

The Guidance of the Holy Spirit ✠

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Invitation to Confession

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world

and knows our every word and deed.

Let us then open ourselves to the Lord

and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Kyrie Confession

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

God, who from of old

taught the hearts of your faithful people

by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:

grant us by the same Spirit

to have a right judgement in all things

and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;

through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God,

you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church

to lead us into all truth:

bless with the Spirit's grace and presence

the members of this *synod/PCC etc.*;

keep us/them steadfast in faith and united in love,

that we/they may manifest your glory

and prepare the way of your kingdom;

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

Proverbs 24.3-7; Isaiah 30.15-21; Wisdom 9.13-17

Psalms 25.1-9; 104.26-33; 143.8-10

Acts 15.23-29; Romans 8.22-27; 1 Corinthians 12.4-13

Luke 14.27-33; John 14.23-26; or 16.13-15

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

Intercession

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God,

we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us.

and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us.

and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to keep us confident of your love,

wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us.

and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness

where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

Lord, come to bless us.

and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to equip us for the work which you

have given us.

Lord, come to bless us.

and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us.

and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit,

given by the risen Lord.

We ask you to keep the whole Church,

living and departed,

in the joy of eternal life.

Lord, come to bless us.

and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,

you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the River Jordan,

and upon the disciples in the upper room.

In your mercy fill us with your Spirit.

hear our prayer,

and make us one in heart and mind

to serve you with joy for ever.

Amen.

Introduction to the Peace

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,

has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Father, by your Holy Spirit

you keep the Church in unity and truth.

As we break bread together,

may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love,

now and for ever.

Preface

And now we give you thanks

because by the Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth,

and give us power to proclaim your gospel to the nations,

and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Extended Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest

who has entered once for all

into the heavenly sanctuary,

evermore to pour upon your Church

the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,

who calls us to be united in prayer

as were his disciples in the upper room

while they awaited his promised gift,

the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing

as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

Post Communion

God of power,

whose Holy Spirit renews your people

in the bread and wine we bless and share:

may the boldness of the Spirit transform us,

the gentleness of the Spirit lead us,

and the gifts of the Spirit equip us to serve and worship you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,

give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Rogation Days

White

Invitation to Confession

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,

and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.

Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency

so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Kyrie Confession

Lord, you give us this good earth,

yet we take your generous gifts for granted.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,

but we squander its rich resources.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,

but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Almighty God,

whose will it is that the earth and the sea

should bear fruit in due season:

bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,

grant us a good harvest

and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;

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.

(or)

Almighty God and Father,

you have so ordered our life

that we are dependent on one another:

prosper those engaged in commerce and industry

and direct their minds and hands,

that they may rightly use your gifts in the service of others;

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.

(or)

God our Father,

you never cease the work you have begun

and prosper with your blessing all human labour:

make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts,

that we may serve the common good,
maintain the fabric of our world
and seek that justice where all may share
the good things you pour upon us;
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

Deuteronomy 8.1-10; 1 Kings 8.35-40; Job 28.1-11

Psalms 104.21-30; 107.1-9; 121

Philippians 4.4-7; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; 1 John 5.12-15

Matthew 6.1-15; Mark 11.22-24; Luke 11.5-13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

“Ask and you will receive,” says the Lord,

“so that your joy may be complete.”

John 16.24

Alleluia.

(or)

Alleluia, alleluia.

“The seed is the word of God,” says the Lord.

Luke 8.11

Alleluia.

Intercession

Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon us.

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.

Let the earth be fruitful

and its resources be hallowed.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.

Prosper the work of our hands;

may all find dignity and just reward in their work;

free the exploited and oppressed.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.

Guide us into a sustainable future,

and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.

Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,

and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord.

Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry;

where war brings want, and children go hungry;

where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,

give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

We ask you to hear us, good Lord,

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Introduction to the Peace

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,

let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God,

which passes all understanding,

will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4.6,7

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God,

by whose grace creation is renewed,

by whose love heaven is opened,

by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Preface

And now we give you thanks

for your ancient promise

that while the earth endures,

seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,

summer and winter, day and night,

will never cease.

Extended Preface

It is indeed right and good

to give you thanks and praise,

almighty God and Father,

through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image,

and made us stewards of your good creation.

Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,

the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.

Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,

giving him to die upon the cross

and to rise again for our salvation.

Through him, you begin your work of new creation,

as we look for a new heaven and a new earth

in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,

and give voice to every creature under heaven,

for ever praising you and *saying*:

Post Communion

God our creator,

you give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat:

as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this eucharist,

so we ask you to give all your children their daily bread,

that the world may praise you for your goodness;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who is the source of all goodness and growth,

pour his blessing upon all things created,

and upon you his children,

that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Dismissal

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,

and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Acclamation

God be gracious to us and bless us:

and make his face to shine upon us.

Let the peoples praise you, O God:

God be gracious to us and bless us.

Judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

God be gracious to us and bless us.

Let the earth bring forth her increase:

God be gracious to us and bless us.

God be gracious to us and bless us:

and make his face to shine upon us.

cf Psalm 67

For the Rogationtide Procession, see Common Worship: Times and Seasons, pages 614–618.

Mission and Evangelism â

Colour of the Season

Invitation to Confession

I set no store by life: I only want to finish the race
and complete the task which the Lord Jesus assigned to me,
of bearing witness to the gospel of God's grace.

Acts 20.24

Conscious of our failure to proclaim the gospel,
let us call to mind our sins:

Kyrie Confession

â was hungry and you gave me no food,

I was thirsty and you gave me no drink.â

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

â was a stranger and you did not welcome me,

naked and you did not clothe me.â

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

â was sick and you did not visit me,

in prison and you did not come to me.â

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Almighty God,

who called your Church to witness

that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:

help us to proclaim the good news of your love,

that all who hear it may be drawn to you;

through him who was lifted up on the cross,

and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary

Isaiah 49.1-6; *or* 52.7-10; Micah 4.1-5

Psalms 2; 46; 67

Acts 17.10-end; 2 Corinthians 5.14-6.2; Ephesians 2.13-end

Matthew 5.13-16; *or* 28.16-end; John 17.20-end

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

“Go and make disciples of all the nations,”

says the Lord;

“I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28.19,20

Alleluia.

Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,

let us pray to the Father.

All or some of these petitions may be used

God of our salvation,

hope of all the ends of the earth,

we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the world may know Jesus Christ

as the Prince of Peace,

we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That all who are estranged and without hope

may be brought near in the blood of Christ,

we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the Church may be one in serving

and proclaiming the gospel,

we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That we may be bold to speak the word of God

while you stretch out your hand to save,

we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the Church may be generous in giving,

faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming,

we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the Church may welcome and support

all whom God calls to faith,

we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That all who serve the gospel may be kept in safety

while your word accomplishes its purpose,

we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That all who suffer for the gospel

may know the comfort and glory of Christ,

we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the day may come when every knee shall bow

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

we pray:

Your kingdom come.

Almighty God,

by your Holy Spirit you have made us one

with your saints in heaven and on earth:

grant that in our earthly pilgrimage

we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer,

and know ourselves surrounded by their witness

to your power and mercy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Introduction to the Peace

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel:

peace to those who are far off

and peace to those who are near.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Faithful God, receive all we offer you this day.

May we so live the life of Christ

that your Church may be a sign of salvation

to all the nations of the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Extended Preface

Father, we give you thanks and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

because you are God almighty,

creator of the world and all that is in it.

Through him you made the whole human race

and in him you show us the mystery of your purpose.

In him you will bring all things together under him as head,

all things in heaven, all things on earth.

Through him we have heard the word of truth,

the good news of salvation,

and you have marked us with the seal of your promised Spirit.

We who were once far off

have been brought near by the blood of Christ,

for he is the peace between us

and has broken down the barrier of hostility.

He has made of us one new humanity

and reconciled us to you by the cross.

Through him with angels and archangels

and all the company of heaven,

we come before you, Father, by the Holy Spirit,

for ever praising you and saying:

(or)

Living God, Father of light,

hope of nations, friend of sinners,

builder of the city that is to come:

your love is made visible in Jesus Christ,

you bring home the lost, restore the sinner

and give dignity to the despised.

In the face of Jesus Christ

your light shines out,

flooding lives with goodness and truth,

gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.

With people from every race and nation,

with the Church of all the ages,

with apostles, evangelists and martyrs,

we join the angels of heaven in their unending song:

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,

your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world

to preach the gospel of his kingdom:

confirm us in this mission,

and help us to live the good news we proclaim;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,

cleanse you by his holiness

and send you to proclaim his word.

Amen.

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,

pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,

equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Dismissal

The Lord says, "Go into all the world

and make disciples of all the nations."

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

(or)

The Lord says, "Go into all the world

and make disciples of all the nations."

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Unity of the Church

Colour of the Season

Invitation to Confession

We have come together as God's family

to pray for the recovery of the unity of Christ's Church

and for the renewal of our common life.

The Lord is full of gentleness and compassion.

In penitence and faith let us ask his forgiveness of our sins.

Kyrie Confession

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us

to one another and to the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

(or)

There is one Body and one Spirit,

and one hope of our calling.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

There is one God and Father of us all,

above all and through all and in all.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Heavenly Father,

you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ

to continue his work of reconciliation

and reveal you to the world:

forgive us the sins which tear us apart;

give us the courage to overcome our fears

and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;

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.

(or)

Lord Jesus Christ,

who said to your apostles,

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you”:

look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church

and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom;

where you are alive and reign with the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary

Jeremiah 33.6-9a; Ezekiel 36.23-28; Zephaniah 3.16-end

Psalms 100; 122; 133

Ephesians 4.1-6; Colossians 3.9-17; 1 John 4.9-15

Matthew 18.19-22; John 11.45-52; *or* 17.11b-23

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Alleluia.

Ephesians 4.4-6

Intercession

In faith let us pray to God our Father,

his Son Jesus Christ,

and the Holy Spirit.

For the Church of God throughout the world,

let us invoke the Spirit.

Kyrie eleison.

For the leaders of the nations,

that they may establish and defend justice and peace,

let us pray for the wisdom of God.

Kyrie eleison.

For those who suffer oppression or violence,

let us invoke the power of the Deliverer.

Kyrie eleison.

That the churches may discover again their visible unity

in the one baptism which incorporates them in Christ,

let us pray for the love of Christ.

Kyrie eleison.

That the churches may attain communion

in the Eucharist around one table,

let us pray for the strength of Christ.

Kyrie eleison.

That the churches may recognize each other's ministries

in the service of their one Lord,

let us pray for the peace of Christ.

Kyrie eleison.

Free prayer of the congregation may follow.

Into your hands, O Lord,

we commend all for whom we pray,

trusting in your mercy;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Introduction to the Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.”

Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,

and grant it that peace and unity which is according to your will.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Lord,

hear the prayers of your people

as we celebrate this memorial of our salvation.

May this sacrament of your love

unite us more closely to you and to each other.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

God of power and love,

by your Holy Spirit,

draw the scattered flock of Christ into a visible unity

and make your Church a sign of hope to our divided world;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

And now we give you thanks

because of the unity you have given us in your Son

and that you are the God and Father of us all,

above all and through all and in all.

(or)

And now we give you thanks

because you gather your scattered children into your Church

to be as one even as you, Father, are one

with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

You call us to be one people,

to praise your wisdom in all your works,

to be the body of Christ

and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

Extended Preface

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,

we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, your only Son,

who restored to us peace through the blood of his cross,

you willed to reconcile all creatures.

In him you have led us to the knowledge of your truth,

that bound together by one faith and one baptism

we might become his body.

Through him you have given your Holy Spirit to all peoples

to work marvels by innumerable gifts

and an abundant variety of graces.

Gathering us together in unity,

your Spirit dwells in the hearts of all your children,

filling the whole Church with his presence

and guiding it with wisdom from above.

And so, with steadfast love,

we proclaim your glory

and join with hosts of angels

in their triumphant hymn of praise:

Post Communion

Eternal God and Father,

whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,

as he is one with you:

draw us closer to him,

that in common love and obedience to you

we may be united to one another

in the fellowship of the one Spirit,

that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The Lord Jesus Christ,

Son of the living God,

teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,

to accept his truth more faithfully,

and to share his life more lovingly;

that by the power of the Holy Spirit

you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Dismissal

One in heart and one in mind,

and empowered by the Spirit,

go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

(or)

One in heart and one in mind,

and empowered by the Spirit,

go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace of the World

Colour of the Season

Invitation to Confession

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;

its pride, its selfishness, its greed;

its evil distortions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong,

and our failure to seek and establish that peace

which God wills for all his children.

Kyrie Confession

Lord Jesus, you wept over the sins of your city.

On our *city/town/nation*: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division, jealousy and bitterness.

On us: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner.

Grant us peace: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Almighty God,

from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:

kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace

and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom

those who take counsel for the nations of the earth

that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,

till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;

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

Isaiah 9.1-6; *or* 57.15-19; Micah 4.1-5

Psalms 40.14-17; 72.1-7; 85.8-13

Philippians 4.6-9; 1 Timothy 2.1-6; James 3.13-18

Matthew 5.43-end; John 14.23-29; *or* 15.9-17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

âBlessed are the peacemakers,â says the Lord,

âfor they will be called children of God.â

Matthew 5.9

Alleluia.

Intercession

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations,

that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation,

that they may have discipline and discernment,

courage and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm,

that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for the wounded and the captive,

the grieving and the homeless,

that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Most holy God and Father,

hear our prayers for all who strive for peace

and all who fight for justice.

Help us, who today remember the cost of war,

to work for a better tomorrow;

and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,

bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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."

cf John 14.27

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;

draw us from hatred to love;

make the frailty of our praise

a dwelling place for your glory.

Preface

And now we give you thanks,

because you have anointed your Son as the Messiah,

the light of the nations,

and revealed him as the hope of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

Extended Preface

Living God, Father of light,

hope of nations, friend of sinners,

builder of the city that is to come:

your love is made visible in Jesus Christ,

you bring home the lost, restore the sinner

and give dignity to the despised.

In the face of Jesus Christ

your light shines out,

flooding lives with goodness and truth,

gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.

With people from every race and nation,

with the Church of all the ages,

with apostles, evangelists and martyrs,

we join the angels of heaven in their unending song:

Post Communion

God our Father,

your Son is our peace

and his cross the sign of reconciliation:

help us, who share the broken bread,

to bring together what is scattered

and to bind up what is wounded,

that Christ may bring in the everlasting kingdom of his peace;

who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Blessing

God grant to the living grace,

to the departed rest,

to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people,

unity, peace and concord,

and to us and all God's servants,

life everlasting;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Ministry (including Ember Days) â

Red or Colour of the Season

Invitation to Confession

God has called us to follow Christ,

and has formed us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation,

to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Let us confess the times when we have failed to heed this call.

Kyrie Confession

Lord Jesus, you said to your disciples:

“You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.”

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, we know that the harvest is plentiful

but the labourers are few.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you appointed us to go and bear fruit that will last.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

(for the ministry of all Christian people)

Almighty and everlasting God,

by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,

that in their vocation and ministry

they may serve you in holiness and truth

to the glory of your name;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

(or)

(for those to be ordained)

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts,

by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in the Church:

look with mercy on your servants now called to be deacons and priests;

maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness,

that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you

to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church;

through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

or (for vocations)

Almighty God,

you have entrusted to your Church

a share in the ministry of your Son our great high priest:

inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many

to offer themselves for the ministry of your Church,

that, strengthened by his power,

they may work for the increase of your kingdom

and set forward the eternal praise of your name;

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.

or (for the inauguration of a new ministry)

God our Father, Lord of all the world,

through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church:

hear our prayer for your faithful people

that in their vocation and ministry

each may be an instrument of your love,

and give to your servant *N* now to be *installed, inducted, etc.*)

the needful gifts of grace;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary

Numbers 11.16,17, 24-29; *or* 27.15-end; 1 Samuel 16.1-13a; Isaiah 6.1-8; *or* 61.1-3; Jeremiah 1.4-10

Psalms 40.8-13; 84.8-12; 89.19-25; 101.1-5,7; 122

Acts 20.28-35; 1 Corinthians 3.3-11; Ephesians 4.4-16; Philippians 3.7-14

Luke 4.16-21; *or* 12.35-43; *or* 22.24-27; John 4.31-38; *or* 15.5-17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Go out into the whole world

and make disciples of all the nations.

Matthew 28.19

Alleluia.

Intercession

We pray for the flourishing of God's gifts to his Church, saying:

Jesus, Lord of your Church,

in your mercy hear us.

God our Father, you give us gifts that we may work together

in the service of your Son:

bless the leaders of your Church,

that they may be firm in faith,

and humble before you.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who teach,

that they may increase our understanding,

and be open to your word for them.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who minister healing,

that they may bring wholeness to others,

yet know your healing in themselves.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Bless those through whom you speak,

that they may proclaim your word in power,

yet open their ears to your gentle whisper.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who work in your world today,

that in the complexity of their daily

lives they may live for you, fulfil your purposes,

and seek your kingdom first.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who are uncertain of their gifts
and those who are powerless in this world's eyes,
that they may be made strong in your gift of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,

hear our prayer,

and make us one in heart and mind

to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

Introduction to the Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Heavenly Father,

as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,

bless also the gift of our hearts and minds

as we offer our lives in your service;

for Jesus Christ's sake.

Preface

And now we give you thanks

because Christ came not to be served but to serve,

and to give his life as a ransom for many.

He calls his faithful servants

to lead your holy people in love,

nourishing them by your word and sacraments.

Therefore â€¦

(or)

And now we give you thanks

because within the royal priesthood of your Church

you ordain ministers to proclaim the word of God,

to care for your people

and to celebrate the sacraments of the new covenant.

Therefore â€¦

Extended Preface

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks

through your servant Jesus Christ our Lord.

At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son

and coming among us as one who serves,

he taught that they are greatest in your kingdom

who make themselves least and the servants of all.

Although he was their teacher and their Lord,

he washed the feet of his disciples,

and commanded us to do the same.

Through your Holy Spirit you bestow upon your people

a rich diversity of gifts and ministries,

and from this royal priesthood

you raise up men and women to proclaim your word,

to care for your people

and to be the stewards of the mysteries of Christ.

You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed

and build up his body, the Church,

to the greater glory of your name.

And so with angels and archangels

and all the heavenly host,

we proclaim your glory

and join their unending hymn of praise:

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,

whose ascended Son gave gifts of leadership and service to the Church:

strengthen us who have received this holy food

to be good stewards of your manifold grace;

through him who came not to be served but to serve,

and give his life as a ransom for many,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

Lord of the harvest,

you have fed your people in this sacrament

with the fruits of creation made holy by your Spirit:

by your grace raise up among us faithful labourers

to sow your word and reap the harvest of souls;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

May the boldness of the Spirit transform you,

may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you,

may the gifts of the Spirit equip you

to serve and worship God;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Acclamation

There are varieties of gifts,

but the same Spirit.

There are varieties of service,

but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working,

but the same God is at work in all.

There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all,

to whom Christ ascended on high.

And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:

some are apostles, some are his prophets;

evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us,

so that we can minister together

to build up his body,

to be mature in the fullness of Christ.

Social Justice and Responsibility

Colour of the Season

Collect

Eternal God,

in whose perfect realm

no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness,

and no strength known but the strength of love:

so guide and inspire the work of those who seek your kingdom

that all your people may find their security

in that love which casts out fear

and in the fellowship revealed to us

in Jesus Christ our Saviour,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty and eternal God,

to whom we must all give account:

guide with your Spirit the *â* of this *(ity, society, etc.)*,

that *we/they* may be faithful to the mind of Christ

and seek in all *our/their* purposes to enrich our common life;

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

Isaiah 32.15-end; Amos 5.21-24; *or* 8.4-7; Acts 5.1-11

Psalms 31.21-24; 85.1-7; 146.5-10

Colossians 3.12-15; James 2.1-4

Matthew 5.1-12; *or* 25.31-end; Luke 16.19-end

Post Communion

Blessed God,

help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist,

to hunger and thirst for what is right;

help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad,
to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled;
help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven,
to strive for the cause of right
and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

In Time of Trouble

Colour of the Season

Collect

Sovereign God,
the defence of those who trust in you
and the strength of those who suffer:
look with mercy on our affliction
and deliver us through our mighty Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary

Genesis 9.8-17; Job 1.13-end; Isaiah 38.6-11

Psalms 86.1-7; 107.4-15; 142.1-7

Romans 3.21-26; Romans 8.18-25; 2 Corinthians 8.1-5,9

Mark 4.35-end; Luke 12.1-7; John 16.31-end

Post Communion

Almighty God,

whose Son gave us in this meal a pledge of your saving love

and a foretaste of your kingdom of justice and peace:

strengthen your people in their faith

that they may endure the sufferings of this present time

in expectation of the glory to be revealed;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the Sovereign â

Colour of the Season

The anniversary of HM The Queen's accession is 6 February.

Collect

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,

bless our Sovereign Lady, *Queen Elizabeth*,

and all who are in authority under her;

that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,

to the honour and glory of your name

and the good of your Church and people;

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

Joshua 1.1-9; Proverbs 8.1-16

Psalms 20; 101; 121

Romans 13.1-10; Revelation 21.22-22.4

Matthew 22.16-22; Luke 22.24-30

Post Communion

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace:

give us grace seriously to lay to heart

the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions;

take away our hatred and prejudice

and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord,

that, as there is but one body, one Spirit and one hope of our calling,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of us all,

so may we henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul,

united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity,

and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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