

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 241

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

OPENING RESPONSES

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
**Let us rejoice and sing God's praise
for ever.**

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He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

WELCOME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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

God has called us to follow Christ, and has
formed us into a royal priesthood, a holy
nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of
him who has called us out of darkness into
his marvellous light.

Let us confess the times when we have
failed to heed this call.

You call us to be your people in the world:
you have no body now on earth but ours.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.

You have no hands but ours,
no feet but ours.

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

You have no eyes but ours
to look with compassion on the world.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins and make you holy to
serve him in the world, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA *(sung)*

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

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

COLLECT

Let us pray for the ministry of the whole
people of God.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose
Spirit the whole body of the Church is
governed and sanctified: hear our prayer
which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry they
may serve you in holiness and truth to the
glory of your name; through our Lord and

Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

READING: ACTS 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 23

- 1 The Lord | is my | shepherd:
therefore | can I | lack | nothing.
- 2 He will make me lie down in | green |
pastures:
and | lead me · be|side still | waters.
- 3 He will re|fresh my | soul:
and guide me in right pathways | for
his | name's | sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death I will | fear no | evil:
for you are with me your | rod · and
your | staff | comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me
in the face of | those who | trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil |
and my | cup · will be | full.

6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me * all the | days · of my |
life:
and I shall dwell in the | house · of the |
Lord for | ever.

READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Brothers and sisters: It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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Thanks be to God.

HYMN 649

The King of Love my Shepherd is

GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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.

INTERCESSIONS

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you, **and also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

All that I am, all that I have
I lay them down before you, oh Lord
All my regrets, all my acclaims
The joy and the pain,
I'm making them yours
Things in the past, things yet unseen
Wishes and dreams
that are yet to come true
All of my heart, all of my praise
My heart and my hands are lifted to you

*Lord, I offer my life to you
Everything I've been through
Use it for your glory
Lord I offer my days to you
Lifting my praise to you
As a pleasing sacrifice
Lord I offer you my life*

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this
bread to set before you, which earth has
given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine
to set before you, fruit of the vine and
work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 do we give you.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER E

The Lord is here.

His 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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, heavenly Father, source of all that is, for you have called our world into existence, and filled it with abundant life.

You called a chosen people as your own, and led them in the way of holiness. You called your beloved Son, in whom you were well pleased, to give his life for us on the cross, and rise again in glory.

And now we give you thanks, that through your Holy Spirit you bestow upon your people a rich diversity of gifts and ministries, and from this royal priesthood you raise up men and women to proclaim your word, to care for your people and to be the stewards of the mysteries of Christ. You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed and build up his body, the Church, to the greater glory of your name.

And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

SANCTUS (*sung*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we
obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your
dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper
with his friends and, taking bread, he
praised you. He broke the bread, gave it
to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given
for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup
of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to
them and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of
the new covenant, which is shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in
remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus
did, in him we plead with confidence his
sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and
cup of salvation, we proclaim his death
and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith: (*sung*)

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together
for that day when your kingdom comes

and justice and mercy will be seen in all
the earth. Look with favour on your
people, gather us in your loving arms and
bring us with St Stephen and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in
Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all
honour and glory are yours, O loving
Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*said*)

As our Saviour 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.**

**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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**

AGNUS DEI (*sung*)

Lamb of God,

**you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God,

**you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God,

**you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

156 Faithful Shepherd, Feed Me

506 O Let the Son of God Enfold You

8 Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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

HYMN 672

Thine be the Glory

ACT OF COMMITMENT

Christ, you call us.

Help us respond to your call.

Christ, you call us to be your people in the world.

We will follow your call: our hands will do your work, our feet will walk your way.

Christ, you call us.

Help us respond to your call.

Christ, you call each one to be your child for the world.

may our hearts search for your truth,
may our souls listen for your voice,
may our lives follow in your path.

Christ, you call us.

Help us respond to your call.

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BLESSING

May the boldness of the Spirit transform you, may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you, may the gifts of the Spirit equip you to serve and worship God;

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

REGINA COELI 'QUEEN OF HEAVEN'

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia.

He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.

As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.

Pour for us to him thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.