

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Standing. The minister shall say:

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

OUR help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (Psalm 124:8; John 4:23-24).

Or this:

OUR help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. The Lord is near to all those who call upon Him; to all that call upon Him in truth. (Psalm 124:8; 145:18)

Or this:

OUR help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not grow weary; they shall walk and not grow faint. (Psalm 124:8; Isaiah 40:31)

Or this:

OUR help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts. Let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon (Psalm 124:8; Isaiah 55: 6, 7).

Or this:

OUR help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He has shown you, O man, what is good- and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? (Psalm 145; Micah 6:8)

Or this (responsive):

1. MINISTER OR LAY READER: O Lord, open our lips;
PEOPLE: **and our mouths shall declare Your praise.**

Or this (responsive):

2. MINISTER OR LAY READER: Praise the Lord;
PEOPLE: **the Lord's Name be praised.**

Or this (responsive):

3. MINISTER OR LAY READER: Serve the Lord with gladness;
PEOPLE: **come before His Presence with singing.**

Or this (responsive):

4. MINISTER OR LAY READER: O magnify the Lord with me;
PEOPLE: **and let us exalt His Name together.**

Or this (responsive):

5. MINISTER OR LAY READER: Praise the Lord. Praise God in the Sanctuary;
PEOPLE: **we will be glad, and rejoice in You.**

WORSHIP IN SONG

Then may be sung a Psalm or Hymn, at the discretion of the minister.

ADORATION

Then minister shall pray:

ETERNAL and Ever-Blessed God, Lord of Heaven and Earth: we praise Your glorious majesty. Your wisdom is seen in all your works, and Your grace and Your truth are revealed in Jesus Christ Your Son. You have also by Your Holy Spirit guaranteed to us Your power and presence; therefore we adore Your holy Name, O Blessed Trinity, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Or this:

GREAT are You, O Lord, and exceedingly worthy of praise; Your power is immense, and Your wisdom beyond reckoning. And so we men, who are a due part of Your creation, long to praise You- we who carry our mortality about with us: the evidence of our sin, and the proof that You thwart the proud. Yet we men, due part of Your creation as we are, still long to praise You. You stir us so that praising You may bring us joy, because You have made us and drawn us to Yourself, and our hearts are unquiet until they rest in You. **Amen.**

Or this:

O God, You Who are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable; glorious in holiness; full of love and compassion, and abundant in grace and truth: all Your works praise You throughout all your created dominion, and Your glory is fully revealed in Jesus Christ Your Son. Therefore we praise You- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, blessed forever. **Amen.**

Or this.

○ Great God of Heaven, draw our souls to You; give unto us sincere repentance.
○ Healer of our Souls, bestow upon us forgiveness; give us true joy and gladness.
○ Great God of Life, breathe through us Your Life; give us your powerful Spirit.
○ Gracious God of Angels, bathe us in Your light, so that we ourselves may mirror the loving spirit of the Lamb. **Amen.**

Or this.

Almighty God, maker and preserver of all things visible and invisible, we adore You in Your infinite majesty, and bless You for Your wondrous love revealed in Jesus Christ, Your Son our Savior; to Whom, with You O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Or this.

○ God, Who has given us minds to know You, hearts to love You and voices to declare Your praise, give us grace, we implore You, to dedicate ourselves freely to Your service, that we may reverently worship You in Your Sanctuary with the beautiful praises of Your House; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or this.

HOLY Father, You Who call us to serve You in the worship of Your House, grant us to so praise You with our hearts as with our voices that the spirits of all assembled with us may be uplifted, purified, and strengthened, and that all of us together may be confirmed in our faith and love of You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LAW OF GOD

The Law may be omitted at the discretion of the minister; otherwise he shall say.

Hear the Law of our God:

Then one of the following Scriptures will be read responsively.

1. AND God spoke all these words, saying:

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

"You shall have no other gods before Me.

LORD, have mercy upon us, that we may keep this Law.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

LORD, have mercy upon us, that we may keep this Law.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

LORD, have mercy upon us, that we may keep this Law.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

LORD, have mercy upon us, that we may keep this Law.

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

LORD, have mercy upon us, that we may keep this Law.

"You shall not murder.

LORD, have mercy upon us, that we may keep this Law.

"You shall not commit adultery.

LORD, have mercy upon us, that we may keep this Law.

"You shall not steal.

LORD, have mercy upon us, that we may keep this Law.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

LORD, have mercy upon us, that we may keep this Law.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

LORD, have mercy upon us, that we may keep this Law. (Exodus 20:1-14)

Or this.

2. WITH what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:6-8)

Or this.

3. SEEING the multitudes, [Jesus] went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:1-10)

Or this:

4. A lawyer [of the Pharisees] asked [Jesus] a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" Jesus said to him,

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, 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 neighbor as yourself'. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:35-40)

CONFESSION

Then minister shall say, all kneeling:

Let us kneel, and pray in confession together:

1. **O** Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who pardons all who truly repent and turn to You, we humbly confess our sins and plead for your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart fervently, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to Your covenantal loving-kindness; according to Your great tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation, and uphold us with Your free Spirit. Amen.

Or this:

2. **EVER-FAITHFUL** God, the houses of our souls are too small for You to enter; make them more spacious by Your coming. They lie in ruins; rebuild them. Some things are to be found there which will offend Your gaze; we confess this to be so and know it well. But Who will clean our house? To Whom but Yourself can we cry "cleanse us of our hidden sins, and for those incurred through others pardon we Your servants?" We believe, therefore we speak. You know everything, Lord. Have not we laid our transgressions bare before You, O Lord our God, and have You not forgiven the wickedness of our hearts? We do not argue our case before You, for You are truth itself; nor do we wish to deceive ourselves, lest our iniquity be furthered in lies. No, we do not argue the case with You, because if You, O Lord, keep the score of our iniquities, then Who, O Lord, can bear it? Amen.

Or this:

3. **ALMIGHTY** and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and we have done those things which we ought not to have done and there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are repentant according to Your promises that You have declared to mankind through Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Or this:

4. **MOST** holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess in Your presence our sinful nature which is prone to evil and slothful in good and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned—in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord, have pity upon us who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways in which we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son, our Savior. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, so that we may from now on live in Your light and walk in Your ways according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this:

5. **ALMIGHTY** Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned against you, voluntarily and involuntarily, in thought, word, and deed; known and unknown; by day and by night. Have benevolence and forgive us all, O God, according to Your great goodness; according to the multitude of Your mercies, do away with our offenses, and cleanse us from our transgressions, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Then shall the minister pray:

MAY Almighty God, Who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every repentant heart the promise of redeeming grace. May He remit all our sins, and cleanse us from an evil conscience through the perfect sacrifice of Christ our Lord. May He keep us evermore in the peace and joy of a holy life that we may love and serve Him always, in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Or the minister shall say:

MAY Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of His great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who, with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Him, have mercy on you, pardon you and deliver you from all your sins. May He confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and bring you to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or this:

HEAR the assuring words that our Savior Christ has said to all who truly turn to Him: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out" (Matthew 11:28; John 6:37).. **Amen.**

Or this:

LET us love You Lord, and give thanks to You and confess Your Name, because You have forgiven our grave sins and wicked deeds through Jesus Christ, Your Son. By Your sheer grace and mercy in Him You melted our sins away like ice. To Your grace we also ascribe whatever sins we have not committed, for what would we not have been capable of, we who could be enamored with any wanton crime? We acknowledge that You have delivered us in everything, from both the sins we willingly committed following our own wills, and those we avoided through Your guidance. **Amen.**

Or this:

BRETHREN, let us receive the promise of grace and the assurance of pardon given to all who repent and believe: this is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Timothy 1:15). **Amen.**

Or this:

OUR Lord Jesus Christ has bestowed power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to those who are truly repentant, His absolution and remission of their sin. Therefore, may Jesus Christ absolve you of your sins, as you also remember His admonishment, to "go and sin no more"(John 8:11). In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PSALTER

The congregation shall rise and an appropriate portion of the Psalter be either read or sung.

THE PUBLIC READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Being seated.

One or two lessons will be read. When a reading has been taken from the Old Testament, or from the New Testament other than from one of the four Gospels, it shall be followed with: .

MINISTER OR LAY READER: This is the Word of the Lord:

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

If a reading is taken from one of the four Gospels, the congregation will rise or remain standing, and it will be followed with:

MINISTER: The Gospel of our Lord:

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to You, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Being seated.

At the discretion of the minister, a homily may be preached instead, or the Sermon may be omitted altogether, if the minister is not able, or other circumstances deem it necessary.

THE CREED

Here, at the discretion of the minister, there may be a time of recitation of catechism by catechumens. The following statement of faith will then be confessed, or, at the discretion of the minister, it may be sung, or another appropriate statement of faith may be confessed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GENERAL PRAYER

Being seated.

At this time, the Litany or a Lesser Litany may be used in the place of the General Prayer. They are found in the Litany portion of this book. Otherwise the minister will pray and the people will join in The Lord's Prayer at the close.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Then shall the minister pray.

OUR most merciful and gracious God, of Whose bounty we have all received, we implore You to accept this offering of Your people. Remember in Your love those who have brought it, and those for whom it is given. Please follow it with Your blessing that it may promote peace and good-will among men, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Or this.

ALMIGHTY God, of Whose own gifts alone we can give to You, since all that we have is Yours: please accept these offerings which we humbly present unto You. Grant also that with them we may have grace to present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, which is simply our reasonable service: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or this:

○ God, Who gives to all men generously and freely, please graciously accept this offering, and sanctify it for the work of Your Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or this:

○ Lord, although You have no need for gifts, we pray that You accept these offered by Your followers here present, and count us all worthy of Your continued blessings. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HEAR the words of the Holy Gospel, taken from Saint Matthew: "As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins"(Matthew 26:26-28). Now, in Christ's Name, I take these elements, the Bread and the Wine, to be set apart by prayer and thanksgiving to the holy use for which He has appointed them. Let us pray:

○ God, You have, by the blood of Your dear Son, set apart for us a new and a living way into the holiest of all. Cleanse our minds, we implore You by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that, drawing near unto You with a pure heart and undefiled conscience, we may receive these Your gifts without sin, and worthily magnify Your holy Name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The bread and wine having been set apart by prayer and thanksgiving, the elements will be passed separately as the blessing is given. Or if Communion is being given by intinction (the people coming forward to a common plate and dipping the bread in a common cup), both elements and the blessing will be given at the same time.

Before each particular element is distributed, the minister shall say:

THE bread, which we break, is by faith a participation in the Body of Christ.

IN like manner, the cup that we bless is, by faith, a participation in the Blood of Christ.

Or this:

BLESSED are YOU, King of all creation, for this bread which earth has given and human hands have made. Blessed are You also for Your Presence at this table, for it is for us the Bread of Life.

BLESSED are YOU, King of all creation, for this wine, the fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. Blessed are You also for Your Presence at this table, for it is for us our Spiritual Drink.

THE CLOSING PRAYER

After all have partaken, the minister shall pray.

○ Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Feed them also, and lift them up forever. Remember, ○ Lord, Your congregation, which You have purchased of old. Pour out Your Spirit as floods upon the dry ground, and refresh Your waiting heritage. Let Your saints, Your priests, be clothed with righteousness, and shout for joy. Show Your mercy also unto them that are afar off, and gather all the lost sheep into Your fold for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or this.

Most merciful God, we bless Your holy Name for all Your servants who have kept the faith, and, having accomplished their warfare, are at rest with You. We pray that You will enable us to follow their good example. May we, with them, finally be partakers of Your heavenly kingdom. May we at the glorious appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, behold Him with unveiled face, being changed into His likeness when He will present us, with all His Church, faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Hear us, ○ heavenly Father, for His sake to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, glory is given forever and ever. **Amen.**

Or this.

HEAVENLY Father, we give You praise and thanks that upon us the unworthy you confer such a rich benefit as bringing us into communion with Your Son Jesus Christ; Whom having delivered unto death, You have given to us to be our nourishment unto eternal life. Now we ask You to also grant us grace, that we may never be unmindful of these things; but bearing them about, engraved upon our hearts, we may advance and grow in that faith which is exercised by the practice of Lawful works: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or this.

ALMIGHTY and Ever-Living God, we most heartily thank You that in Your great love You have fed us at Your Table with this spiritual food, and have assured us of Your grace toward us; and that we are members of the mystical Body of Your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people, and heirs of Your everlasting Kingdom. And we implore You, ○ Heavenly Father, to assist us by Your grace that we may continue in this holy fellowship, and live henceforth ever to Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns and is worshiped and glorified with You and the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

Or this:

○ God, Who has brought us together into the fellowship of the table of Your dear Son, we implore You to make all in our congregation a family of one heart and mind in love towards You. Please grant that our common life and work may help to bring in Your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or this, in unison with the congregation:

1. ○ Lord, I am Your servant, I am Your servant and Your Bride's son. You burst my bonds asunder, and to you I will offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. May my heart and tongue give praise to You, and may all my bones cry out their question, "Who is like You, O Lord?" Yes, let them ask, and then do You respond and say to my soul "I am your salvation".

Or this, in unison with the congregation:

2. ○ God, guide us with Your wisdom,
chasten us with Your justice,
help us with Your strength,
fill us with Your fullness,
shield us with Your shade,
and fill us with Your grace.
For the sake of Your anointed Son Who died for us, let us depart in peace and love.

Or this, in unison with the congregation:

3. "LORD, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." (Luke 2:29-32)

WORSHIP IN SONG

Standing. At this time a Psalm or Hymn may be sung at the discretion of the minister

THE BENEDICTION

The minister shall say:

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **Amen.**

Or this.

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. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Or this.

THE God of Peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the Blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Or this.

MAY the road rise to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. May the Sacred Three pour out upon you mildly and generously more and more forever. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

1. **PRAISE God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Or this.

2. **GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

Or another appropriate Psalm or hymn.

A SERVICE OF PRAYER

Standing..

When the principle worship on the Sabbath is observed without the benefit of an ordained Pastor or Teacher, the following Order shall be followed from after "A Prayer of Dedication" to the end of the service.

WORSHIP IN SONG

At this time a Psalm or Hymn may be sung at the discretion of the minister

*At this point in the service, the minister may, at his discretion, pray an appropriate seasonal prayer, the congregation responding with **Amen**.*

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

○ God, the author of peace and lover of concord, in the knowledge of Whom stands our eternal life, and Whose service is perfect freedom; defend us Your humble servants from all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

○ Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with Your mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that in all that we do, being governed by You, we may be pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or this.

○ Lord, we implore You to give us light in our darkness, and by Your great mercy defend us from all Perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND ALL IN CIVIL AUTHORITY

○ Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, Who from Your throne behold all those Who dwell on earth; Most heartily we implore You to behold with Your favor and bless Your servant THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and all others in civil authority; and so grant them the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to Your will, and walk in Your way. Greatly endue them with heavenly gifts; grant them health and prosperity and long life;

and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and blessedness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or this.

○ Lord our Governor, Whose glory is in all the world; we commend this nation to Your merciful care, that being guided by Your Providence, we may dwell secure in Your peace. Grant to THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and to all in civil authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do Your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in Godly fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift; Send down upon all Your ordained servants, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the life-giving Spirit of Your Grace; and, that they may truly please You, pour upon them the continual blessing of all necessary gifts and graces for their task of shepherding Your flock. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN

○ God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly implore You to be gracious to all types and conditions of men; that You would be pleased to make Your ways known to them, Your Covenant of Salvation unto all nations. More especially we pray for Your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Your good Spirit, that all Who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of Truth, and hold the Faith in a unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Your fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in heart, mind, body, or estate; that it may please You to comfort and relieve them, according to their particular needs; giving them patience in their sufferings, and at length a happy deliverance out of all their afflictions. And this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, Your unworthy servants, give You humble and hearty thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Your love that passes all understanding in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and

for the hope of glory. And, we implore you, give us that due sense of all Your mercies that our hearts may be truly thankful; and that we put forth well Your praise, not only with our lips, but with our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

ALMIGHTY God, Who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto You; and Who promises that when two or three are gathered together in Your Name You will grant their requests; Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Your servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

The minister shall say:

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Or this:

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. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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1. **PRAISE** God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Or this:

2. **GLORY** be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen, amen.**

Or another appropriate Psalm or hymn.