Invitation to Confession

God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before him in love.

Let us confess our sins and failings
and ask him who is rich in mercy for forgiveness and peace.

Kyrie Confession

You give your kingdom to the poor in spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You give the earth for an inheritance to those who are meek:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You show yourself to those who are pure in heart:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Almighty God,

by whose grace N, kindled with the fire of your love,

became a burning and a shining light in the Church:
inflame us with the same spirit of discipline and love,

that we may ever walk before you as children of light;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Lectionary**

1 Kings 19.9-18; Proverbs 10.27-end; Song of Solomon 8.6,7; Isaiah 61.10-62.5; Hosea 2.14,15,19,20

Psalms 34.1-8; 112.1-9; 119.57-64; 123; 131

Acts 4.32-35; 2 Corinthians 10.17-11.2; Philippians 3.7-14; 1 John 2.15-17; Revelation 19.1,5-9

Matthew 11.25-end; or 19.3-12; or 19.23-end; Luke 9.57-end; or 12.32-37

Aelred (12 January): *also* Ecclesiasticus 15.1-6

Alcuin (20 May): *also* Colossians 3.12-16; John 4.19-24

Antony (17 January): *especially* Philippians 3.7-14; *also* Matthew 19.16-26

Bede (25 May): *also* Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10

Benedict (11 July): *also* 1 Corinthians 3.10,11; Luke 18.18-22

Clare (11 August): *especially* Song of Solomon 8.6,7

Dominic (8 August): *also* Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10

Etheldreda (23 June): *also* Matthew 25.1-13

Francis of Assisi (4 October): *also* Galatians 6.14-end; Luke 12.22-34

Hilda (19 November): *especially* Isaiah 61.10-62.5

Hildegard (17 September): *also* 1 Corinthians 2.9-13; Luke 10.21-24
Vincent de Paul (27 September): also 1 Corinthians 1.25-end; Matthew 25.34-40

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ,

who is the very image of God.

cf 2 Corinthians 4.4

**Alleluia.**

(or)

Alleluia, alleluia.

How beautiful on the mountains

are the feet of those who bring good news.

*Isaiah* 52.7

**Alleluia.**

**Introduction to the Peace**

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

I do not give to you as the world gives."

**Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

Lord, accept the gifts we bring to your table

on this feast of Saint N.

Free us from the things that keep us from you

and teach us to seek you as our only good.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Preface**

And now we give you thanks for N

and all who have consecrated their lives to Christ

for the sake of the kingdom;

for in them you show us your saving love

and call us back to holiness.

Therefore with angels â€™

**Extended Preface**

It is truly right and good,

our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This day we honour you in Saint N,

who consecrated his/her life to Christ

for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.

In him/her you show us your saving love

as you call the human race back to its first holiness,

and invite us to taste on earth

the gifts of the world to come.
In communion with angels and archangels,

and all who served you on earth

and worship you now in heaven,

we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,

for ever praising you and saying:

*Post Communion*

Merciful God,

who gave such grace to your servant N

that *he/she* served you with singleness of heart

and loved you above all things:

help us, whose communion with you

has been renewed in this sacrament,

to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ

and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Blessing*

God give you grace to follow his saints

in faith and hope and steadfastness;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.
**Acclamation**

The Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

**Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.**

The marriage of the Lamb has come.

**The bride has made herself ready.**

I have found him whom my soul loves.

**I held him, and would not let him go.**

The Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

**Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.**

*Revelation 19.6,7; Song of Solomon 3.4*

**Short Passages of Scripture**

I will meditate on your commandments

and give attention to your ways, O Lord.

*Psalm 119.15*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,

my whole being shall exult in my God.

*Isaiah 61.10*

Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father

or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive

a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life.

*Matthew 19.29*

Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out,
an unfailing treasure in heaven,

for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

*Luke 12.33*

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