

We gather in worship

Before we begin, a minister will welcome everyone and invite us to join in prayer as we prepare ourselves for worship:

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.

After praying, please remain quiet until the bell rings and we stand to sing:

**Angel voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us? yea, we can.**

**Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure all combine.**

**In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds
and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.**

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

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

The Lord be with you;
and also with you

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The deacon invites us to confess,

We have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels, to God, the judge of all, and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Woe is me, for I am lost; I am a person of unclean lips. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Our guilt is taken away, and our sin is forgiven. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Priest declares forgiveness.

♪ **Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. ×2**

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.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. ×2

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. ×2

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.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. ×2

The priest invites us to pray in silence, then says the prayer set for today,

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We listen for God's Word *we sit*

First Reading: Revelation 12.7-12

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated,

and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

‘Now have come the salvation and the power

and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,

who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb

and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens

and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,

for the devil has come down to you with great wrath,

because he knows that his time is short!’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The cantor leads **Psalm 103.19-22** and we join in the refrain.*



The Lord is kind



and mer - ci - ful.

♪ **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

♪ **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

♪ **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

♪ **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

♪ **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Gospel Reading: John 1.47-51

We stand, facing the gospel.

♪ **Alleluia...** Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. ♪ **Alleluia...**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit for the **Sermon**, then we keep silence together.*

The 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *We sit*

The response in the prayers is
Bless the Lord, all you his angels
mighty in power, fulfilling his word
and hearing his voice.

and, at the end, Amen.

**We celebrate and receive Jesus
in Bread and Wine**

The Peace

Hear again the song of the angels:
'Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace.' The peace of the Lord be
always with you; **and also with you.**

The deacon says,
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please offer one another a sign of peace
with a handshake, warm smile, nod, or
bow, with the words, 'Peace be with you.'*

The Offering

*We stand to sing as a collection is taken.
Please indicate if you wish to make an
offering, cash or contactless.*

**Of the Father's heart begotten
ere the world from chaos rose,
he is Alpha: from that Fountain,
all that is and hath been flows;
he is Omega, of all things
yet to come the mystic Close,
evermore and evermore.**

**By his word was all created;
he commanded and 'twas done;
earth and sky and boundless ocean,
universe of three in one,
all that sees the moon's soft radiance,
all that breathes beneath the sun,
evermore and evermore.**

**He assumed this mortal body,
frail and feeble, doomed to die,
that the race from dust created
might not perish utterly,
which the dreadful Law had sentenced
in the depths of hell to lie,
evermore and evermore.**

**This is he, whom seer and sybil
sang in ages long gone by;
this is he of old revealed
in the page of prophecy;
lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
let the world his praises cry!
evermore and evermore.**

**Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
let your joyous anthems ring,
every tongue his name confessing,
countless voices answering,
evermore and evermore.**

*Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-c.413)
tr. Roby Furley Davis (1866-1937)*

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing if it is comfortable for you.

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The priest praises God
and we sing after the cantor,*

♪ Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
God of power and might!
God of power and might!
Your glory fills all heaven and earth.
Your glory fills all heaven and earth.
Hosanna, in the highest.
Hosanna, in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who
comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

*The priest continues, recalling the Last
Supper, then the deacon says,*

Great is the mystery of faith,
♪ **Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

*The priest continues ending with,
...forever and ever.*

♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

As our Saviour taught, 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.
Lead us not into temptation but
deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of all the world.
*Miserere nobis.***

**Bread of life, you take away the
sins of all the world.
*Miserere nobis.***

***Agnus Dei*, you take away the
sins of the world.
*Dona nobis pacem.***

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

We share in Communion

*The people receive communion
or a blessing. Gluten free is available.*

**Stars of the morning,
so gloriously bright,
filled with celestial
resplendence and light,
these that, where night
never followeth day,
raise the Trisagion ever and ay:**

**These are thy counsellors,
these dost thou own,
Lord God of Sabaoth,
nearest thy throne;
these are thy ministers,
these dost thou send,
help of the helpless ones!
us to defend.**

**These keep the guard
amid Salem's dear bowers;
Thrones, Principalities,
Virtues, and Powers;
where, with the Living Ones,
mystical Four,
Cherubim, Seraphim
bow and adore.**

**'Who like the Lord?'
thunders Michael the chief;
Raphael, 'the cure of God',
comforteth grief;
and, as at Nazareth,
prophet of peace,
Gabriel, 'the light of God',
bringeth release.**

**Still let them succour us;
still let them fight,
Lord of angelic host,
battling for right;
till, where their anthems
they ceaselessly pour,
we with the angels
may bow and adore.**

*St Joseph the Hymnographer (d. 883)
tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)*

The choir sings:

**Give us the wings of faith.
Ernest Bullock (1890–1979)**

We keep silence together.

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Almighty God, we thank you for
feeding us with the body and
blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies to be a living
sacrifice. Send us out in the power
of your Spirit to live and work to
your praise and glory. Amen.**

*Notices may be given.
We may hear from the children.*

***We go into the world
to share God's love***

Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.

**My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.**

*Richard Baxter (1615-1691), John Hampden Gurney
(1802-1862), Richard Robert Chope (1830-1928)*

The Blessing

God bring you to the home that
Christ prepares for all who love him.
Amen.

God give you the will to live each day
in life eternal. Amen.

God make you citizens of heaven,
with the whole company of the
redeemed. Amen.

And the blessing... Amen.

The deacon says,
Go in the peace to love
and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.