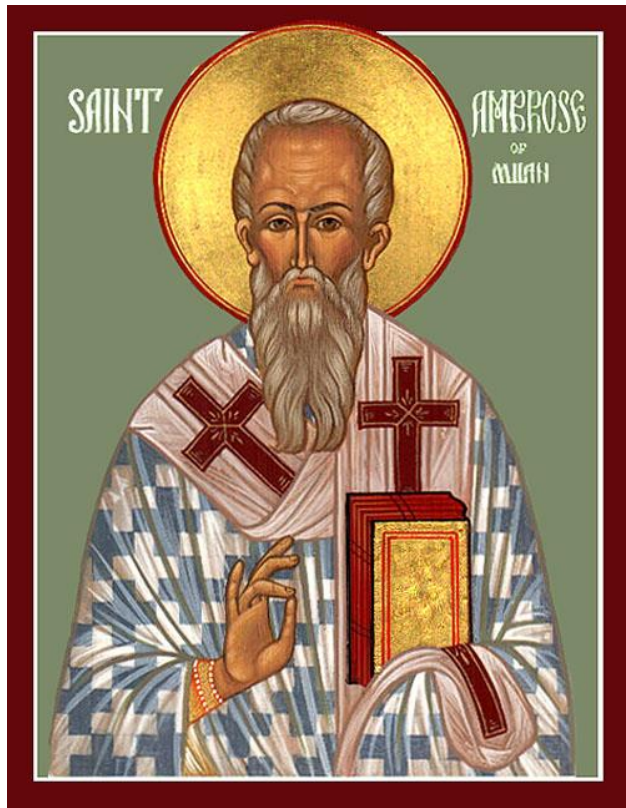


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Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns #494-1&3

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

CELEBRANT: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

All: ***Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.***

THE GLORIA:

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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 FOR PROPER 18

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: ***And also with you.***

CELEBRANT: Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: ***Amen.***

THE FIRST READING

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. *(Pause)*

The Word of the Lord

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

THE RESPONSORIAL PRAYER: PSALM 114 (BCP PAGE 756) *In exitu Israel*
(*Recited responsively.*)

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

***Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.***

The sea beheld it and fled; *

Jordan turned and went back.

***The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.***

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *

O Jordan, that you turned back?

***You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?***

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

***Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.!***

THE EPISTLE

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God. *(Pause)*

The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Hymn: Father We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted #302

1 Father, we thank Thee who hast planted
Thy holy Name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus Thy Son to us imparts.
Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure,
didst give man food for all his days,
giving in Christ the Bread eternal;
Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.

2 Watch o'er Thy church, O Lord, in mercy,
save it from evil, guard it still.
Perfect it in Thy love, unite it,
cleansed and conformed unto Thy will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
was in this broken bread made one,
so from all lands Thy church be gathered
into Thy kingdom by Thy Son.



The Gospel

DEACON: THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

PEOPLE: ***GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.***

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

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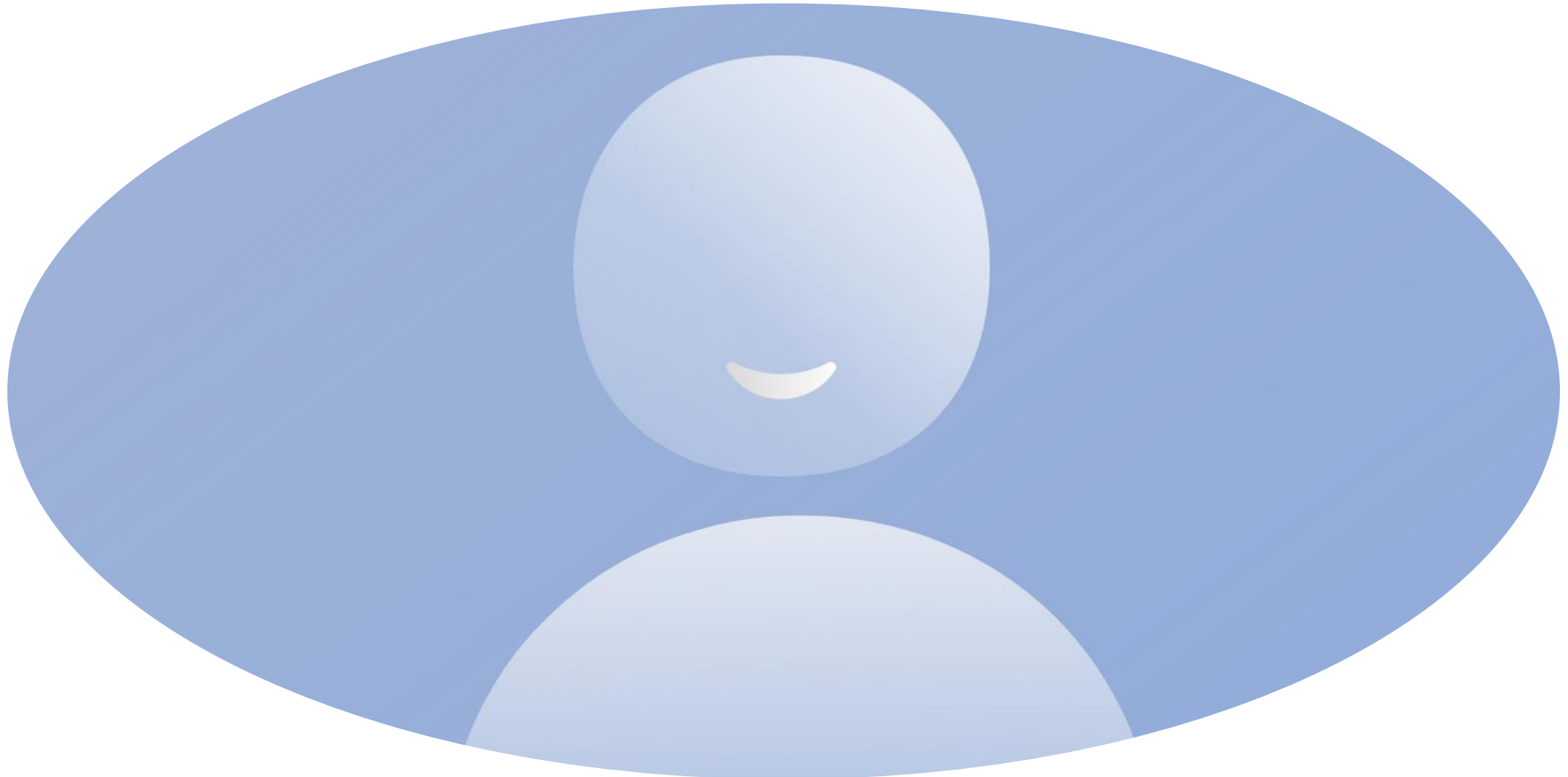
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The Sermon:

The Reverend Gerard Klingenberg+



Deacon:

Let us stand and profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

THE 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 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.***



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM III; PAGE 387 OF THE BCP)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priest and deacons, especially Michael our presiding bishop, Peter our bishop, Gerard our priest, and Andy our deacon;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially for Joseph our President, Ron our Governor, and Dean our Mayor.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially...

(Pause; The people may add their own petitions.) we pray:

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially...;

(Pause; The people may add their own remembrances.) we pray:

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy, especially the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ambrose, Matthew the Apostle, Hildegard of Bingen, Edward Pusey, Theodore of Tarsus, Philander Chase,
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(Silence)*

(The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Pause for silence reflection.)

All: ***Most merciful God, 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: ***And also with you.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & TRAVELERS

Hymn: Praise, My Soul #410

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

3 Father like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!

4 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.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!



The Doxology #380 verse 3



*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Great Thanksgiving ---Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or) Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

(or) For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

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Blessed (+) is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before his died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: ***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

Celebrant: We prayer your, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice , that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, Ambrose, Matthew the Apostle, Hildegard of Bingen, Edward Pusey, Theodore of Tarsus, Philander Chase, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: ***Amen.***

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven;

Hallowed by 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,

For ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant:

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

People:

Have mercy on us.

Celebrant:

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

People:

Have mercy on us.

Celebrant:

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

People:

Grant us your Peace.

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(and may add:)

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Celebrant:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

People: ***Amen.***

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

People: ***Amen.***

Hymn: Thou, Who At Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray #315

1. Thou, who at Thy first Eucharist didst pray That all Thy Church might be forever one, Grant us that ev'ry Eucharist to say With longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done." O may we all one bread, one body be, Through this blest sacrament of unity.
2. For all Thy Church, O Lord, we intercede; Make Thou our sad divisions soon to cease; Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead, By drawing all to Thee, O Prince of Peace; Thus may we all one bread, one body be, Through this blest sacrament of unity.
3. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease, May we be one with all Thy Church above, One with Thy saints in one unbroken peace, One with Thy saints in one unbounded love; More blessed still, in peace and love to be One with the Trinity in Unity.



The Post- Communion Prayer:

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(Silence is kept.)*

All: ***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Blessing

Celebrant:

The peace of God, which passes 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 among you, and remain with you always.

People:

Amen.

Hymn: Lord Dismiss Us #344

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;

let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration for your Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found;

3 Savior, let your love shall call us,
Let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.



Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
All: ***Thanks Be to God. Alleluia!***

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