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Worship Booklet

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Some Notes

Directions for standing & sitting are given, but please feel free to do what is most comfortable for you during each liturgy.

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All communion bread at the Eucharist will be gluten-free: please go to the station nearest to you.

The Opening Eucharist

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and a symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

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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.
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, 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament reading Isaiah 30.15-21 (*please sit*)

Thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:
In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.
But you refused¹⁶ and said,
'No! We will flee upon horses'—
therefore you shall flee!
and, 'We will ride upon swift steeds'—
therefore your pursuers shall be swift!
¹⁷A thousand shall flee at the threat of one,
at the threat of five you shall flee,
until you are left
like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,
like a signal on a hill.
¹⁸Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you.
For the LORD is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for him.

¹⁹ Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. ²⁰ Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. ²¹ And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'

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

Gradual Psalm 25

1 Lord, teach me all your ways,
reveal your paths to me;
and lead me in your saving truth,
show me what I should be.

2 Remember, Lord, your love,
your care from ages past;
and in that love remember me,
in kindness hold me fast.

3 Forget my youthful faults,
forgive my sinful ways;
within the kindness of your love
remember me always.

4 God, who is just and good,
shows all who sin the way:
God leads the humble in right paths,
their teacher day by day.

5 All pathways of the Lord
are kindly, true and sure
to those who keep God's covenant
and in God's ways endure.

The Scottish Psalter 1929 (*alt.*)

New Testament Reading: Romans 8.22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

The Gospel acclamation is first sung by a cantor, then by all:

Fintan O'Carroll

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel: John 14.23-27

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

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Give thanks to the Lord for this glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Primus' Charge (*please sit*)

Nicene Creed (*please stand*)

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 (*please sit*)

Peace (*please stand*)

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn

1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by His blood.

2 Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3 Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

William Chatterton Dix

Offering (*please remain standing*)

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:

Peter Nardone alt. AW

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

Lord God _____ of pow'r and might. _____

Hea - ven and earth are full _____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in _____ the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

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(Please sit)

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.

Agnus Dei

(♩. = 48) *p*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

7 *mp* *Gm* *C* *Dm* *Am* *B♭* *C* *F*

Je - sus, bear - er of — our sins: have mer - cy on us.

11 *mf* *Cm* *Gm* *Dm* *B♭* *C* *Dm* *p* *rit.* *pp*

Je - sus, Re - deem - er of — the world: give us your — peace.

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Communion

Please go to the nearest station to receive communion. All communion bread is gluten-free and wine is available from each station should you wish to receive in both kinds.

Post-Communion Hymn (please stand)

1 Come, living God, when least expected,
when minds are dull and hearts are cold,
through sharpening word and warm affection
revealing truths as yet untold.

2 Break from the tomb in which we hide you
to speak again in startling ways;
break through the words in which we bind you
to resurrect our lifeless praise.

3 Come now, as once you came to Moses
within the bush alive with flame,
or to Elijah on the mountain,
by silence pressing home your claim.

4 So, let our minds be sharp to read you
in sight or sound or printed page,
and let us greet you in our neighbours,
in ardent youth or mellow age.

5 Then, through our gloom, your Son will meet us
as vivid truth and living Lord,
exploding doubt and disillusion
to scatter hope and joy abroad.

6 Then we will share Christ's radiant brightness,
and, blazing through the dread of night,
illuminate by love and reason,
for those in darkness, faith's delight.

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THANKSGIVING AND CONSTITUTION OF SYNOD

Sentence

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

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Constitution of Synod

Evening Prayer Thursday

(please stand) 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) *(please sit)*

- 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.

Psalm 78.18-39

- 18 They tested God in their hearts,*
demanding food for their craving.
- 19 They railed against God and said,*
'Can God set a table in the wilderness?
- 20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out,
and the gullies overflowed;*
but is he able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?'
- 21 When the Lord heard this, he was full of wrath;*
a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted against Israel;
- 22 For they had no faith in God,*
nor did they put their trust in his saving power.
- 23 So he commanded the clouds above*
and opened the doors of heaven.

- 24 He rained down manna upon them to eat*
and gave them grain from heaven.
- 25 So mortals ate the bread of angels;*
he provided for them food enough.
- 26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens*
and led out the south wind by his might.
- 27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust*
and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea.
- 28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp*
and round about their dwellings.
- 29 So they ate and were well filled,*
for he gave them what they craved.
- 30 But they did not stop their craving,*
though the food was still in their mouths.
- 31 So God's anger mounted against them;*
he slew their strongest men and laid low the youth of Israel.
- 32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning*
and had no faith in his wonderful works.
- 33 So he brought their days to an end like a breath*
and their years in sudden terror.
- 34 Whenever he slew them, they would seek him,*
and repent, and diligently search for God.
- 35 They would remember that God was their rock,*
and the Most High God their redeemer.
- 36 But they flattered him with their mouths*
and lied to him with their tongues.
- 37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him,*
and they were not faithful to his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave their sins
and did not destroy them;*
many times he held back his anger
and did not permit his wrath to be roused.

39 For he remembered that they were but flesh,*
a breath that goes forth and does not return.

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 8.1-16

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ²for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— ⁵and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking^[c] among you. ⁷Now as you excel in

everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.⁹ For you know the generous act^[f] of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.¹⁰ And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹ now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.¹³ I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between¹⁴ your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.¹⁵ As it is written, ‘The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.’¹⁶ But thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have.

Silence

Response (from Psalm 132.15)

Zion shall be your resting place for ever.

Zion shall be your resting place for ever.

Here will you dwell for you delight in her.

Your resting place for ever.

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

Zion shall be your resting place for ever.

MAGNIFICAT (*please stand*)

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;

tender to me the promise of his word;

in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

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PRAYERS (*please sit*)

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

Almighty and Everlasting God,
you have given us grace in the profession of true faith
to recognise the glory of the eternal Trinity:
keep us steadfast in this faith
and bring us to see you in your perfect and eternal unity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 (Columba of Iona, Abbot)

(please stand) O Lord, open our lips: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and 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 (from Psalm 97) *(please sit)*

- 1 You are the Lord, most high over all the earth;*
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 2 The Lord loves those who hate evil;*
God preserves the lives of the saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 3 Light has sprung up for the righteous,*
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 4 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous.*
and give thanks to God's holy name.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Psalm 149

- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song;*
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his maker;*
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance;*
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people*
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;*
let them be joyful on their beds.

- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat*
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations*
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains*
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgement decreed;*
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

Conclusion (Te Deum)

1 God, we praise you, God we bless you,
God, we name you sovereign Lord!
Mighty king whom angels worship,
Father, by your Church adored:
all creation shows your glory,
heaven and earth draw near your throne,
singing 'Holy, holy, holy,'
Lord of hosts and God alone.

2 True apostles, faithful prophets,
saints who set their world ablaze,
martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
join one growing song of praise,
while your Church on earth confesses
one majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God, our hope eternally.

3 Jesus Christ, the king of glory,
everlasting Son of God,
humble was your virgin mother,
hard the lonely path you trod:
by your cross is sin defeated,
hell confronted face to face,
heaven opened to believers,
sinners justified by grace.

4 Christ, at God's right hand victorious,
you will judge the world you made;
Lord, in mercy help your servants
for whose freedom you have paid:
raise us up from dust to glory,
guard us from all sin today;
king enthroned above all praises,
save your people, God, we pray.

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

READING Genesis 12.1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to

the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

Silence

Response (Psalm 89.1)

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

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My mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.

Throughout all generations.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;*

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

BENEDICTUS (*Please stand*)

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

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, *
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, *
to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to God, Source of all Being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit;*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. 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

O God, who called your servant Columba
from among the princes of Ireland
to be a herald and evangelist of your kingdom:
grant that your Church,
remembering his faith and courage,
may so proclaim the gospel,
that people everywhere
will come to know
your Son as their Saviour,
and serve him as their king;
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.

Evening Prayer Friday

(please stand) 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: Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing God's praise in the congregation of the faithful. (Psalm 149.1)

Opening Chant (from Psalm 117.1)

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau -
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Psalm 116 (please sit)

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;*
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:*
'O Lord, I pray you, save my life.'
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous;*
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent;*
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul,*
for the Lord has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death,*
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord*
in the land of the living.
- 9 I believed, even when I said, 'I have been brought very low.'*
In my distress I said, 'No one can be trusted.'
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord*
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation*
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord*
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord*
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant;*
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving*
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord*
in the presence of all his people.
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house,*
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. 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 Revelation 4 and 5)

- 1 Glory and honour and power*
are yours by right, O Lord our God;
- 2 For you created all things*
and by your will they have their being.
- 3 Glory and honour and power*
are yours by right, O Lamb who was slain;
- 4 For by your blood you ransomed us for God,*
from every race and language, from every people and nation.
- 5 To make us a kingdom of priests*
to stand and serve before our God.
- 6 To God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb*
be praise and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

**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: Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing God's praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

READING Acts 20.25-35

Paul said to the elders of the Church in Ephesus: 'I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. ²⁹I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance

among all who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴ You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. ³⁵ In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Silence

Response (from Psalm 147.12)

You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.

You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.

Who wait in hope for your mercy.

Those who fear you.

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

You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.

MAGNIFICAT (*please stand*)

GOSPEL CANTICLE (MAGNIFICAT)

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1. My soul pro - claims the great-ness of the Lord.
2. Through me great deeds will God make man - i - fest,
3. God's might - y arm, pro - tec - tor of the just,
4. Soon will the poor and hun - gry of the earth
5. All glo - ry be to God, Cre - a - tor blest,

1. My spir - it sings to God, my sav - ing God,
2. And all the earth will come to call me blest.
3. Will guard the weak and raise them from the dust.
4. Be rich - ly blest, be giv - en great - er worth.
5. To Je - sus Christ, God's love made man - i - fest,

1. Who on this day a - bove all oth - ers fa - vored me
2. Un - bound - ed love and mer - cy sure will I pro - claim
3. But might - y kings will swift - ly fall from thrones cor - rupt.
4. And Is - ra - el, as once fore - told to A - bra - ham,
5. And to the Ho - ly Spir - it, gen - tle Com - fort - er,

1. And raised me up, a light for all to see.
2. For all who know and praise God's ho - ly name.
3. The strong brought low, the low - ly lift - ed up.
4. Will live in peace through - out the prom - ised land.
5. All glo - ry be, both now and ev - er - more.

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PRAYERS (*please sit*)

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

O God, who called your servant Columba
from among the princes of Ireland
to be a herald and evangelist of your kingdom:
grant that your Church, remembering his faith and courage,
may so proclaim the gospel,
that people everywhere will come to know
your Son as their Saviour, and serve him as their king;
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 Saturday

(please stand) O Lord, open our lips: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

Antiphon: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages. (Psalm 145.13)

Opening (from Psalm 145) *(please sit)*

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my king,*
and bless your name for ever and ever.
- 2 All your works praise you, O Lord,*
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 3 They make known the glory of your kingdom*
and speak of your power;
- 4 that the peoples may know of your power*
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

Psalm 119.33-48

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,*
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;*
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments,*
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees*
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;*
give me life in your ways.

- 38 Fulfil your promise to your servant,*
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread,*
because your judgements are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments;*
in your righteousness preserve my life.
- 41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O Lord,*
and your salvation, according to your promise.
- 42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me,*
because I trust in your words.
- 43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth,*
for my hope is in your judgements.
- 44 I shall continue to keep your law;*
I shall keep it for ever and ever.
- 45 I will walk at liberty,*
because I study your commandments.
- 46 I will tell of your decrees before kings*
and will not be ashamed.
- 47 I delight in your commandments,*
which I have always loved.
- 48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments,*
and I will meditate on your statutes.

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

Conclusion (Isaiah 40)

- 1 The Lord is the everlasting God,*
the Creator of the ends of the earth,
- 2 who does not faint nor grow weary,*
whose understanding is unsearchable,

- 3 who gives power to the faint,*
increase of strength to those who have no might.
- 4 Even youth shall faint and be weary;*
the young shall fall exhausted.
- 5 But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;*
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.
- 6 They shall run and not be weary,*
they shall walk and not faint.

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

READING Deuteronomy 29.2-15

Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ³the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders. ⁴But to this day the LORD has not given you a mind to understand, or eyes to see, or ears to hear. ⁵I have led you for forty years in the wilderness. The clothes on your back have not worn out, and the sandals on your feet have not worn out; ⁶you have not eaten bread, and you have not drunk wine or strong drink—so that you may know that I am the LORD your God. ⁷When you came to this place, King Sihon of Heshbon and King Og of Bashan came out against us for battle, but we defeated them. ⁸We took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. ⁹Therefore diligently observe the words of this covenant, in order that you may succeed in everything that you do. ¹⁰You stand assembled today, all of you, before the LORD your God—the leaders of your tribes, your elders, and your officials, all the men of Israel, ¹¹your children, your women, and the aliens who are in your camp, both those who cut your wood and those who draw your water— ¹²to enter into the covenant of the LORD your God, sworn by an oath, which the LORD your God is making with you today; ¹³in order that he may establish you today as his people, and that he may be your God, as he promised you and as he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. ¹⁴I am making this covenant, sworn by an oath, not only with you who stand here with us today before the LORD our God, ¹⁵but also with those who are not here with us today.

Silence

Response (Psalm 86.12)

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart.

I will glorify your name for evermore.

With all my heart.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart.

BENEDICTUS (*Please stand*)

- 1 Now bless the God of Israel who comes in love and power,
who raises from the royal house deliv'rance in this hour.
Through holy prophets God has sworn to free us from alarm,
to save us from the heavy hand of all who wish us harm.
- 2 Remembering the covenant, God rescues us from fear,
that we might serve in holiness and peace from year to year.
And you, my child, shall go before, to preach, to prophesy,
that all may know the tender love, the grace of God most high.
- 3 In tender mercy, God will send the dayspring from on high,
our rising sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh.
God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more.
Sing praises to the Holy One, O worship and adore.
- 4 (*sung to the second half of the tune*)
To God the Father, fount of grace, through God's beloved Son,
with God their Spirit, bond of love, be glory ever One.

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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

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers:
loose us from the chains of our sins;
and keep us from all adversity;
through 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 Prayer

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 in God's mission to the world;
and together witnessing to God's love on every continent and island;
through Christ, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Confirmation of Acts of Synod

Hymn

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love:

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Blessing & Dismissal

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