

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all:
and also with you.

Collect for Purity

**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.**

Penitence.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like it.
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.
On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us,
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

Confession

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

Silence

Let us confess our sins

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,**

**that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution

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

Glory to God *page 203*

Let us stand

**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.**

Collect of the Day

Let us pray

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God:

Increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Epistle 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, **15** and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **2** preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. **3** For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **4** They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. **5** But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Luke 18:1–8

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke chapter 8 beginning at verse 1

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. **2** He said: 'In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. **3** And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, "Grant me justice against my adversary."

4 'For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, "Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, **5** yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"'

6 And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. **7** And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? **8** I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?'

and concludes with:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed *page 205*

Let us affirm our Faith in God

**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 by the Holy Spirit of 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 the People

Form 3 *page 239*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church

that we all may be one.

Grant that every member of your Church may truly and humbly serve you:

that your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons

that they may be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world

that there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake

that your glory may be proclaimed through our lives.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble

that they may be delivered from their distress.

We praise you for your saints who have entered their eternal joy

may we also come to share in the fulness of your kingdom.

We pray for our own needs and for those of others:

Silence.

Gracious God, grant that the desires of your people's hearts may find favour in your sight, through the intercession of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies.**

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

**But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,**

**and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,**

and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you

Taking the Bread & Wine

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us

therefore let us celebrate the feast.

Great Thanksgiving 1) *page 209*

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 our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and saying:

**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!

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us,

but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:

he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;

and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink this, all of you, for 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant as you drink it, the giving Spirit

that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are bold to say

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking Bread

The bread which we break

is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Invitation

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,

who has taken away the sin of the world.

Happy 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.**

Receiving Communion

Please come forward to receive the Bread and Wine.

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,

that when we were still far off

you met us in your Son and brought us home.

Dying and living, he declared your love,

gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;**

we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All praise and thanks, O Christ, for this sacred banquet, in which by faith we receive you, the memory of your passion is renewed, our lives are filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory given, to feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

Send us

Almighty God,

**we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food**

of 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.**

Blessing

The peace of God,

which passes all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds

in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

in the name of Christ. Amen.