

6. THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE *(stand)*

God of heaven, dwelling among us, by your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh, that as his body in the world, we may bring your presence to all people.

God of the nations, guide us by your presence that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness and establish your justice in the earth.

May Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill us with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will.

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to us, that our lives may be a light to the world.

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

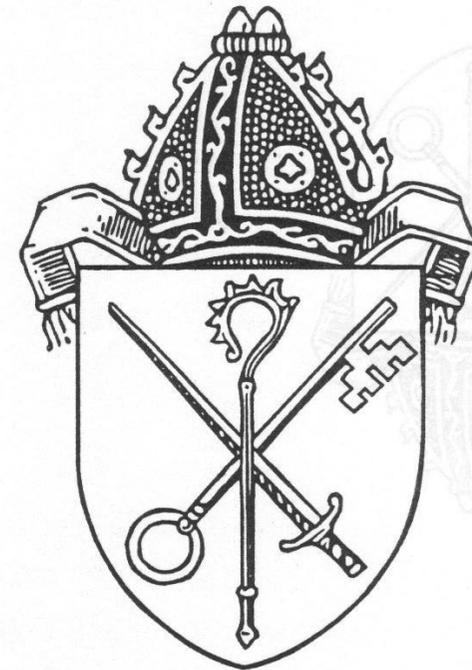
Final hymn

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1. GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME (stand)

Opening hymn

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

God has shone in our hearts:

To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God.

Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

As in the beginning, so now and for ever. Amen.

Sentence of scripture.

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.**

The Gloria:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.**

Accept our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, our eternal Father and David's king:
You have made our gladness greater and increased our joy
by sending to dwell among us
the Wonderful Counselor, the Prince of Peace.
Born of Mary, proclaimed to the shepherds,
and acknowledged to the ends of the earth:
Your unconquered Sun of righteousness destroys our darkness
and establishes us in freedom.

**All glory in the highest be to you:
through Christ, the Son of your favour,
in the anointing love of his Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.**

3. THE MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD *(sit)*

First Bible reading.

For the word of the Lord : Thanks be to God.

The Magnificat:

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,*

***Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed.***

*The Almighty has done great things for me:
and Holy is his name.*

***God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.***

*The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit.*

***Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.***

*God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.*

***He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,***

*The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.*

Second Bible reading.

For the word of the Lord : Thanks be to God.

Hymn.

Gospel reading.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Gospel of the Lord :

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The sermon.

The Nicene creed:

We believe in one God,

***the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

***the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.***

For us and for our salvation

***he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly 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 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.***

4. THE GREETING OF PEACE & OFFERING (stand)

We are the Body of Christ :

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you :

And also with you

Sharing of the peace.

Hymn & offertory collection.

Offering prayer:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory

And for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

5. THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER (kneel or sit)

The Lord is king, let the earth rejoice:

Let the multitude of islands be glad.

The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:

And all people have seen his glory.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:

And give thanks to his holy name.

The prayer for the day.

The intercessions.

2. THE CONFESSION (kneel)

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith:

(a time of silence)

We pray together:

Merciful God, our maker and our judge,

we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed,

and in what we have failed to do:

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of consolation and assurance:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. (1John 2:1-2)