

# The History of the Passion

## PART SEVEN.

**T**HERE were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses and Salome; who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him; and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.

The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true; and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, an honorable counsellor, a good man, and a just; (the same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and

calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And there came also Nicodemus, (which at the first came to Jesus by night,) and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid. And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that the deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch, go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

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## Order for the Baptism of Infants

¶ *Baptism should be administered at a public Service. When circumstances demand, it may be administered privately, but public announcement thereof shall afterward be made. Parents are urged not to delay the baptism of their children.*

¶ *The names of the parents, of the sponsors, and of the child, with the date and place of birth and of baptism, shall be entered in the Record of the Congregation, and a proper certificate issued.*

¶ *Only members of the Church shall be accepted as sponsors.*

¶ *Baptism may be administered at any of the regular Services or at a specially appointed Service. When administered at The Service, the Order here given may follow the Creed or the General Prayer; when at Vespers, it may follow the Lessons or the Sermon; when at a specially appointed Service, the Order may be preceded by a Hymn.*

¶ *The Minister may lay his hand on the head of the child during the repetition of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.  
*Amen.*

**D**EARLY Beloved: Forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, and our Saviour Jesus Christ hath said, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God: I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of His goodness and mercy He will receive *this child*, by baptism, into the Church of the Redeemer, and make *him* a living member of the same.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and Everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We call upon Thee for *this child*, and beseech Thee to bestow upon *him* the gift of Thy baptism and Thine everlasting grace by the washing of regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as Thou hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son, saying: Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

**H**EAR the Holy Gospel, which saith:  
They brought young children to Him, that He should touch them: and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw

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it, He was much displeased, and said unto them: Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

**A**LL power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

**O**UR 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to those who present the child:*

**I**N obedience to our Lord's command you bring *this child* for Holy Baptism. I therefore ask you:

Do you renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?

*Answer:* Yes, I renounce.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us all confess the Faith into which we have been baptized, and into which *this child* is now to be baptized.

¶ *Then shall all say the Apostles' Creed.*

**I** BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

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¶ *Then, addressing those who present the child, the Minister shall say:*

Do you present *this child* to be baptized into this Christian Faith?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you promise to instruct *him* in the Word of God, and to bring *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

*Answer:* Yes, I promise.

¶ *The Minister may now ask: How shall this child be named? and shall then baptize him by applying the water three times as he saith:*

**N**., I BAPTIZE thee:  
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister, laying his hand on the head of the child, shall say:*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath begotten thee again of water and the Holy Ghost, and hath forgiven thee all thy sin, strengthen thee with His grace unto life everlasting. Amen.

Peace be with thee.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and most Merciful God and Father, we thank Thee that Thou dost graciously preserve and extend Thy Church, and that Thou hast granted to *this child* the new birth in Holy Baptism, and received *him* as Thy *child* and *heir* to Thy kingdom; and we humbly beseech Thee to defend and keep *him* in this grace, that *he* may never depart from Thee, but may always live according to Thy will, and finally receive the fullness of Thy promise in Thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to those who have presented the child:*

**I** NOW admonish you who have done so charitable a work to *this child* in his Baptism, that ye diligently and faithfully teach *him* the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer; and that, as *he grows* in years, ye place in *his* hands the Holy Scriptures, bring *him* to the Services of God's House; and provide for *his* instruction in the Christian Faith, that, abiding in the covenant of *his* Baptism, and in communion with the Church, *he* may be brought up to lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

**T**HE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you alway. Amen.

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### AN ALTERNATE FORM OF QUESTIONS

¶ *In place of the questions, page 250, the following, which are of ancient origin and wide usage in the Church, may be used.*

**S**INCE in Christian love you present this child for Holy Baptism, I call upon you to answer in his stead.

Dost thou renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?

*Answer:* Yes, I renounce.

Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth? And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; Descended into hell; The third day rose again from the dead; Ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; Whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead? And in the Holy Ghost: The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting?

*Answer:* I believe.

Dost thou desire to be baptized into this Christian Faith?

*Answer:* I do.

¶ *The baptism shall then proceed according to the Order (page 231) beginning with the words: N., I baptize thee, etc.*



## Order for the Baptism of Adults

¶ *When a person who has not been baptized in infancy, desires to confess his faith in Christ and to receive Holy Baptism, he shall first be instructed in the Christian Faith as it is set forth in the Small Catechism.*

¶ *The baptism of adults shall be administered in the church, in the presence of the Congregation, except in cases of urgent necessity. When administered privately, public announcement of the baptism shall be made at the next Service of the Congregation.*

¶ *The Candidate shall present himself for baptism, and the Minister, addressing the Congregation, shall say:*

**D**EARLY Beloved: Forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, and by thought, word, and deed, transgress God's Holy Law; and forasmuch as our Saviour Jesus Christ hath said, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God: I beseech you to call upon God, the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that, of His goodness and mercy, He will receive *this person* by baptism into the Church of the Redeemer, and make *him* a living member of the same.

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty and Everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We call upon Thee for *this Thy servant*, and beseech Thee to bestow upon *him* the gift of Thy baptism and Thine everlasting grace by the washing of regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as Thou hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son, saying: Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

**H**EAR the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

**O**UR 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

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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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister ask the person to be baptized:

**D**OST thou renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?

*Answer:* Yes, I renounce.

Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth? And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; Descended into hell; The third day rose again from the dead; Ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; Whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead? And in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting?

*Answer:* I believe.

Dost thou desire to be baptized into this Christian Faith?

*Answer:* I do.

Dost thou promise to abide in this Faith?

*Answer:* Yes, by the help of God.

Dost thou promise, as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to remain faithful to its teachings, and to be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace?

*Answer:* Yes, by the help of God.

¶ Then shall the Candidate kneel, and the Minister shall baptize him by applying the water three times as he saith:

**N** I BAPTIZE thee:  
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

¶ Then the Minister, laying his hand on the head of the person baptized, shall say:

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath begotten thee again of water and the Holy Ghost, and hath forgiven thee all thy sins, strengthen thee with His grace unto life everlasting.  
Amen.

Peace be with thee.

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¶ Then shall the Congregation rise, and the Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate *this* Thy servant by water and the Spirit, and hast forgiven *him* all his sins: Strengthen *him*, we beseech Thee, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; and daily increase in *him* Thy manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and might; the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, now and forever; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

¶ Then shall the person baptized rise, and the Minister, giving his right hand, shall say:

**I**N the Name of the Lord Jesus, Whom thou hast confessed and promised to serve, I hereby declare thee a member of this Congregation, and authorize thee to receive the Lord's Supper and to participate in all the spiritual privileges of the Church.

¶ Then shall the Minister say to the Congregation:

**A**ND now, I admonish you, the members of this Congregation, to acknowledge and receive *this* your fellow-member as your brother and heir with you in Christ Jesus, and ever to pray that God may perfect the work which He hath begun in *him* by His Holy Spirit.

¶ Then shall the Minister say:

**T**HE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with thee alway. Amen.

¶ When adults are admitted to the Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, the Rite of Confirmation shall not be administered to them.

¶ If adults are to be baptized and others are to be confirmed at the same Service, Baptism shall first be administered according to the foregoing Order, beginning with the Prayer: Almighty and Everlasting God, and concluding with the words: Peace be with thee, after the baptism. The persons baptized shall remain at the Altar, or if baptized at the Font they shall now come to the Altar.

¶ Then shall follow the Confirmation, according to the Order provided, as far as and including the Prayer of Blessing.

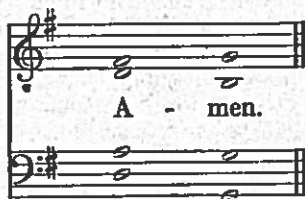
¶ Then shall the persons baptized and those confirmed rise, and the Minister, giving his right hand to each, shall say: In the Name of the Lord Jesus, etc., and the Service shall continue according to the Order for Confirmation, except that the Lord's Prayer shall be omitted.



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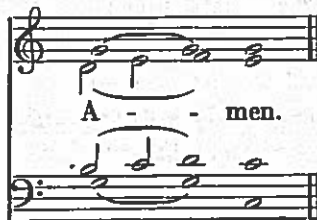
### The Collect for Peace

**O** GOD, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto Thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.



¶ The Minister shall rise and say the Benediction.

**T**HE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.



## Order for the Burial of the Dead

¶ The Order for the Burial of the Dead is provided only for the burial of those who depart this life in the Christian Faith.

¶ The death of a member of the Church should be reported immediately to the Pastor, and no arrangements for the burial shall be made without consultation with him.

¶ This Order may be used in the Church, or at the house, before the burial.

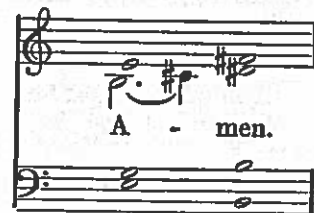
¶ When the Service is held in the Church after the burial, only the Order provided for use at the grave shall be used at the Committal, and the Order here following shall be used in the Church.

¶ When a brief Service is held at the house before going to the Church, or to the grave, it may include a Hymn, a Lesson, a Collect or Prayer and a Benediction.

¶ The Order of the Church herein provided shall in no case be interrupted by the exercises of secular organizations, and shall close with the Benediction immediately following the final Collect.

¶ The Service may begin with a Hymn, after which the Minister shall say:

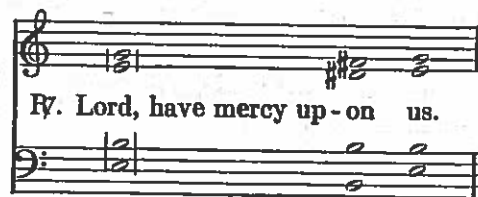
**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.



¶ Then shall be said the Kyrie.

### The Kyrie

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.



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℣. Christ, have mercy upon us. ℟. Lord, have mercy upon us.

℣. Christ, have mercy up-on us. ℟. Lord, have mercy up-on us.

¶ Then shall be sung or said one or more of the Psalms here following. The Psalm may be preceded and followed by an Antiphon.

### The Psalm

PSALM 130. *De profundis.*

Antiphon.

If Thou, Lord, should-est mark in-iqui-ties, O Lord, who shall stand?

WILLIAM CROFT.

OUT of the depths:  
Have I cried unto Thee, O LORD.  
LORD, hear my voice:  
Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.  
If Thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities:  
O LORD, who shall stand?  
But there is forgiveness with Thee:  
That Thou mayest be feared.  
I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait:  
And in His Word do I hope.  
My soul waiteth for the LORD, more than they that watch for the morning:  
I say, more than they that watch for the morning.  
Let Israel hope in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy:  
And with Him is plenteous redemption.  
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.

Antiphon repeated.

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PSALM 23. *Dominus regit me.*

Antiphon.

In-to Thy hands, O Lord, I com-mit my spir-it.

Thou hast re-deem-ed me, O Lord, God of truth.

Tone II.

THE LORD is my Shepherd:  
I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.  
GLO-RY 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.

Antiphon repeated.

¶ Psalm 90, set for chanting, and its proper Antiphon will be found following this Order, p. 254.

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¶ Then shall be read one or more of the following Lessons of Holy Scripture:

### The Lesson

1 Thess. 4: 13-18. 1 Cor. 15: 12-26, 35-58. John 11: 21-27. John 14: 1-6. John 5: 19-29. Rom. 8: 31-39. 1 Peter 1: 3-9. 2 Cor. 5: 1-10. Rev. 7: 9-17. Rev. 21: 3-7. Luke 7: 11-17. Matt. 9: 18, 19, 23-26. Mark 10: 13-16.

¶ Then may be sung a Responsory, or a Hymn, or a suitable Anthem

### The Responsory

*Si bona suscepimus.*

*Adapted from BARTHOLOMÆUS GEIUS, 1605.*

Shall we re - ceive good . . at the hand of the Lord, and shall we  
not re - ceive e - vil? The Lord . . . gave, and the  
Lord hath ta - ken a - way. Bless - ed be the Name of the Lord.  
The Lord . . . gave, and the Lord hath ta - ken a - way.

¶ Other Responsories will be found following this Order, p. 255.

¶ Then may follow a Sermon or an Address.

¶ Then may a Hymn be sung.

¶ Then may the Canticle be sung and with it an Antiphon.

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### The Canticle

NUNC DIMITTIS.

Antiphon.

LUCAS LOSSIUS.

O how . glo - rious is that king - dom where - in all the saints do re -  
joyce with Christ. They are cloth - ed with white robes, and  
fol - low the Lamb whith - er - so - ev - er He go - eth.

Parisian Tone.

P. FUSSELL.

**L** ORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - | part in | peace:  
Ac - | cording | to Thy | word;  
For mine eyes have seen | Thy sal - | vation:  
Which Thou hast prepared before the | face of | all | peo - ple.  
A light to | lighten . the | Gentiles:  
And the glory of Thy | peo - ple | Isra - | el.

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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. A- | men.

*Antiphon repeated.*

¶ Other Canticles, pointed for chanting, and proper Antiphons will be found following this Order, p. 260.

¶ Then shall the Congregation rise and the following Prayers, or other Prayers, shall be said:

### The Prayer

Ÿ. O God, the Father in heaven:

R/. Have mercy up - on us.

Ÿ. O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world:

R/. Have mercy up - on us.

Ÿ. O God, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:

R/. Grant us Thy peace.

¶ Then shall all 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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¶ Then may the Minister say one or more of the following Collects.

ALMIGHTY God, Who by the death of Thy Son hast destroyed sin and death, and by His resurrection hast restored innocence and everlasting life, in order that we might be delivered from the dominion of the devil, and our mortal bodies be raised up from the dead: Grant that with our whole heart we may confidently believe this, and, finally, with all Thy saints, share in the joyful resurrection of the just; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

(After Collects.)

A - men.

GOD, our Heavenly Father, Who hast taught us by Thy holy Apostle not to sorrow overmuch for them that sleep in Jesus: Mercifully grant, that after this life, we, with all Thy saints, may be received into everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, with Whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with Whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give Thee hearty thanks for Thy grace bestowed upon Thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors; and we beseech Thee, that we, with all who have departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and most Merciful God, Who hast appointed us to endure sufferings and death with our Lord Jesus Christ, before we enter with Him into eternal glory: Grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to Thy holy will, and to continue steadfast in the true faith unto the end of our lives, and at all times to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead, and of the glory of the world to come; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Strength of the weak: May the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee, graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.



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¶ *At the burial of a child.*

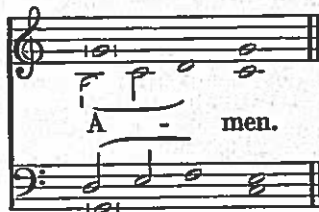
**A**LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, within Whose arms little children were welcomed, and from Whose lips fell the gracious words that theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven: Help us steadfastly to believe that this child, whom Thou didst receive in holy baptism, hath now been raised above the sorrows and temptations of this present world, to be kept by Thee unto everlasting life, and to share with all, who by Thy mercy serve Thee here, in the joyful resurrection of the just, and the bliss of the heavenly inheritance; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Special Prayers or Supplications may here be said, after which shall follow this Collect:*

**O**LORD Jesus Christ, Who wilt come again to judge the quick and the dead, and call forth all who sleep in the graves, either to the resurrection of life or the resurrection of condemnation: We beseech Thee to be gracious to us, and to raise us up to life everlasting, that we may be and abide with Thee for ever; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

**T**HE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.



The Service at the Grave

¶ *When the body has been committed to the grave, the Minister may say:*

**I** HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die.

If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead, shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

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¶ *If the foregoing has not been used, the Minister may say the following:*

**I**N the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor, but of Thee, O Lord, Who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour: Suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

**F**ORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God of His great mercy, to take unto Himself the soul of our brother; we therefore commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ; Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working, whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.

¶ *Then may a Hymn be sung.*

¶ *Then may the Minister say one or both of the following Collects:*

**A**Lmighty God, Who by the death of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, hast destroyed death, and, by His rest in the tomb, hast sanctified the graves of Thy saints, and by His glorious resurrection, hast brought life and immortality to light, so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope: Receive, we beseech Thee, our unfeigned thanks for the victory over death and the grave which He hath obtained for us and for all who sleep in Him; and keep us, who are still in the body, in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Thee on earth, and with all around Thee in heaven, in union with Him, Who is the Resurrection and the Life, even Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

**O**LORD Jesus Christ, Who by Thy death didst take away the sting of death: Grant unto us Thy servants so to follow in faith where Thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall peacefully asleep in Thee, and awake after Thy likeness; through Thy mercy, O our Lord, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

### The Benediction

**T**HE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

*Or*

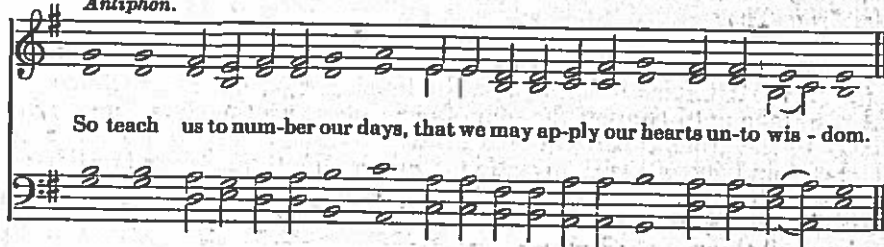
**N**OW the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will; working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory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

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### Additional Psalms, Responsories, and Canticles Proper for use with this Order

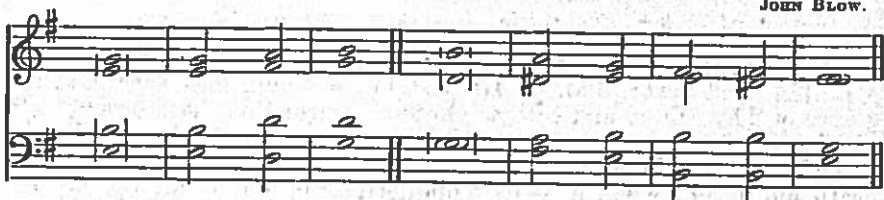
PSALM 90. *Domine, refugium.*

*Antiphon.*



So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

JOHN BLOW.



**L**ORD, Thou hast been our dwelling-place:  
In all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world:  
Even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.  
Thou turnest man to destruction:  
And sayest, Return, ye children of men.  
For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday, when it is past:  
And as a watch in the night.  
Thou carriest them away as with a flood, they are as a sleep:  
In the morning they are like grass that groweth up.  
In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up:  
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.  
For we are consumed by Thine anger:  
And by Thy wrath are we troubled.  
Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee:  
Our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.  
For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath:  
We spend our years as a tale that is told.  
The days of our years are threescore years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years:

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Yet is their strength labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of Thine anger:  
Even according to Thy fear, so is Thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days:

That we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return, O LORD, how long:

And let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.

O satisfy us early with Thy mercy:

That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us:

And the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants:

And Thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us:

And establish Thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

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.

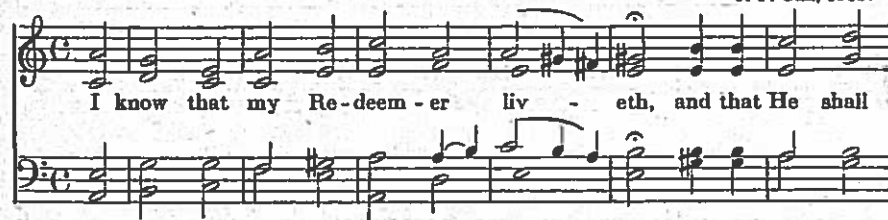
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¶ Psalm 27, 39, 42, 116, 126, 139, or 146 may be used.

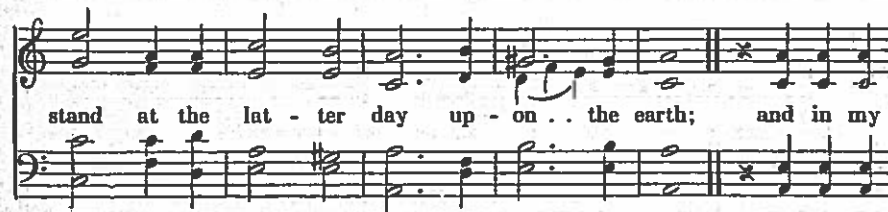
### Responsories

*Credo, quod Redemptor meus.*

J. F. OHL, 1916.



I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall



stand at the latter day upon the earth; and in my

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flesh shall I... see God. Whom I shall see for my-self, And mine

eyes shall be-hold, and not an-oth-er. And in my flesh shall I... see God.

*Si credimus.*

J. F. OHL, 1892.

If we be-lieve, that Je-sus died and rose a-gain, e-ven so them

al-so which sleep in Je-sus will God bring with... Him.

Where-fore sor-row not e-ven as oth-ers which have no hope.

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For as in A-dam all die e-ven so in Christ shall all be made a-live.

Where-fore sor-row not e-ven as oth-ers which have no hope.

*Ecce, quomodo moritur justus.*

JACOB GALLUS (HÄNDL), c. 1650-1691.

Be-hold, how the right-eous di-eth, And no man lay-eth it to

heart, and no man lay-eth it to heart: And the just are tak-en a-

way, And none con-sid-er-eth. From the e-vil to come is he

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tak - en a - way: And his mem - o - ry, his mem - o - ry shall

be in peace, And his mem - o - ry, his mem - o - ry shall be in peace.

In peace he rests  
In peace he rests, he rests in the earth, And in Zi - on

is his hab - i - ta - - - tion, and in Zi - on is his hab - i -

ta - - - tion. His mem - o - ry, his mem - o - ry shall

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be in peace. His mem - o - ry, his mem - o - ry shall be in peace.

*In pace in id ipsum dormiam.*

J. F. OHL, 1916.

I will lay me down in peace and sleep. None of us

liv - eth to him - self and no man di - eth to him - self.

Wheth - er we live . . . there - fore or die, we are the Lord's.

None of us liv - eth to him - self, and no man di - eth to him - self.

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## Canticles

### NUNC DIMITTIS.

*Antiphon.*

I heard a voice . . . from heav - en say - ing,  
Bless - ed are the dead which die in the Lord.

### TONE II.

LORD, NOW lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace:	va-	tion:	accord-	ing	to	Thy	word;
For mine eyes have seen Thy sal-			which	Thou			
			hast	pre-			
			pared	before			
			the	face	of	all	peo-
							ple;
A light to lighten the	Gen-	til-:	and	the	glo-		
			ry	of	Thy		
			people		Is-	ra-	el.
GLO - RY be to the Father, and to the	Son:		and	to	the	Ho-	ly
AS IT was in the be-							
ginning, is							
now, and ever-	shall	be:	world	with-			
			out	end.	A-	men.	

*Antiphon repeated.*

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## BENEDICTUS.

*Antiphon.*

MATTHÄUS LUDWIG, 1589.

He that go-eth forth and weep - eth, bear - ing pre - cious seed, shall  
doubtless come a - gain with re - joic - ing, bring - ing his sheaves with him.

*Or*

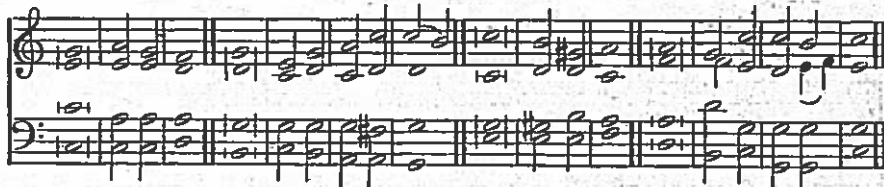
*Antiphon.*

Adapted from MERBECKE, 1550.

I am the Res - ur - rec - tion and the Life; he that be - liev - eth in  
Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and who - so - ev - er  
liv - eth and be - liev - eth in Me shall nev - er die.

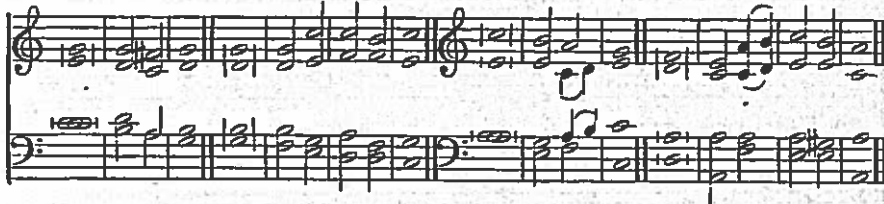
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EDWARD J. HOPKINS.



W. SAVAGE.

R. BACON.



**B**LESSED be the Lord God of Isra- | el:  
 For He hath visited and re- | deemed . His | peo- | ple;  
 And hath raised up a horn of sal- | vation | for us:  
 In the house of His | servant | Da- | vid;  
 As He spake by the mouth of His | holy | prophets:  
 Which have been | since the | world be- | gan;  
 That we should be saved | from our | enemies:  
 And from the hand of | all that | hate us;  
 To perform the mercy promised | to our | fathers:  
 And to remember His | holy | cove- | nant;  
 The oath which He sware to our father | Abra- | ham:  
 That He would | grant | unto | us;  
 That we, being delivered out of the hand | of our | enemies:  
 Might | serve Him | without | fear,  
 In holiness and righteousness be- | fore | Him:  
 All the | days | of our | life.  
 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet | of the | Highest:  
 For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord | to pre- | pare His | ways;  
 To give knowledge of salvation | unto His | people:  
 By the re- | mission | of their | sins,  
 Through the tender mercy | of our | God:  
 Whereby the Day-spring from on | high hath | visited | us;  
 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the | shadow . of | death:  
 To guide our feet | into . the | way of | peace.  
**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. A- | men.

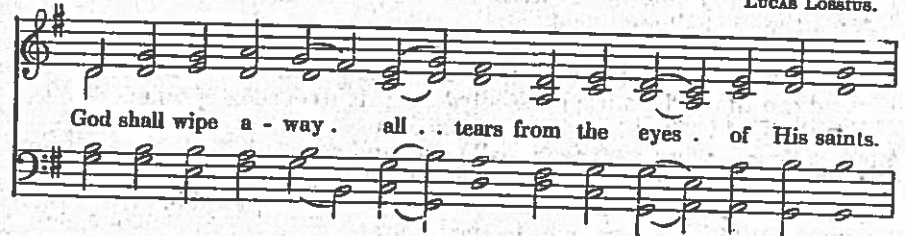
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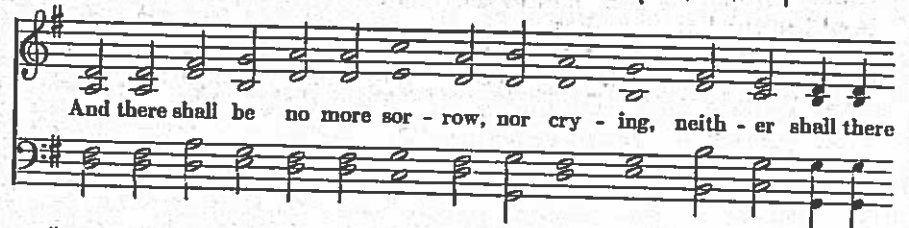
THE BEATITUDES.

Antiphon.

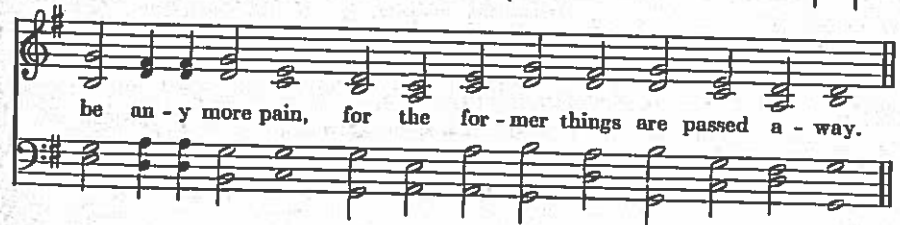
LUCAS LOSSIUS.



God shall wipe a - way . all . . tears from the eyes . of His saints.



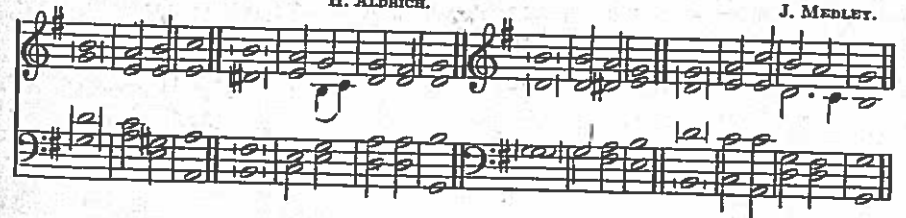
And there shall be no more sor - row, nor cry - ing, neith - er shall there



be an - y more pain, for the for - mer things are passed a - way.

H. ALDRICH.

J. MEDLEY.



Blessed are the | poor in | spirit:  
 For their's | is the | kingdom . of | heaven.  
 Blessed are | they that | mourn:  
 For they | shall be | comfort- | ed.  
 Blessed | are the | meek:  
 For they | shall in- | herit . the | earth.  
 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after | righteous- | ness:  
 For | they | shall be | filled.

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Blessed are the | merci- | ful:

For they | shall ob- | tain | mercy.

Blessed are the | pure in | heart:

For | they | shall see | God.

Blessed are the | peace- | makers:

For they shall be | called the | children . of | God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for | righteousness' | sake:

For their's | is the | kingdom . of | heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say  
all manner of evil against you falsely for | My | sake:

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, for great is your re- | ward in | heav- | en.

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. A- | men.

*Antiphon repeated.*



## Order for Marriage

¶ *Before solemnizing a Marriage, the Minister shall diligently inquire: First, as to whether the union contemplated be in accordance with the Word of God; Second, whether it be in accordance with the Laws of the State. No Marriage shall be solemnized unless the Minister be convinced that God's blessing may properly be asked upon it.*

¶ *The Minister may publish the Banns in the church, one or more Sundays before the day appointed for the Marriage, saying:*

*N. N. and N. N. purpose to enter into the holy estate of Matrimony, according to God's ordinance. They desire that prayer be made for them, that they may enter into this union in the Name of the Lord, and be prospered in it. If any one can show just cause why they may not be joined together, I exhort him to make known such objection before the day of marriage.*

¶ *When a Marriage is solemnized in the church, a Hymn may be sung, and Psalm 67 or Psalm 128 may be sung or said, ending with the Gloria Patri.*

¶ *When a Marriage is solemnized in the home, the rubrics pertaining to the Chancel and the Altar (pages 265-266) shall be disregarded.*

¶ *The Persons to be married having presented themselves at the entrance to the Chancel, the Man to the right of the Woman, the Minister shall say:*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

**D**EARLY Beloved: Forasmuch as Marriage is a holy estate, ordained of God, and to be held in honor by all, it becometh those who enter therein to weigh, with reverent minds, what the Word of God teacheth concerning it:

**T**HE Lord God said,  
It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

**H**AVE ye not read that He which made them at the beginning, made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore, they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

The Apostle Paul, speaking by the Holy Spirit, saith:

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**H**USBANDS love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

And although, by reason of sin, many a cross hath been laid thereon, nevertheless our gracious Father in heaven doth not forsake His children in an estate so holy and acceptable to Him, but is ever present with His abundant blessing.

**I**NTO this holy estate, this Man and this Woman come now to be united. If any one, therefore, can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let him now speak, or else forever hold his peace.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the Man:*

**N.** WILT thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Man shall say:*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the Woman:*

**N.** WILT thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor and keep him in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Woman shall say:*

I will.

¶ *If the Woman be Given in Marriage, the Minister shall now receive her at the hands of her father (or guardian or any friend), the Woman placing her right hand in the hand of the Minister. Then shall the Minister place the right hand of the Woman in the right hand of the Man. Then shall they loose their hands.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister precede the Man and the Woman to the Altar. The Man shall take the right hand of the Woman and say after the Minister:*

**I,** N., take thee, N., to my wedded Wife, and plight thee my troth, till death us do part.

¶ *Then shall the Woman, in like manner, say after the Minister:*

**I,** N., take thee, N., to my wedded Husband, and plight thee my troth, till death us do part.

¶ *If the wedding Ring be used, the Minister shall now receive it and give it to the Man to put on the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand.*

¶ *Then shall the Man say, or if two rings be used, the Man and the Woman, in turn, shall say, after the Minister:*

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Receive this Ring as a token of wedded love and troth.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Join your right hands.

¶ *Then shall the Minister lay his right hand upon their hands and say:*

**F**ORASMUCH as N. and N. have consented together in holy wedlock, and have declared the same before God and in the presence of this company, I pronounce them Man and Wife, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

¶ *Then may they kneel and the Minister may bless them, saying:*

**T**HE Lord God, Who created our first parents and sanctified their union in Marriage: Sanctify and bless you, that ye may please Him both in body and soul, and live together in holy love until life's end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and most Merciful God, Who hast now united this man and this woman in the holy estate of Matrimony: Grant them grace to live therein according to Thy Holy Word; strengthen them in constant fidelity and true affection toward each other; sustain and defend them amidst all trials and temptations; and help them so to pass through this world in faith toward Thee, in communion with Thy Holy Church, and in loving service one of the other, that they may enjoy forever Thy heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

**O**UR 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the Benediction:*

**T**HE Lord bless you, and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.



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¶ If a simpler form is desired, the Order (page 266) may be as follows:

**N** WILT thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ The Man shall say:

I will.

¶ Then shall the Minister say to the Woman:

**N** WILT thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor and keep him in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ The Woman shall say:

I will.

¶ Then shall the Minister say:

Join your right hands.

¶ Then shall the Minister lay his right hand upon their hands and say:

**F**ORASMUCH as N. and N. have consented together in holy wedlock, and have declared the same before God and in the presence of this company, I pronounce them Man and Wife, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

¶ Then shall be said the Collect, the Lord's Prayer, and the Benediction.



## Order for Ordination

¶ Ordination shall be administered by authority of a Synod, and according to its appointment.

¶ The Order for Ordination shall be conducted by the President of Synod, or, in his absence, by a Minister whom he shall appoint.

¶ One or more Ministers thereto appointed may participate in the Laying-on of Hands.

¶ The Service shall be used, with the following Introit, Collect, Epistle and Gospel.

### INTROIT

**T**HEY go from strength to strength: every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising Thee.

*Ps.* He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed: shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

### COLLECT

**O** LORD God, Which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy Word, that wonders of Thy grace may be wrought by the Name of Thy Holy Child Jesus, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

### EPISTLE. Romans 10:6-15.

**T**HE righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the

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### ORDER FOR THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS

- ¶ *Baptism shall ordinarily be administered in the Church at any of the stated services, or at a specially appointed service. At Matins or Vespers, the Order here given may follow the Lessons or the Sermon; at The Service it may follow the Sermon.*
- ¶ *When circumstances demand, Baptism may be administered privately, and public announcement thereof shall afterward be made. Infants should be brought to the Church for Holy Baptism as soon as possible after birth.*
- ¶ *The names of the Parents, of the Sponsors, of the Child, and of the Minister, with the date and place of birth and of baptism, shall be entered in the Record of the Congregation, and a proper certificate issued.*
- ¶ *Only members of the Church shall be accepted as Sponsors, and they shall be instructed as to their spiritual responsibility to the Child.*
- ¶ *This Order may be preceded and followed by a Hymn.*
- ¶ *The Sponsors (and the Assistant), together with the Congregation, shall say, Amen, at the end of each prayer.*

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.  
*Amen.*

**D**EARLY Beloved: Forasmuch as all men are born in sin, and our Saviour Jesus Christ hath said, Except a man be born of Water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God: Let us call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his goodness and mercy he will receive *this Child* by baptism, and make *him* a living member of his holy Church.

¶ *Then may the Minister make the sign of the Cross on the Child's forehead, saying: Receive the sign of the holy Cross, in token that henceforth thou shalt know the Lord, and the power of his Resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings.*

¶ *The Congregation shall stand until the end of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty and everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We call upon thee for *this Child*, and beseech thee to bestow upon *him* the gift of thy baptism and thine everlasting grace by the washing of regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying: Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Baptism of Infants

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

**H**EAR the Holy Gospel, which saith: They brought young children to him that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

¶ *Then shall all say the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *During the Prayer the Minister may lay his hand upon the head of the Child.*

**O**UR 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to those who present the Child:*

**S**INCE in Christian love you present *this Child* for Holy Baptism, I charge you that you diligently and faithfully teach *him* the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer; and that, as *he* grows in years, you place in *his* hands the Holy Scriptures, bring *him* to the services of God's House, and provide for *his* instruction in the Christian Faith; that, abiding in the covenant of *his* Baptism and in communion with the Church, *he* may be brought up to lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. I therefore call upon you to answer in *his* stead:

¶ *Then may the Minister say:*

Do you renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?  
*Answer: I renounce them.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?  
*Answer: I believe.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: Descended into hell; The third day rose again from the dead; Ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; Whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead?

*Answer: I believe.*

## The Baptism of Infants

Do you believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian (or, catholic) Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting?

Answer: I believe.

¶ Then shall the Minister say to those who present the Child:

Do you present *this Child* to be baptized into this Christian Faith?

Answer: I do.

¶ The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, whose dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, hath said to his disciples: All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, and hath commanded them to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and hath promised to be with them alway, even unto the end of the world: Regard the prayers of thy people, and grant unto *this Child* now to be baptized, the fulness of thy grace, that *he* may ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ The Minister may now ask, How shall this Child be named? and shall then baptize him by applying water three times as he saith:

N., I BAPTIZE thee: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister, laying his hand on the head of the Child, shall say:

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath begotten thee again of Water and the Holy Ghost, and hath forgiven thee all thy sin, strengthen thee with his grace unto life everlasting. Amen.

Peace be with thee.

¶ Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God and Father: We thank thee that thou dost graciously preserve and extend thy Church, and that thou hast granted to *this Child* the new birth in Holy Baptism, and received *him* as thy Child and heir to thy kingdom; and we humbly beseech thee to defend and keep *him* in this grace, that *he* may never depart from thee but may always live according to thy will, and finally receive the fulness of thy promise in thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister say:

THE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you alway. Amen.

## Confirmation

### ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION

¶ Candidates for Confirmation shall be instructed in the Christian Faith as it is set forth in the Small Catechism, and be approved in such manner as may be deemed satisfactory by the Pastor and the Church Council.

¶ Confirmation shall be administered at a public service of the Congregation. In case of serious illness or pressing necessity, it may be administered privately in the presence of members of the Church. In such case the Confirmation shall be publicly announced to the Congregation.

¶ When Confirmation is administered at The Service, and there be no Communion, this Order shall follow the Prayer of the Church.

¶ If the Holy Communion be administered, this Order shall follow the Sermon; and at the conclusion of this Order, The Service shall be continued with the Offering, the Offertory, and the Prayer of the Church.

¶ Before the Epistle and the Gospel for the Day, one or more of the following Lessons may be read: Acts 8:14-17; Romans 10:8-11 (Begin: The word is nigh thee); Ephesians 2:13-22; Ecclesiastes 12:1-7; John 15:1-16.

¶ The Hymn, Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, (No. 117), or another Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost, shall be sung.

¶ The Minister shall say:

THE following persons, having been instructed in the Christian Faith and approved by the Church, are now presented for the Rite of Confirmation.

¶ Then shall the Minister announce the names of the persons to be confirmed, after which they shall come to the Altar.

¶ Then shall the Minister say:

DEARLY Beloved: In Holy Baptism you were received by our Lord Jesus Christ and made members of his holy Church. In accordance with our Lord's command, you have been instructed in the Word of God and led to the knowledge of his will and of his gracious Gospel, and you now desire to make public profession of your faith, and to be confirmed. I therefore ask each of you:

¶ The Minister may then say:

DO you renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?  
Answer: I renounce them.

¶ Then shall the Minister say:

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?  
Answer: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Answer: I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

## Public Confession

¶ Then shall the Minister rise and say the Absolution. The Congregation shall remain kneeling until after the Benediction. Where customary, the Minister may lay his hand on the heads of the penitents as he says the Absolution.

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of his dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgiveth us all our sins. As a Minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ Here the Minister may also say:

**O**N the other hand, by the same authority, I declare unto the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as they continue in their impenitence, God hath not forgiven their sins, and will assuredly visit their iniquities upon them, if they turn not from their evil ways, and come to true repentance and faith in Christ, ere the day of grace be ended.

¶ Then shall the Minister kneel, and all shall say the Lord's Prayer.

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, . . .

¶ Then shall the Minister say the Collect for the Day. Other suitable collects may then be said, and after them the Collect for Peace.

℣. The Lord will give strength unto his people.

℞. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**O** GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ The Minister shall rise and say the Benediction.

**T**HE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

## ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

¶ The Order for the Burial of the Dead is provided for the burial of those who depart this life in the Christian Faith.

¶ The death of a member of the Church should be reported immediately to the Pastor, and no arrangements for the burial should be made without consultation with him.

¶ This Order may be used in the Church, or at the house, before the burial. The service should be held in the Church whenever possible.

¶ The Minister, in his customary vestments, shall go before the body as it is brought into the Church. The Congregation shall stand. The coffin shall be placed before the Chancel in a lengthwise position. During the service the coffin shall remain closed. The Congregation may provide a funeral pall.

¶ When a brief service is held at the house before going to the Church, it may include a Hymn or Psalm, a Lesson, a Collect or Prayer, and a Benediction.

¶ Before the service, the altar-candles shall be lighted. Only flowers of the immediate family should be permitted in the Chancel.

¶ This Order may be used as a Memorial Service after the Burial.

¶ The Order of the Church herein provided shall in no case be interrupted by the exercises of secular organizations, and shall close with the Benediction immediately following the final Collect.

¶ The service may begin with a Hymn, after which the Minister shall sing or say:

Organ Minister

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *℣. A-men.*

¶ Then shall be sung or said the Kyrie.

Minister Congregation. Unison  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. *℣. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.*

# Burial of the Dead

Minister

Congregation

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us: *ry.* Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Minister

Congregation

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us: *ry.* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

¶ Then shall be sung or said one or more of the Psalms here following. The Psalm may be preceded and followed by an Antiphon.

PSALM 130. *De profundis.*

Antiphon. Unison

If thou, Lord, should-est mark in - i - q - ui - ties, O Lord, who shall stand?

# Burial of the Dead

J. TURLE, from H. PURCELL

Second part

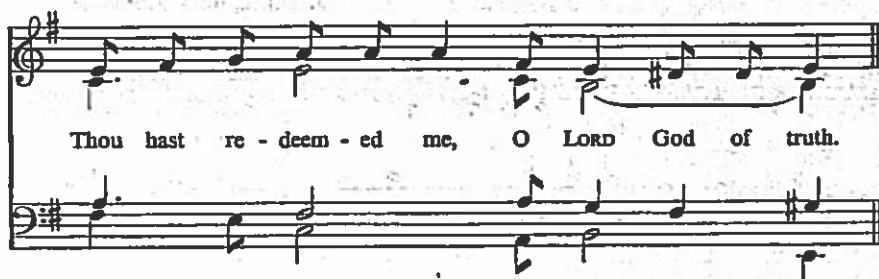
OUT of the ' depths:  
 \* have I ' cried - unto ' thee, O ' LORD.  
 Lord, hear my ' voice:  
 \* let thine ears be attentive to the ' voice of my ' suppli - cations.  
 If thou, LORD, shouldst mark ' in 'iquities:  
 \* O ' Lord, ' who shall ' stand?  
 But there is forgiveness with ' thee:  
 \* that ' thou ' mayest be ' fear-ed.  
 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth ' wait:  
 \* and in ' his ' Word do I ' hope.  
 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they  
 that watch for the ' morning:  
 \* I say, more than ' they that ' watch - for the ' morning.  
 Let Israel hope in the ' LORD:  
 \* for with the ' Lord ' there is ' mercy;  
 And with ' him:  
 \* is ' plen - teous re - demption.  
 Second part  
 And he shall redeem ' Israel:  
 \* from ' all ' his in 'iquities.  
 GLORY be to the ' Father:  
 \* and to the ' Son, - and to the ' Holy ' Ghost;  
 As it was in the be - ginning:  
 \* is now and ever shall be ' world without ' end. A ' men.  
 Antiphon repeated.

PSALM 23. *Dominus regit me.*

Antiphon. Unison

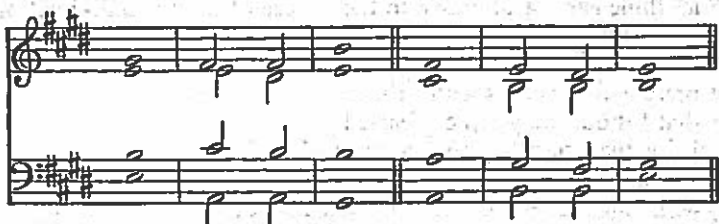
In - to - thy hands, O LORD: I com - mit my spir - it.

## Burial of the Dead



Thou hast re - deem - ed me, O LORD God of truth.

After J. Goss



**T**HE ' LORD is my ' Shepherd:

\* I ' shall not ' want.

He maketh me to lie down in ' green ' pastures:

\* he leadeth me beside the ' still ' waters.

He re - ' storeth my ' soul:

\* he leadeth me in the paths of ' righteousness - for his ' Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will ' fear no ' evil:

\* for thou art with me; thy rod and

thy ' staff they ' comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the ' presence of mine ' enemies:

\* thou anointest my head with oil; my ' cup - runneth ' over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the ' days of my ' life:

\* and I will dwell in the house of the ' LORD for ' ever.

GLORY ' be to the ' Father:

\* and to the Son, and to the ' Holy ' Ghost;

As it ' was in - the be - ' ginning:

\* is now, and ever shall be, world without ' end. A ' men.

*Antiphon repeated.*

¶ *Instead of these, Psalms 27, 34, 42, 73, 84, 90, 103, 116, 121, 126, 139, or 146 may be used.*

## Burial of the Dead

¶ *Then shall be read one or more of the following Lessons:*

**W**HAT shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Rom. 8:31-39.*

**N**OW if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. *1 Cor. 15:12-26.*

**BLESSED** be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. *1 Pet. 1:3-9.*

**AFTER** this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces; and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. *Rev. 7:9-17.*

**AND** I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. *Rev. 21:3-7.*

**VERILY**, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. *John 5:24-29.*

**THEN** said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. *John 11:21-27.*

**LET** not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. *John 14:1-6.*

#### *At the Burial of a Child*

**AND** they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them. *Mark 10:13-16.*

## Burial of the Dead

† One or more of the following Lessons may also be read: I Cor. 15:50-58;  
 I Thess. 4:13-18 (Epistle for the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity);  
 Matt. 9:18, 19, 23-26 (Gospel for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity);  
 Luke 7:11-16 (Gospel for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity).  
 † Then may be sung a Responsory, or a Hymn, or a suitable Anthem.

### THE RESPONSORIES

#### I. Si bona suscepimus.

Adapted by HAROLD W. GILBERT  
 FROM BARTHOLOMÆUS GESIUS, 1605

Shall we re - ceive -- good at the hand of the LORD, and

shall we not re - ceive e - - - vil? The LORD -- gave, and the  
 ceive - - e - - vil?

LORD hath ta - - - ken a - way. V. Bless - ed be the Name of the  
 LORD hath ta - - ken a - way.

LORD hath ta - ken a - - way.

LORD. The LORD gave, and the LORD hath ta - - - ken a - way.  
 LORD hath ta - - ken a - way.

LORD hath ta - ken a - - way.

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### II. Credo, quod Redemptor meus.

JEREMIAH FRANKLIN OHL, 1916

I know that my re - deem - er liv - - eth; and that he shall

stand at the lat - ter day up - on the earth; and in my

flesh shall I see God. V. Whom I shall see for my - self, and mine eyes

shall be - hold, and not an - oth - er. And in my flesh shall I see God.



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## III. Ecce, quomodo moritur justus.

Adapted by HAROLD W. GILBERT  
From JACOB HANDL (c. 1590-1591)

Be - hold, how the right - eous di - - eth, and no man lay - eth

it to heart, and the just are tak - en - a - way, and

none - con - sid - er - eth. From - the e - vil to come is he

ta - ken a - way; and his mem - o - ry shall - - be in peace. V: In

peace - - he rests in the earth, and in Zi - on is his hab - i -

He rests

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ta - - tion. His mem - o - ry shall be in peace.

¶ Then may follow a Sermon.

¶ Then may a Hymn be sung.

¶ Then may the following Canticle be sung, and with it an Antiphon.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Antiphon

Based on LUCAS LOSSIUS

O how glo - ri - ous is that king - dom where - in all the

saints do re - jice with Christ. They are cloth - ed with white robes,

and fol - low the Lamb whith - er - so - ev - er he go - eth.

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JOHN BLOW



**L**ORD, now lettest thou thy servant de- ' part in ' peace:  
 \* ac- ' cording to ' thy ' word;  
 For mine eyes have ' seen thy sal ' vation:  
 \* which thou hast prepared before the ' face of ' all ' people;  
 A light to ' lighten the ' Gentiles:  
 \* and the ' glory . of thy ' people ' Israel.  
**GLORY ' be to the ' Father:**  
 \* and to the ' Son . and to the ' Holy ' Ghost;  
 As it ' was in . the be- ' ginning:  
 \* is now, and ever shall be ' world without ' end. A ' men.  
*Antiphon repeated.*

¶ *In place of the Nunc Dimittis, the Benedictus may be sung as the Canticle (Matins, p. 136).*

¶ *Then shall the Congregation rise and the following Prayers, or other Prayers, shall be said:*

Organ	Minister	Congregation. Unison
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O God, the Father in heav-en: Have mer-cy up-on us.

Minister	Congregation
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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: Have mer-cy up-on us.

# Burial of the Dead

Minister

Congregation

O God the Holy Ghost, the Com-forter: Grant us thy peace.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, . . .

¶ *Then may the Minister say one or more of the following Collects:*

**O** GOD, our heavenly Father, who has taught us by thy holy Apostle not to sorrow overmuch for them that sleep in Jesus: Mercifully grant, that after this life, we, with all thy saints, may be received into everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

(After the Collects)

A - - men.

**A**Lmighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give thee hearty thanks for thy grace bestowed upon thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors; and we beseech thee, that we, with all who have departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hast appointed us to endure sufferings and death with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with him into eternal glory: Grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to thy holy will, and to continue steadfast in the true faith unto the end of our lives; and at all times to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead, and of the glory of the world to come; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful, and the strength of the weak: May the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto thee, graciously come before thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive thy manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, before whose face the generations rise and pass away, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the blessed dead: We rejoice in the communion of thy saints; we remember all who have faithfully lived; all who have peacefully died; and especially those most dear to us who rest in thee. Give us at length our portion with those who have trusted in thee and striven in all things to do thy holy will; and unto thy Name, with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, we ascribe all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us through this present world in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; that, when we have served thee in our day and generation, we may be gathered to our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of thy Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a holy hope, in favor with thee our God, and in perfect charity with all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, who healest the broken in heart, and bindest up their wounds: Look in tender pity and compassion upon thy servants whose joy has been turned into mourning. Leave them not comfortless, but grant that they may be drawn closer to thee and to one another by their common sorrow. Fill their souls with the light and comfort of thy presence. Grant unto them such a vision of that life wherein all mysteries shall be revealed, and all tears be wiped away, that they may be able to endure as seeing thee who art invisible. So dwell with them and be their God, until the day break and the shadows flee away; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY, everlasting God, who by reason of sin causest man to die and return to the dust: So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Grant us a true faith in thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who was delivered for our offences, was raised again for our justification, and reigneth to all eternity. Help us by thy grace that we may die daily unto sin and live according to thy holy will, so that, when our last hour shall come, we may be prepared for a peaceful departure. Receive our souls unto thyself, and grant that at the last day our bodies may rise again from the grave unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*At the Burial of a Child*

**O** GOD, whose most dear Son took little children into his arms and blessed them: Give us grace, we beseech thee, to entrust the soul of this child to thy never-failing care and love; and bring us all to thy heavenly kingdom; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** GOD our Father, we pray that thou wilt keep in tender love the life which we shall hold in blessed memory. Help us who continue here to serve thee with constancy, trusting in thy promise of eternal life, that hereafter we may be united with thy blessed children in glory everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Special Prayers and Supplications may here be said. The following are suitable: Numbers 43, 53, 87, 101, and 110; No. 14 in Prayers for Private Devotion; and the Collect for All Saints' Day.*

¶ *Then shall be said the Prayer:*

**G**OD of all Grace, who didst send thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light: Most humbly and heartily we give thee thanks, that by his death he hath destroyed the power of death, and by his glorious resurrection hath opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Grant us assuredly to know that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, shall be able to separate us from thy love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## Burial of the Dead

¶ Then shall the Minister say:

**T**HE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.



¶ If the foregoing Order be not used, then the Service may include the following parts, in this order: Invocation; one or more Psalms, with the Gloria Patri; one or more Lessons from Holy Scripture; a Canticle; Prayers; and the Benediction. A brief Address may follow the Lesson. A Hymn may be sung after the Lessons, or after the Address.

### THE SERVICE AT THE GRAVE

¶ When the body has been committed to the grave, the Minister may say:

**B**LESSED are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors. I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

¶ Or, he may say:

**I**N the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour: Suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

¶ Then, as earth is cast upon the coffin, the Minister shall say:

**F**ORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy, to take unto himself the soul of our *brother*: we therefore commit *his* body to the ground;\* earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change the body of our low estate, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

¶ Or, he may say:

**F**ORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God in his wise providence to call out of this world the soul of our *brother*, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground. Dust thou art, to dust thou shalt return. Jesus Christ, our Saviour, shall at the latter day raise thee from the dead.

\* At the Burial of the Dead at sea, the words to the deep, shall be substituted for the words to the ground; and the words earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, shall be omitted.

## Burial of the Dead

¶ Then may the Benedictus or a Hymn be sung.

¶ Then may the Minister say one or more of the following Prayers:

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, who by the death of thy Son, Jesus Christ, hast destroyed death, and by his rest in the tomb hast sanctified the graves of thy saints, and by his glorious resurrection hast brought life and immortality to light, so that all who die in him abide in peace and hope: Receive, we beseech thee, our unfeigned thanks for the victory over death and the grave which he hath obtained for us, and for all who sleep in him; and keep us, who are still in the body, in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for thee on earth, and with all around thee in heaven, in union with him who is the Resurrection and the Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the sting of death: Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall peacefully asleep in thee, and awake after thy likeness; through thy mercy, O our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister say:

**N**OW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the 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 well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or,

**T**HE LORD bless thee and keep thee. The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. *Amen.*

## ORDER FOR MARRIAGE

¶ *Before solemnizing a Marriage, the Minister shall counsel with the persons about to be married, and shall diligently inquire: first, as to whether the union contemplated be in accordance with the Word of God; second, whether it be in accordance with the laws of the State. No Marriage shall be solemnized unless the Minister be convinced that God's blessing may properly be asked upon it.*

¶ *The Minister may publish the Banns in the Church, one or more Sundays before the day appointed for the Marriage, saying: N.N. and N.N. purpose, to enter into the holy estate of Matrimony, according to God's ordinance. They desire that prayer be made for them, that they may enter into this union in the Name of the Lord, and be prospered in it. If any one can show just cause why they may not be joined together, I exhort him to make known such objection before the day of the marriage.*

¶ *All arrangements for the Marriage service shall be made in consultation with the Pastor. Due reverence shall be maintained in the preparation for, and the celebration of, the marriage. The use of secular music shall not be permitted in the Church.*

¶ *When a Marriage is solemnized, in the Church, a Hymn may be sung, and Psalm 67 or Psalm 128 may be sung or said, ending with the Gloria Patri. If there be an Address it may then follow.*

¶ *The Congregation shall stand for the Invocation.*

¶ *The persons to be married having presented themselves at the entrance to the Chancel, or before the Altar, the Man to the right of the Woman, the Minister shall say:*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.  
*Amen.*

**D**EARLY Beloved: Forasmuch as Marriage is a holy estate, ordained of God, and to be held in honor by all, it becometh those who enter therein to weigh, with reverent minds, what the Word of God teacheth concerning it:

**T**HE Lord God said:  
It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
**H**AVE ye not read that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore, they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

¶ *Then shall be read one or both of the following Lectons:*

The Apostle Paul, speaking by the Holy Spirit, saith:

**H**USBANDS, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it. He that loveth his wife, loveth himself; for no man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourisheth it, even as the Lord the Church. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord; for the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church.

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The Apostle Peter, speaking by the Holy Spirit, saith:

**Y**E wives, let your adorning be the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price. Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel and as being heirs together of the grace of life.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

**A**ND although, by reason of sin, many a cross hath been laid thereon, nevertheless our gracious Father in heaven doth not forsake his children in an estate so holy and acceptable to him, but is ever present with his abundant blessing.

¶ *If the Banns have not been published, then the Minister may say:*

**I**NTO this holy estate this Man and this Woman come now to be united. If any one, therefore, can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let him now speak, or else forever hold his peace.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the Man:*

**N**., WILT thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Man shall say:*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the Woman:*

**N**., WILT thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor and keep him in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Woman shall say:*

I will.

¶ *If the Woman be given in Marriage, the Minister shall say:*

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

¶ *The Minister shall then receive her at the hands of her father (or guardian or any friend), the Woman placing her right hand in the hand of the Minister. Then shall the Minister place the right hand of the Woman in the right hand of the Man. Then shall they loose their hands.*

¶ *If the first part of the service has been conducted at the entrance to the Chancel, the Minister shall now precede the Man and Woman to the Altar.*

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¶ *The Man shall take the right hand of the Woman and say after the Minister:*

I, N., take thee, N., to my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

¶ *Then shall the Woman, in like manner, say after the Minister:*

I, N., take thee, N., to my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

¶ *Should a shorter form be desired, the following may be said:*

I, N., take thee, N., to my wedded (wife, or, husband), and plight thee my troth, till death us do part.

¶ *If the wedding Ring be used, the Minister shall now receive it and give it to the Man to put on the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand.*

¶ *Then shall the Man say, or if two rings be used, the Man and the Woman, in turn, shall say, after the Minister:*

Receive this Ring as a token of wedded love and troth.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Join your right hands.

¶ *Then shall the Minister lay his right hand upon their hands and say:*

FORASMUCH as N. and N. have consented together in holy wedlock, and have declared the same before God and in the presence of this company, I pronounce them Man and Wife: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

¶ *Then may they kneel, and the Minister shall bless them, saying:*

THE Lord God, who created our first parents and sanctified their union in Marriage: Sanctify and bless you, that ye may please him both in body and soul, and live together in holy love until life's end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hast now united this Man and this Woman in the holy estate of Matrimony: Grant them grace to live therein according to thy holy Word; strengthen them in constant fidelity and true affection toward each other; sustain and defend them amidst all trials and temptations; and help them so to pass through this world in faith toward

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thee, in communion with thy holy Church, and in loving service one of the other, that they may enjoy forever thy heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

¶ *The Minister may add one or both of the following prayers:*

O ALMIGHTY God, Creator of mankind, who only art the well-spring of life: Bestow upon these thy servants, if it be thy will, the gift and heritage of children; and grant that they may see their children brought up in thy faith and fear, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, who art our dwelling-place in all generations: Look with favor upon the homes of our land; enfold husbands and wives, parents and children, in the bonds of thy pure love; and so bless our homes, that they may be a shelter for the defenceless, a bulwark for the tempted, a resting-place for the weary, and a foretaste of our eternal home in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

O UR Father, who art in heaven, . . .

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the Benediction:*

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

Or,

G OD Almighty send you his light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; his holy Angels accompany you. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, cause his grace to be mighty upon you. Amen.

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## CHORALE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*The Chorale Service follows the tradition of Luther's German Mass in which parts of the liturgy for Holy Communion are replaced with hymns (metrical paraphrases).*

*The numbers in parentheses correspond to the numbered rubrics in the Holy Communion liturgy.*

Entrance Hymn or Psalm (4)

Apostolic Greeting (5)

Hymn 168, Kyrie! God, Father (6)  
or hymn 96, Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

Hymn 166, All Glory Be to God on High (7)

Salutation and Prayer of the Day (8)

First Lesson, Psalm, Second Lesson (9-13)

Hymn 317, To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray (14)

Holy Gospel (15-16)

Hymn of the Day (19)

Sermon (18)

Hymn 374, We All Believe in One True God (20)

The Prayers and the Peace (22-23)

Offering and Offertory (24-27)

The Great Thanksgiving

Preface Dialog and Preface (28)

Hymn 528, Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old

Eucharistic Prayer or Words of Institution (30-33)

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 103, O Christ, Thou Lamb of God (37)  
or hymn 111, Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

The Communion (34-38)

Hymn 215, O Lord, We Praise You (39)

Post-Communion Prayer (40)

Benediction (42)



## HOLY BAPTISM

1. While a baptismal hymn is sung, the candidates, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.
2. The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

3. A sponsor for each candidate, in turn, presents the candidate with these or similar words:

I present \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

4. The minister addresses those candidates who are able to answer for themselves:

\_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_, do you desire to be baptized?

I do.

5. The minister addresses the sponsors and parents.

6. When only young children are baptized, the minister says:

In Christian love you have presented *these children* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring *them* to the services of God's house, and teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As *they* grow in years, you should place in *their* hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for *their* instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of *their* Baptism and in communion with the Church, *they* may lead *godly lives* until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

I do.

7. When older children and adults are baptized also, the minister says:

In Christian love you have presented *these people* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for *them* and help *them* in every way as God gives you opportunity, that *they* may bear witness to the faith we profess, and that, living in the covenant of *their* Baptism and in communion with the Church, *they* may lead *godly lives* until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

I do.

*Stand*

8. When baptisms are celebrated within the Holy Communion, The Prayers may be said at this time, with special reference to those baptized.

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

9. The minister begins the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *those who are* here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of *all those who are* cleansed by this water and bring *them* forth as *inheritors* of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. (24)

10. The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

11. The minister baptizes each candidate.

\_\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in  
the name of the Father,

*The minister pours water on the candidate's head.*

and of the Son,

*The minister pours water on the candidate's head a second time.*

and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*The minister pours water on the candidate's head a third time.*

OR  \_\_\_\_\_ is baptized in  
the name of the Father,

*The minister pours water on the candidate's head.*

and of the Son,

*The minister pours water on the candidate's head a second time.*

and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*The minister pours water on the candidate's head a third time.*



*Sit*

12. *A psalm or hymn may be sung as the minister and the baptismal group go before the altar.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

13. *Those who have been baptized kneel. Sponsors or parents holding young children stand. The minister lays both hands on the head of each of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit:*

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon \_\_\_\_\_<sup>name</sup>: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. (24)

Amen

14. *The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

\_\_\_\_\_<sup>name</sup>, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

*The sponsor or the baptized responds: "Amen."*

15. *After all have received the sign of the cross, they stand.*

16. *A lighted candle may be given to each of the baptized (to the sponsor of a young child) by a representative of the congregation who says:*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

17. *When small children are baptized, this prayer may be said.*

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the *fathers* and *mothers* of these children. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their *children*. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their *children* the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (24)

Amen

*Stand*

18. *The ministers and the baptismal group turn toward the congregation; a representative of the congregation says:*

Through Baptism God has made these new sisters and brothers members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

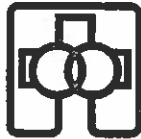
19. *The ministers may exchange the peace with the baptized, with their sponsors and parents, and with the congregation:*

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.

20. *All return to their places.*

21. *The service continues with the Offering.*



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## MARRIAGE

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### *Stand*

1. *The bride, groom, and wedding party stand in front of the minister. The parents may stand behind the couple.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our creator and redeemer, as you gladdened the wedding at Cana in Galilee by the presence of your Son, so by his presence now bring your joy to this wedding. Look in favor upon \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_ and grant that they, rejoicing in all your gifts, may at length celebrate with Christ the marriage feast which has no end. (162)

Amen

### *Sit*

2. *One or more lessons from the Bible may be read. An address may follow. A hymn may be*

The Lord God in his goodness created us male and female, and by the gift of marriage founded human community in a joy that begins now and is brought to perfection in the life to come.

Because of sin, our age-old rebellion, the gladness of marriage can be overcast and the gift of the family can become a burden.

But because God, who established marriage, continues still to bless it with his abundant and ever-present support, we can be sustained in our weariness and have our joy restored.

\_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_, if it is your intention to share with each other your joys and sorrows and all that the years will bring, with your promises bind yourselves to each other as husband and wife.

### *Stand*

3. *The bride and groom face each other and join hands. Each, in turn, promises faithfulness to the other in these or similar words:*

I take you, \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my wife/husband from this day forward,  
to join with you and share all that is to come,  
and I promise to be faithful to you  
until death parts us.

4. *The bride and groom exchange rings with these words:*

I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

5. *The bride and groom join hands, and the minister announces their marriage by saying:*

\_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_, by their promises before God and in the presence of this congregation, have bound themselves to one another as husband and wife.

Blessed be the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

Amen

### *Sit*

6. *The bride and groom kneel.*

The Lord God, who created our first parents and established them in marriage, establish and sustain you, that you may find delight in each other and grow in holy love until your life's end.

7. *The parents may add their blessing with these or similar words; the wedding party may join them.*

May you dwell in God's presence forever; may true and constant love preserve you.

8. *The bride and groom stand.*

*Stand*

Let us bless God for all the gifts in which we rejoice today.

Lord God, constant in mercy, great in faithfulness: With high praise we recall your acts of unfailing love for the human family, for the house of Israel, and for your people the Church.

We bless you for the joy which your servants, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, have found in each other, and pray that you give to us such a sense of your constant love that we may employ all our strength in a life of praise of you, whose work alone holds true and endures forever. (77)

Amen

Let us pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in their life together.

Faithful Lord, source of love, pour down your grace upon \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, that they may fulfill the vows they have made this day and reflect your steadfast love in their life-long faithfulness to each other. As members with them of the body of Christ, use us to support their life together; and from your great store of strength give them power and patience, affection and understanding, courage, and love toward you, toward each other, and toward the world, that they may continue together in mutual growth according to your will in Jesus Christ our Lord. (77)

Amen

*Other intercessions may be offered.*

Let us pray for all families throughout the world.

Gracious Father, you bless the family and renew your people. Enrich husbands and wives, parents and children more and more with your grace, that, strengthening and supporting each other, they may serve those in need and be a sign of the fulfillment of your perfect kingdom, where, with your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God through all ages of ages. (77)

Amen

10. *When there is no Communion, the service continues with the Lord's Prayer.*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen

OR

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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, keep you in his light and truth and love now and forever.

Amen



## BURIAL OF THE DEAD

1. This rite may be used as a memorial service by omitting those portions indicated by the red line in the left margin.
2. The ceremonies or tributes of social or fraternal societies have no place within the service of the Church.

### *At the Entrance to the Church*

3. The ministers meet the coffin, the pallbearers, and the bereaved at the entrance to the church.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Thanks be to God.

4. A pall may be placed upon the coffin by the pallbearers or other assisting ministers, and the following may be said.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a

### *Procession*

#### *Stand*

5. The procession forms and enters the church, the ministers preceding the coffin.
6. A psalm, hymn, or appropriate verse may be sung as the procession goes to the front of the church.

#### *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

7. One of the following prayers is said.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our *brother/sister*, \_\_\_\_\_ name. We thank you for giving *him/her* to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (27)

Amen

OR

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (28)

Amen

OR

Almighty God, those who die in the Lord still live with you in joy and blessedness. We give you heartfelt thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. May we, with all who have died in the true faith, have perfect fulfillment and joy in your eternal and everlasting glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (29)

Amen

O God, your days are without end and your mercies cannot be counted. Make us aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, so that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of your Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in peace with all humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (287)

Amen

OR

*AT THE BURIAL OF A CHILD*

O God our Father, your beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them. Give us grace, we pray, that we may entrust \_\_\_\_\_ name to your never-failing care and love, and bring us all to your heavenly kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (288)

Amen

*Sit*

8. One or two LESSONS are read. A psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung between the first and second readings.

9. The appropriate VERSE may be sung:

Alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Alleluia.

OR

*LENT*

If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him; if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with him.

*Stand*

10. The GOSPEL is read

*Sit*

11. The SERMON follows the reading of the Gospel.

*Stand*

13. The CREED may be said.

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

14. The PRAYERS are said. Other appropriate prayers may be used instead.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

Hear us, Lord.

Ⓐ Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

☒ Hear us, Lord.

Ⓐ Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

☒ Hear us, Lord.

Ⓐ Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

☒ Hear us, Lord.

Ⓐ Grant us grace to entrust \_\_\_\_\_ name to your never-failing love which sustained *him/her* in this life. Receive *him/her* into the arms of your mercy, and remember *him/her* according to the favor you bear for your people.

☒ Hear us, Lord.

15. *The minister concludes the intercessions with one of the following prayers.*

Ⓐ God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (284)

☒ Amen

OR

Ⓐ God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in you. . . . Give us in time our portion with those who have trusted in you and have striven to do your holy will. To your name, with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, we ascribe all honor and glory, now and forever. (285)

☒ Amen

16. *When Holy Communion is celebrated, the service continues with the Peace. The Commendation then follows the post-communion canticle ("Lord, now you let your servant . . .")*

17. *When there is no Communion, the service continues with the Lord's Prayer.*

☒ Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen

OR

☒ 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen

*Sit*

*Commendation*

18. *The ministers take their places at the coffin.*

Ⓐ Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, \_\_\_\_\_ name. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive *him/her* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. (286)

☒ Amen.

Ⓐ Let us go forth in peace.

☒ In the name of Christ. Amen

*Stand*

19. *The procession forms and leaves the church, the ministers preceding the coffin.*

20. *As the procession leaves the church, a psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung. The canticle, "Lord, now you let your servant . . .," may be sung if it has not been sung in the Holy Communion (39).*

*Committal*

21. *The ministers precede the coffin to the place of interment. During the procession, one or more of these verses may be sung or said.*

Ⓐ I called to the Lord in my distress; the Lord answered by setting me free. It is better to rely on the Lord than to put any trust in flesh. It is better to rely on the

I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, but the Lord came to my help.  
There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.  
Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the  
Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter." (Ps. 118:5, 8-9, 13, 15-17, 19-20)

☐ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and  
after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God. (Job 19:25-26)

☐ None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to  
the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we  
die, we are the Lord's. (Rom. 14:7-8)

☐ "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord; "he who believes in me,  
though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never  
die." (John 11:25-26)

22. *When all have arrived at the place of burial, the following prayer may be said.*

☐ Almighty God, by the death and burial of Jesus, your anointed, you have destroyed death and sanctified the graves of all your saints. Keep our *brother/sister*, whose *body* we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints and, at the last, raise *him/her* up to share with all your faithful people the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (28)

☐ Amen

23. *One of the following lessons may be read.*

And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if anyone serves me, the Father will honor him." (John 12:23-26)

Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory

But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself. (Phil. 3:20-21)

24. *The coffin is lowered into the grave or placed in its resting place. Earth may be cast on the coffin as the minister says:*

☐ In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our *brother/sister*, \_\_\_\_\_, and we commit *his/her* body to the ground/the deep/the elements/its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless *him/her* and keep *him/her*. The Lord make his face shine on *him/her* and be gracious to *him/her*. The Lord look upon *him/her* with favor and give *him/her* ✠ peace.

☐ Amen

OR

☐ Since almighty God has called our *brother/sister*, \_\_\_\_\_, from this life to himself, we commit *his/her* body to the earth from which it was made/the deep/the elements/its resting place. Christ was the first to rise from the dead, and we know that he will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his in glory. We commend our *brother/sister* to the Lord: May the Lord receive *him/her* into his peace and raise *him/her* up on the last day.

☐ Amen

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

☐ Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen

OR ☐ 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen

☐ Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Grant to us, your servants, so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake in your likeness; to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever. (28)

25. *Then may be said:*

☐ Rest eternal grant *him/her*, O Lord;

☒ and let light perpetual shine upon *him/her*.

26. *The minister blesses the people.*

☐ The God of peace—who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the 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 well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

☐ Amen

☐ Let us go in peace.



## THE PSALMS

### 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the wicked,\*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>Their delight is  
in the law of the LORD,\*  
and they meditate on his law  
day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither;\*  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>It is not so with the wicked;\*  
they are like chaff  
which the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked  
shall not stand upright  
when judgment comes,\*  
nor the sinner  
in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows  
the way of the righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

### 2

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar?\*

Why do the peoples

<sup>2</sup>Why do the kings of the earth  
rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together,\*  
against the LORD and  
against his anointed?

<sup>3</sup>“Let us break their yoke,” they say;\*  
“let us cast off their bonds from us.”

<sup>4</sup>He whose throne is in heaven  
is laughing;\*  
the LORD has them in derision.

<sup>5</sup>Then he speaks to them in his wrath,\*  
and his rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup>“I myself have set my king\*  
upon my holy hill of Zion.”

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce  
the decree of the LORD:\*  
He said to me, “You are my son;  
this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will give you  
the nations for your inheritance\*  
and the ends of the earth  
for your possession.

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an iron rod\*  
and shatter them  
like a piece of pottery.”

<sup>10</sup>And now, you kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear,\*  
and with trembling  
bow before him;

<sup>12</sup>lest he be angry, and you perish,\*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

<sup>13</sup>Happy are they all\*



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## Holy Baptism

### Pattern for Worship

In holy baptism the triune God delivers us from the forces of evil, puts our sinful self to death, gives us new birth, adopts us as children, and makes us members of the body of Christ, the church.

The Christian community at worship celebrates God's gift of baptism in a number of ways. The sacrament itself normally takes place in the midst of the worshiping assembly as a sign that in baptism we are made one with Christ and with the whole people of God. On behalf of the whole church, we promise support to new sisters and brothers, confess the faith with them, and welcome them into the body of Christ. Water connected to the Word—God's saving promise in Jesus Christ—is at the center of the baptismal celebration.

Although a person is baptized once, the gift of baptism continues throughout a Christian's life. Instruction in the faith for a life of discipleship is part of the preparation of those who are to be baptized or their parents and sponsors. The ongoing nurture of that faith is part of the congregation's ministries of formation, education, service, and evangelical witness. The additional orders in this section—Welcome to Baptism, Affirmation of Baptism, and Confession and Forgiveness—provide several ways by which God's people in worship may participate in the lifelong gift of baptism.

# Baptism

*God brings those who are baptized out of death and into life.*

## Presentation

*The Holy Spirit calls and invites us to receive God's grace. Sponsors present those to be baptized, and we promise our support.*

## Profession of Faith

*Only by God's grace can we renounce the forces of evil and the power of sin. With the whole church, we confess our faith in the triune God.*

## Thanksgiving at the Font Baptism

*With thanksgiving, God's saving deeds are remembered. Dying with Christ in baptism, the child of God is raised to new life through water and the Word.*

## Prayer for the Holy Spirit Sign of the Cross

*Additional signs proclaim the meaning of baptism. We pray that the gift of the Holy Spirit sustain the baptized. The baptized are marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

## Welcome

*The baptized are called to follow Jesus, the light of the world. We welcome new companions in the mission of God.*

*Within the service of Holy Communion, this order normally follows the hymn of the day. Or, it may replace the thanksgiving for baptism in the gathering rite.*

# Holy Baptism



HOLY BAPTISM

## Presentation

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly may be seated.*

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

## OR

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates.*

I present name for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses candidates who are able to answer for themselves.*

Name, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

*Each candidate responds:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves.*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your children* baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you bring *your children* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *them* among God's faithful people,  
bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in *their* hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture *them* in faith and prayer,  
so that *your children* may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your children* grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *these persons* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *them* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support name/s and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

We do.

*The assembly stands.*

## Profession of Faith

*The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## Thanksgiving at the Font

*The presiding minister leads the following or another form of the thanksgiving.*

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.

*The assembly may be seated.*

## Baptism

*The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:*

\_\_\_Name\_\_\_, I baptize you in the name of the Father,\*

*The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a second time: and of the Son,*

*The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a third time: and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

*After each baptism, the assembly may respond with one of the following, a sung alleluia, or another acclamation (#209-213).*

Blessed be God, the source of all life,  
the word of salvation,  
the spirit of mercy.

OR

You belong to Christ,  
in whom you have been baptized.  
Alleluia.

\*Or, "Name is baptized in the name of the Father," ...

*Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.*

*The presiding minister continues:*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:*

Sustain \_\_\_name\_\_\_ with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized.*

*Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

\_\_\_Name\_\_\_, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

## Welcome

*A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:*

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me  
will have the light of life.

OR

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

*Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places. An acclamation (#209-215), psalm, or hymn may be sung.*

*The service continues with the prayers of intercession, or, if baptism has taken place in the gathering rite, with the greeting.*



*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands, and the presiding minister continues.*

Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands [and anointing], grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### Blessing

*The presiding minister concludes the order for healing.*

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

### Peace

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

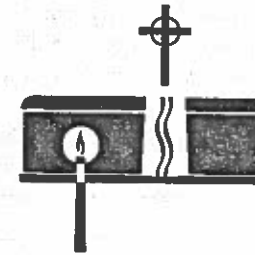
*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

*The service continues with the offering.*



## Funeral



At a person's death, the church shares the grief of those who mourn and remembers the brevity of life on earth. At the funeral we give voice to sorrow, thank God for our loved one, and entrust this companion of ours into the hands of God. Trusting in God's promise in baptism that we are claimed by Christ forever, we rest in the sure hope of the resurrection. When the church gathers to mark the end of life, Christ crucified and risen is the witness of worship, the strength of mutual consolation, and the hope of healing.

This service may be used when the body or ashes are present, or it may be adapted for use as a memorial service. A remembrance and expression of thanksgiving for the life of the deceased may take place after the prayer of the day or before the commendation.

### Gathering

*The ministers may meet the coffin and the bereaved at the entrance to the church. The assembly stands and faces them.*

*The presiding minister may address the assembly using one or both of these paragraphs, or in similar words.*

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister/brother name, to give thanks for her/his life, to commend her/him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

**OR**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

*A thanksgiving for baptism may follow. As a sign of being clothed with Christ in baptism, a pall may be placed on the coffin by family members, pallbearers, or other assisting ministers. The minister or a representative of the congregation may say:*

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

*The presiding minister may lead this acclamation.*

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.  
We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.  
We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.  
We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.  
Amen.

*A procession may form and enter, the ministers leading. A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

## Greeting

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.

**OR**

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In *her/his* baptism, name was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, *she/he* shall be clothed with glory.

## Prayer of the Day

*The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our *sister/brother*, name. We thank you for giving *her/him* to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

**OR**

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**OR (at the death of a child)**

Holy God, your beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them. Help us to entrust name to your never-failing care and love. Comfort us as we bear the pain of *her/his* death, and receive us all into your everlasting arms, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

## Word

### Readings

*The assembly is seated. Two or three scripture readings are proclaimed. When the service includes communion, the last is a reading from the gospels. Responses may include a psalm in response to a reading from the Old Testament, a sung acclamation preceding the reading of the gospel, or other appropriate hymns, songs, and psalms.*

### Sermon

*Silence for reflection follows.*

### Hymn of the Day

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## Creed

*The Apostles' Creed may be spoken.*

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.<sup>\*</sup>  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

\* Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## Prayers of Intercession

*Prayers of intercession are prayed. To each petition the assembly responds:*  
**God of mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds* **Amen.**

*A service with communion continues with the peace. Following the prayer after communion, the service continues with the commendation on p. 283.*

**OR**

*A service without communion continues as follows.*

*The Lord's Prayer is prayed by all.*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**OR**

**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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Sending

### Commendation

*The ministers take their places at the coffin. The presiding minister leads the commendation.*  
Let us commend name to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.  
*Silence is kept.*

*The presiding minister may place her/his hand on the coffin during this prayer.*  
Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant name.  
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive *her/him* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.  
**Amen.**

*Here or during the procession out, a farewell may be sung: "Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace," an acclamation (#222-223), or another hymn or song.*

*If the committal occurs at another time, a blessing may precede these words of sending.*  
Let us go forth in peace,  
in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

*A procession may form and leave the church, the ministers leading.*

## Committal

*The ministers precede the coffin to the place of interment. Words of comfort from the scriptures may accompany or conclude the procession.*

*The presiding minister greets the assembly.*

Grace and peace from our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

Let us pray.

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our sister/brother \_\_\_\_\_, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise her/him up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*A scripture reading may follow.*

*The coffin may be lowered into the grave or placed in its resting place.*

*Earth may be cast on the coffin as the presiding minister says:*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our sister/brother \_\_\_\_\_, and we commit her/his body to  
the ground or the deep or the elements or its resting place;  
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless her/him and keep her/him.

The Lord's face shine on her/him with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon her/him with favor and † give her/him peace.

Amen.

*The following response may be sung, or may be spoken by the minister.*

Rest eternal grant her/him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her/him.

*One of the following prayers may be said.*

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OR

Merciful God, you heal the broken in heart and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Strengthen us in our weakness, calm our troubled spirits, and dispel our doubts and fears. In Christ's rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting life. Renew our trust in you that by the power of your love we shall one day be brought together again with our sister/brother \_\_\_\_\_. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer may be prayed.*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

*The assembly is blessed and sent forth.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.

Let us go in peace.

OR

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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

OR

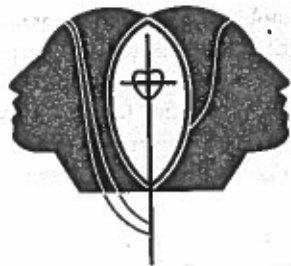
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
Amen.

Let us go in peace.





# Marriage



Marriage is a gift of God, intended for the joy and mutual strength of those who enter it and for the well-being of the whole human family. God created us male and female and blessed humankind with the gifts of companionship, the capacity to love, and the care and nurture of children. Jesus affirmed the covenant of marriage and revealed God's own self-giving love on the cross. The Holy Spirit helps those who are united in marriage to be living signs of God's grace, love, and faithfulness.

Marriage is also a human estate, with vows publicly witnessed. The church in worship surrounds these promises with the gathering of God's people, the witness of the word of God, and prayers of blessing and intercession.

## Gathering

### Entrance

*The assembly stands as the ministers and the wedding group enter. Music—hymn, song, psalm, instrumental music—may accompany the entrance.*

### Greeting

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.

## Declaration of Intention

*The minister addresses the couple in these or similar words, asking each person in turn:*

      Name      , will you have       name       to be your wife/husband, to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her/him, comfort her/him, honor and keep her/him, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her/him as long as you both shall live?

*Response: I will.*

*The minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

Will all of you, by God's grace, uphold and care for       name       and       name       in their life together?

*We will.*

## Prayer of the Day

*The presiding minister leads the following or another prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Enrich       name       and       name       with every good gift, that their life together may show forth your love; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Word

### Readings

*The assembly is seated. Two or three scripture readings are proclaimed. When the service includes communion, the last is a reading from the gospels. Responses may include a psalm in response to a reading from the Old Testament, a sung acclamation preceding the reading of the gospel, or other appropriate hymns, songs, and psalms.*

### Sermon

*Silence for reflection follows.*

### Hymn of the Day

*A hymn of the day may be sung.*

# Marriage

## Vows

*The couple may join hands. Each promises faithfulness to the other in these or similar words.*

I take you, name, to be my wife/husband from this day forward,  
to join with you and share all that is to come,  
and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us.

### OR

In the presence of God and this community,  
I, name, take you, name, to be my wife/husband;  
to have and to hold from this day forward,  
in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health,  
to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live.  
This is my solemn vow.

## Giving of Rings

*The couple may exchange rings with these or similar words.*

Name, I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

### OR

Name, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow.  
With all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## Acclamation

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Name and name, by their promises before God and in the presence of this  
assembly, have joined themselves to one another as husband and wife.

Those whom God has joined together let no one separate.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may offer acclamation with applause. A sung acclamation, hymn, or other music  
may follow.*

*Other symbols of marriage may be given or used at this time.*

## Marriage Blessing

*The couple may kneel. The presiding minister may extend a hand over the couple while praying  
for God's blessing in the following or similar words.*

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus  
Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to endure the cross  
for our sake, that we may have abundance of life.

By the power of your Holy Spirit pour out the abundance of your blessing on  
name and name. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace.  
Let your love be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a  
crown upon their foreheads.

Bless them so that their lives together may bear witness to your love. Bless them  
in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking;  
in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death.

Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast forever in  
your heavenly home, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Parents or others may speak additional words of blessing and encouragement at this time.*

## Prayers of Intercession

*The assembly stands. Prayers of intercession for the world and its needs may be prayed.*

*Each petition may end:*

Gracious and faithful God,  
hear our prayer.

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds Amen.*

*A service with communion continues with the peace. After the presiding minister greets the  
assembly, the couple may greet each other with the kiss of peace, and the assembly may greet one  
another in peace.*

### OR

*A service without communion continues as follows.*

*The Lord's Prayer is prayed by all.*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

**OR**

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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Dismissal

*An assisting minister may send the assembly forth in these or similar words.*  
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*A hymn may be sung or instrumental music played as the wedding group and the ministers depart.*

## Sending

### Peace

*If it has not been included earlier in the service, the greeting of peace may be shared.*  
The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

*The couple may greet one another with the kiss of peace. All present may greet one another with a gesture of peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.*

### Blessing

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing in these or similar words.*

The blessed and holy Trinity make you  
strong in faith and love, defend you on  
every side, and guide you in truth and  
peace, now and forever.  
Amen.

**OR**

God Almighty send you light and  
truth to keep you all the days of your  
life. The hand of God protect you; the  
holy angels accompany you; and the  
blessing of almighty God, the Father,  
the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with  
you now and forever.  
Amen.

