

The Order of Service

The Greeting

- P** This is the day that the Lord has made. | **P** We are transformed in Christ
C Let us rejoice and be glad in it. | **C** to share the hope of eternal life.

Welcome and the Sharing of the Peace

Opening Hymn • 677 “For All the Saints (Verses 1-6)”

The Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 14:1, 3, 7

- P** The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”
C They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.

- P** The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man
C to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

- P** They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;
C there is none who does good, not even one.

- P** Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
C When the Lord restores the fortunes of His people, let Jacob rejoice; let Israel be glad.

Confession and Absolution

(Adapted from portions of St. Paul’s 2nd letter to the Thessalonians)

- P** In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. (2 Thessalonians 3:6)

C Father in heaven, we so much want to please you with our lives. We must admit, though, there are times when we are so busy doing “things”. We confess we struggle when it comes to sharing your love with others. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake. Empower us through Your Spirit to fan into flame the Holy Spirit you have placed inside us at our Baptism..

P Now may the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. (2 Thessalonians 3:16) His peace is yours because of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace who broke down the dividing wall between you and your Heavenly Father. Your sins are forgiven. They are taken away as far as the East is from the West through the blood of Jesus Christ.

C Amen!

The Kyrie

based on Acts 16, Mark 7 and Ephesians 5

P O Lord, as You guide Your church according to Your will,

C have mercy upon us.

P O Christ, as we are called not only to worship with our lips but also with our hearts,

C have mercy upon us.

P O Lord, as You cleansed Your church through the washing of the water with the Word,

C have mercy upon us.

The Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

(Adapted from “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray” LSB 768 verse 2)

P Let us pray.

C Heavenly Father, God of love, bestow on us your grace. Set our hearts aglow through Your Spirit. With hearts united lead us to love each other, every stranger, sister, and brother. Amen.

The First Reading Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

2 Peter 3:8-13

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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The Object Lesson

Verse

Jeremiah 15:16a

- P** Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them,
C and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn • 680 “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

C 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering

Please stand as the offering

The Offertory

Three ways to give:

- 1) offering plate—cash or check.
- 2) online at holycrossstegen.org • Click the "Give" icon.
- 3) by mail.

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

The Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Father in heaven, remember the poor in spirit who gather this day to receive Your grace and steadfast love, by which we are made rich in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God, our Father, You have set apart people for Yourself and washed them in the blood of the Lamb to be Your own. Restore us daily through repentance and forgiveness, and renew our hearts and spirits in holiness, righteousness and faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, remember all civil authorities in Your kindness, and give them wisdom, courage and integrity. As your people, lead us to respect our given right to be involved in the election process of leaders. Lead us to prayerfully recall and bring to heart and mind as well as voice the Biblical beliefs that honor life of the unborn, as well as those of all ages. Lord, in Your mercy

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of compassion, be near to the sick, the aged and infirm, the dying, the grieving, and all the afflicted [*especially* _____]. Grant healing according to Your will, and comfort them with the certain hope of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Today, on this All Saints Day, lead us to remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, especially _____. And, O Lord, through the work of Your Holy Spirit, lead us to be faithful. Lord in your mercy

C **hear our prayer.**

Additional prayers and petitions may be added.

P For these and all of our prayers, we ask that you would hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will. In Jesus' name,

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

The Preface

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:2

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus *∞ Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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.

The Pax Domini ∞ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

The Agnus Dei ∞ *The Lamb of God*

John 1:29



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



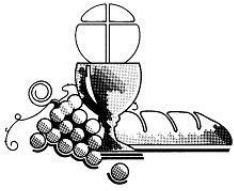
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.



The Distribution of Holy Communion

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine. We believe the Lord's Supper is a means of grace in that it provides forgiveness of sins and strengthening of our faith. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal.

Participants are encouraged to ask these questions: Do I believe that I am a sinner and am truly sorry for my sins? Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior and that it is His true body and blood given to me along with the bread and wine? Do I intend with the help of God to repent of sin as I seek to follow Him?

If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold to a different confession of faith, please come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

Communion Hymn • 611“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

Communion Hymn • 617“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

The Nunc Dimittis ∞ The Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



The Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn • 677 "For All the Saints (Verses 7-8)"

△ *Please stand on the last verse.*

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