is my body broken for you. +
Eat this and remember Me.

And, after the meal He took the cup of wine,
gave thanks for it and then passed it around with these words:
This is my blood shed for you. +
Drink this and remember Me.

And now, every time we eat bread like this,
and every time we drink wine like this,
we remember Jesus, and His everlasting love. © *John van de Laar.*

The Lord's Prayer

**All 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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' (*John 6:35*) *Common Order*

We Prepare to Go Back Into the World

Now come, all you who are loved by God,
hear His call to serve others as He has served you.
Hear His invitation to be part of His plan to rescue the world.
Join the community of those who walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Blessing

May the love of the Father,
the tenderness of the Son,
and the presence of the Spirit,
gladden your heart and bring peace to your soul,
this day and all days.
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with each one of you, and those on your heart,
today and always you. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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