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# The Opening Eucharist

## Organ Prelude

## Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
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.**

## Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children,  
there is no room for fear in love.  
We love because God loved us first.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

### *Silence*

**God our Father, we confess to you  
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry.  
Forgive us our sins,  
and deliver us from the power of evil.  
For the sake of your Son who died for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,  
Forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Gloria

(Peruvian Gloria)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!**

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father!

**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father!**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen!

**Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!

Collect

O God, our hope and strength,  
the source and end of all our prayers:  
because our mortal nature is weak  
we can do nothing good without your help;  
support us with your grace,  
that in keeping your commandments,  
we may ever remain in your love;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament reading Isaiah 49.1-6

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' <sup>4</sup> But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' <sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup> he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm Psalm 2

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar?\*  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together,\*  
against the Lord and against his anointed?
- 3 'Let us break their yoke,' they say;\*  
'let us cast off their bonds from us.'
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing;\*  
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath,\*  
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 'I myself have set my king\*  
upon my holy hill of Zion.'

- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord;\*  
he said to me, 'You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for  
your inheritance\*  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod\*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.'
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear,\*  
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish;\*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all\*  
who take refuge in him!

New Testament Reading: Acts 17.12-34

Many of them therefore believed, including not a few Greek women and men of high standing. <sup>13</sup> But when the Jews of Thessalonica learned that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Beroea as well, they came there too, to stir up and incite the crowds. <sup>14</sup> Then the believers immediately sent Paul away to the coast, but Silas and Timothy remained behind. <sup>15</sup> Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him. <sup>16</sup> While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the market-place every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, 'What does this babblers want to say?' Others said, 'He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.' (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) <sup>19</sup> So they took him and

brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, ‘May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?’<sup>20</sup> It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.’<sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.<sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.<sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands,<sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.<sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,<sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.<sup>28</sup> For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”<sup>29</sup> Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.<sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,<sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’<sup>32</sup> When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, ‘We will hear you again about this.’<sup>33</sup> At that point Paul left them.<sup>34</sup> But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 5.13-16

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup> ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Give thanks to the Lord for this glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

The Primus’ Charge

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 substance 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 of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made 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,  
who with the Father and the Son,  
is worshipped and glorified  
and 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.

### Intercessions

#### Peace

We meet in Christ's name  
**Let us share his peace.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.  
Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,  
the splendour and the majesty; for everything  
in heaven and on earth is yours.  
All things come from you,  
and of your own we give you.

### The Great Thanksgiving

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

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker,  
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;  
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours  
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.  
He made his home among us  
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit,  
you call us to new birth  
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,  
we offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven,  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

*St Anne's Mass, James MacMillan*

**God of power and might.**

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,  
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.

He is the Word existing beyond time,  
both source and final purpose,  
bringing to wholeness all that is made.

Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.

By your power you raised him from the dead.

He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free  
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,  
knowing that his hour had come,  
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:  
"Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into  
the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage  
in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles, and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters  
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages,  
world without end.  
**Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**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.  
Do not bring us  
to the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### Communion Song

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*St Anne's Mass, James MacMillan*

### Communion Hymn

1 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
for thy flesh is meat indeed;  
ever may our souls be fed  
with this true and living Bread;  
day by day with strength supplied  
through the life of him who died.

2 Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies  
this blest cup of sacrifice;  
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,  
to thy cross we look and live:  
Jesus, may we ever be  
grafted, rooted, built in thee.

*Josiah Conder 1789-1855*

### Communion Anthem

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all who love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

*Attributed to St. Patrick, Translator: Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-1895*

## THANKSGIVING AND CONSTITUTION OF SYNOD

### Sentence

Give thanks to our gracious God:  
**whose mercy endures forever.**

### Prayer after Communion

O God, you have enlightened the hearts of your people  
by the fire of the Holy Spirit:  
give us wisdom and understanding,  
and guide us into all truth;  
that your Church may be kept in the unity of the Spirit  
and the bond of peace;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the same Spirit,  
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### Blessing

### Constitution of Synod

## Evening Prayer Thursday

O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

**Antiphon:** Where can I go from your Spirit?  
**where can I flee from your presence?** (Psalm 139.6)

**Opening** (from Psalm 139)

- 1 I will thank you because I am marvellously made,\*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 2 My body was not hidden from you,\*  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 3 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!\*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 4 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;\*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

**Psalm 106.19-48**

- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb\*  
and worshipped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory\*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their saviour,\*  
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,\*  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,\*  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

- 24 They refused the pleasant land\*  
and would not believe his promise.
- 25 They grumbled in their tents\*  
and would not listen to the voice of the Lord.
- 26 So he lifted his hand against them,\*  
to overthrow them in the wilderness,
- 27 To cast out their seed among the nations,\*  
and to scatter them throughout the lands.
- 28 They joined themselves to Baal-Peor\*  
and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.
- 29 They provoked him to anger with their actions,\*  
and a plague broke out among them.
- 30 Then Phinehas stood up and interceded,\*  
and the plague came to an end.
- 31 This was reckoned to him as righteousness\*  
throughout all generations for ever.
- 32 Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah,\*  
so that he punished Moses because of them;
- 33 For they so embittered his spirit\*  
that he spoke rash words with his lips.
- 34 They did not destroy the peoples\*  
as the Lord had commanded them.
- 35 They intermingled with the heathen\*  
and learned their pagan ways,
- 36 So that they worshipped their idols,\*  
which became a snare to them.
- 37 They sacrificed their sons\*  
and their daughters to evil spirits.
- 38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters,\*  
which they offered to the idols of Canaan,  
and the land was defiled with blood.

- 39 Thus they were polluted by their actions\*  
and went whoring in their evil deeds.
- 40 Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against his people\*  
and he abhorred his inheritance.
- 41 He gave them over to the hand of the heathen,\*  
and those who hated them ruled over them.
- 42 Their enemies oppressed them,\*  
and they were humbled under their hand.
- 43 Many a time did he deliver them,  
but they rebelled through their own devices,\*  
and were brought down in their iniquity.
- 44 Nevertheless, he saw their distress,\*  
when he heard their lamentation.
- 45 He remembered his covenant with them\*  
and relented in accordance with his great mercy.
- 46 He caused them to be pitied\*  
by those who held them captive.
- 47 Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,\*  
that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.
- 48 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting and to everlasting;\*  
and let all the people say, 'Amen!' Hallelujah!

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

#### **Conclusion (from 1 Timothy 3)**

- 1 Great indeed, we confess,\*  
is the mystery of our religion.
- 2 He was manifested in the flesh,\*  
vindicated in the Spirit,
- 3 Seen by angels,\*  
preached among the nations,



4 Believed on in the world;\*  
taken up in glory.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

**Antiphon: Where can I go from your Spirit?  
where can I flee from your presence?**

#### **READING 2 Corinthians 12.1-10**

It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— <sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

#### **Silence**

#### **Response (Psalm 105.5)**

Call to mind what wonders he has done!

**Call to mind what wonders he has done!**

His marvellous acts and the judgements of his mouth.

**What wonders he has done!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
**Call to mind what wonders he has done!**

## MAGNIFICAT

**Antiphon:** Show, O Lord, the strength of your arm,  
**scatter the proud and exalt the lowly.**

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,\*  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
- 2 for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant;\*  
from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- 3 The Almighty has done great things for me\*  
and holy is his name.
- 4 He has mercy on those who fear him\*  
in every generation.
- 5 He has shown the strength of his arm;\*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 6 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones\*  
and has lifted up the lowly.
- 7 He has filled the hungry with good things,\*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.
- 8 He has come to the help of his servant Israel,\*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
9 the promise he made to our forebears,\*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

**Antiphon:** Show, O Lord, the strength of your arm,  
**scatter the proud and exalt the lowly.**

## PRAYERS

### Intercessions

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.  
Do not bring us to the time of trial,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### The Collect

Draw together you Church, O Lord,  
into one great company of disciples;  
together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life;  
together serving him in his mission to the world;  
and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island;  
through him, who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Lord God almighty, come and dispel the darkness from our hearts,  
that in the radiance of your brightness we may know you, the only  
unfading light, glorious in all eternity. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God!**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing:  
**through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Morning Prayer Friday (Barnabas, Apostle)

O Lord, open our lips: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

**Antiphon:** The Lord is King, let the earth rejoice:  
**let the multitude of the isles be glad. (Psalm 97.1)**

### Opening (Venite)

- 1 O come let us sing out to the Lord,\*  
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his face with thanksgiving\*  
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God,\*  
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hands are the depths of the earth,\*  
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his and he made it;\*  
his hands moulded dry land.
- 6 Come let us worship and bow down,\*  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
- 7 For he himself is our God;\*  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
- 8 Today if only you would hear his voice:\*  
'Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness;
- 9 when your fathers tested me;\*  
put me to proof though they had seen my works.
- 10 Of whom I swore in my wrath:\*  
"They shall not enter my rest."

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

## Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,\*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another,\*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language,\*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,\*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;\*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;\*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;\*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart,\*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;\*  
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,\*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened,\*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends?\*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;\*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my

heart be acceptable in your sight,\*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;\***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

**Conclusion (Te Deum)**

- a We praise you, O God;  
we acclaim you as Lord.
- b All creation worships you,  
the Father everlasting.
- a To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

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

- a The glorious company of apostles praise you,  
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
- b The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

**Father, of majesty unbounded;  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise:  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

- a You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.
- b When you took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
- a You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
- b You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.

**Come then Lord and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

**Antiphon: The Lord is King, let the earth rejoice:  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.**

## READING Acts 4.32-37

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. <sup>36</sup> There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). <sup>37</sup> He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

### Silence

### Response (Psalm 89.1)

Lord I will sing of your loving kindnesses throughout all generations.

**Lord I will sing of your loving kindnesses throughout all generations.**

My mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.

**Throughout all generations.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Lord I will sing of your loving kindnesses throughout all generations.**

## BENEDICTUS

**Antiphon:** Their sound  
**has gone out through all the world.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,\*  
for he has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty saviour,\*  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old\*  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us.
- 4 He promised to show mercy to our forebears,\*  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:\*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

- 6 free to worship him without fear,\*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 You my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High,\*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 to give his people knowledge of salvation\*  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God\*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,\*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;\***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

**Antiphon: Their sound has gone out through all the world.**

## **PRAYERS**

### **Intercessions**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.  
Do not bring us to the time of trial,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.



### **The Collect**

Lord God Almighty,  
who filled your holy apostle Barnabas with faith and the Holy Spirit,  
and set him apart to proclaim your word to the nations:  
grant us, like him, the same gifts;  
that we may encourage the faint-hearted,  
remember the poor,  
and bring others to know you, the living God;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

God most holy, we give you thanks for bringing us out of the shadow  
of night into the light of morning; and we ask you for the joy of  
spending this day in your service, so that when evening comes, we  
may once more give you thanks, through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord:

**Thanks be to God!**

The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil;  
**and bring us to life eternal. Amen.**

# Closing Worship

Confirmation of Acts of Synod

Blessing

Praise Band Worship

Dismissal