



Welcome

The President introduces the service followed by a **CAROL** sung by the choir.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The President blesses the crib. All respond: **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The President introduces the confession, followed by:

God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and truth: Forgive our failure to receive him. Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid in a manger: Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways. Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call: Forgive the hardness of our hearts. Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

The President says the Absolution, to which all respond:

All: **Amen.**

The Gloria

Choir: Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, Heav'nly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the holy one, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

The President says the Collect, to which all respond:

All: **Amen.**

First Reading – Isaiah 52:7-10

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir sings a **CAROL**.

Gospel Reading – John 1:1-14

Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

All: **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the reading.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We use the following response:

Holy God.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayers:

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

This holy night the angels sang: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.' The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Choir sings a **CAROL**

Preparation of the Table

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

All: **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All: **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

The President continues until the choir sings:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues until...

Great is the mystery of faith:
All: **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

The President continues...and ends:

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All: **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that light is the light of the world.

All: **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All: **Lord, give us this bread always.**

The President and people receive communion. Please follow the directions of the stewards.

Communion CAROLS sung by the Choir.

Prayers after Communion

The President says the Post-Communion Prayer. All respond:

All: **Amen.**

All: **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

The Dismissal

The President says the Blessing, to which all respond:

All: **Amen.**

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All: **Glory, thanks, and praise to God..**

The Choir sings a CAROL.

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