

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 97

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

### OPENING RESPONSES

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

How awesome is this place.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You are the temple of the living God, and  
the Spirit of God dwells in you. The temple  
of God is holy, and you are that temple.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

### 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

We are a temple of God's indwelling Holy  
Spirit, yet we have grieved him. The  
temple of our bodies does not belong to  
us, but was bought at the price of Christ's  
precious blood. So we come, in sorrow  
yet with confidence, to ask forgiveness of  
our Father in heaven.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we  
have sinned against you and against our  
neighbour in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault. We are  
truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For  
the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who  
died for us, forgive us all that is past and**

**grant that we may serve you in newness  
of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly  
repent, have mercy upon you, pardon  
and deliver you from all your sins, confirm  
and strengthen you in all goodness, and  
keep you in life eternal; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### GLORIA (*stand*)

**Glorify 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

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate  
the dedication of this house of prayer: we  
praise you for the many blessings you have  
given to those who worship you here: and  
we pray that all who seek you in this place  
may find you, and, being filled with the  
Holy Spirit, may become a living temple  
acceptable to you; 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.**

**READING: 1 Kings 8:22-30**

*A reading from the first book of Kings.*

Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there," that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 122**

1 I was glad when they | said to | me:

'Let us | go · to the|house of the|Lord.'

2 And now our | feet are | standing:

with|in your | gates · O Je|rusalem;

+3 Jerusalem which is | built · as a | city:

where the | pilgrims | gather · in |  
unity.

4 There the tribes go up the | tribes · of  
the | Lord:

as he commanded Israel    to give |  
thanks · to the | name · of the | Lord.

5 There are set | thrones of | judgement:

the | thrones · of the | house of | David.

6 O pray for the | peace · of Je|rusalem:

may | those who | love you | prosper.

7 Peace be with|in your | walls:

and pros|peri-ty | in your | palaces.

8 For the sake of my brothers | and

com|panions:

I will | pray that | peace be | with you.

9 For the sake of the house of the | Lord  
our | God:

I will | seek | for your | good.

### **READING: Hebrews 12:18-24**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the

judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN 98**

*Christ is Our Cornerstone*

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:12-16**

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

How awesome is this place, this is none other than the house of God; it is the gateway to heaven.

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

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers.' The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David,' they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?''

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**

Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father. Peace to this house from his Son who is our peace. Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

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

**OFFERTORY HYMN** (*1<sup>st</sup> verse solo*)

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.*

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 as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.

*Chorus*

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.

*Chorus*

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.

*Chorus*

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.

*Chorus*

**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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you  
thanks, almighty and eternal Father,

enthroned upon the praises of your people. We thank you for this house of prayer, in which you bless your family as we come to you in pilgrimage. Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace. Here you build your temple of living stones and bring the Church to its full stature as the body of Christ throughout the world, to reach its perfection at last in the heavenly city of Jerusalem, which is the vision of your peace.

Therefore, in union with the heavenly Jerusalem, with angels in joyful assembly, with all whose names are written in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, we lift up our voices to join in the triumphal song 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.**

## COMMUNION HYMNS

**718** *We Love the Place, O God*

**590** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

**162** *Father, I Place into Your Hands*

## PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; 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 205

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

### CONCLUDING RESPONSES

For the roots of our church  
and of our community,

***We thank you, living God***

For what we share together here and for  
the life we share with others,

***We thank you, living God***

For the path that lies before us  
and our futures in your hands,

***We thank you, living God***

**O Christ, you are within each of us.**

**We are your temple not made with hands.**

**We are your body. If every wall should  
crumble and every church decay, we are  
your habitation. Nearer are you than  
breathing, closer than hands and feet.**

**Ours are the eyes with which you look out  
with compassion on the world.**

**Yet we bless you for this place, for your  
directing of us, your redeeming of us and  
your indwelling.**

**Take us outside, O Christ, outside  
holiness, out to where nations clash at  
the crossroads of the world. So shall this  
building continue to be justified.**

**We ask it for your own name's sake.**

**Amen.**

### BLESSING

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,  
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
among you and remain with you always.

### DISMISSAL

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