

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

*God of glory, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world
to preach the gospel of the kingdom:*

***Strengthen us to continue his mission
by living the good news we proclaim.***

Christ has now entered heaven itself:

***May Christ our exalted king pour upon us his abundant gifts
and bring us to reign with him in glory. Amen.***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

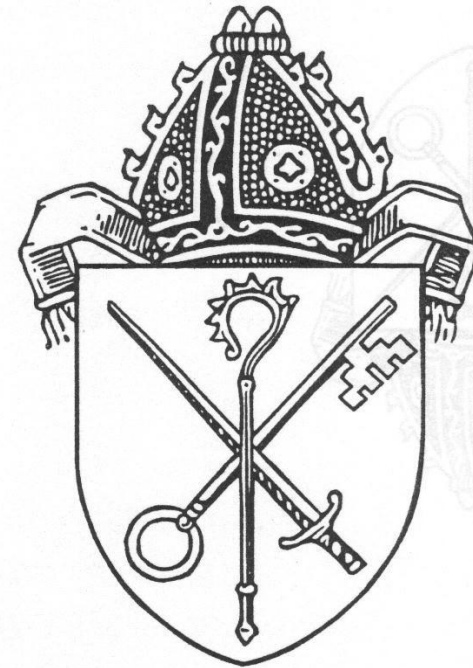
Final hymn

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1. GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME (stand)

Opening hymn

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

God has exalted Christ Jesus with great triumph into heaven:

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

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.**

Glory and praise to you, mighty Creator, everliving God,
for you have highly exalted our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and given him the name above all names:

**that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. 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)

God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us,

Even when we were dead through our trespasses,

made us alive together with Christ,

And raised us up with him, and made us sit with him

in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

That he might show us the immeasurable riches of his grace,

in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

The prayer for the day.

The intercessions.

2. THE CONFESSION (kneel)

Christ has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf.

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace:

(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)

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

Almighty God, we thank you for your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and strength to our lives, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Bible reading.

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

For the Psalm, the Canticle, "Great and Wonderful":

Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty;

Just and true are your ways, O ruler of the nations.

*Who shall not revere you and praise your name, O Lord ?;
for you alone are holy.*

***All nations shall come and worship in your presence,
for your just dealings have been revealed.***

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be praise and honour and glory and might for ever and ever.

Amen !

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.