

Invitation to Confession

In life and in death we are with the Lord. Let us turn to the Lord who is full of compassion and mercy, and ask that he will forgive us our sins, and extend his healing love upon our broken world.

Penitential Kyrie

Lord, you promise a place in paradise to all who call to you in penitence and faith.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you bring comfort to those who mourn and have suffered loss.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you speak your word of peace in times of conflict and calm our fears.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Collect

Lord of the nations,

Saviour and judge of all:

remove from human hearts all bitterness and hate,

grant to those who have died in war your mercy and forgiveness

and bring us all to the peace of your eternal Kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who suffered and died,

and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Readings

Lamentations 3.17–26.31–33, or Wisdom 3.1–9

Psalm 3

Revelation 21.1–7, or Romans 8.18–25

John 6.51–58, or Luke 24.1–9

Intercessions

Pray for all those who mourn, for the establishing of a just peace and stability in the world, for victims of terror, those maimed and injured in war, the lost and forgotten, those whose names are not remembered, those haunted by dark memories and the depressed, the homeless and the broken-hearted; those who died violently and those who died as a result of injury, for those who went to the grave unable to tell their stories.

Introduction to the Peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **and also with you.**

Proper Preface

Blessed are you, Lord of life,

creator of heaven and earth,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

For through his death on the cross,

your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil,

and by his glorious resurrection

has opened for us the gate of life eternal.

In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives

have been shattered and torn apart.

In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself,

enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love.

And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ

may come to the peace of heaven,

there, with angels and archangels,

to sing your praise for ever:

Holy, holy, holy ...

Invitation to Communion

Jesus said: Gather up the fragments that nothing may be lost.

All **Lord, feed us with the bread of heaven.**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, in this Eucharist which we have shared,

you have spoken your word of life

and nourished us with the mysteries of Christ's body and blood;

bring us with all who have died in combat or through the injuries of war,

to know the joys of heaven.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lived and died

and was raised to newness of life,

to whom be glory in every age and for eternity. **Amen.**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,

where sorrow and pain are no more,

neither sighing, but life everlasting.

All **And weeping o'er the grave we make our song:**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(from the Russian Kontakion of the Dead)

Blessing and Dismissal

May the God of peace,

who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,

that great shepherd of the sheep,

comfort and assure you of his love

in this world and the next;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Go in peace to love your neighbour.

Go in power to work for reconciliation.

Go in hope to proclaim the resurrection.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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