

Steadfast in Faith

WELCOME

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

HYMN

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONFESSION

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Father, you come to meet us when we turn to you:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Spirit you give us life and peace:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you
from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen

COLLECT/ READINGS/ 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,
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.**

INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the giver of life.
The peace of the triune God be always with you.
And also with you.

HYMN

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president thanks God for all he has done.

... forever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

The president retells what happened when Jesus shared bread and wine with his friends the night before he died.

... in remembrance of me:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body
because we all share in one bread.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
So to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us.
Amen.

The president and the people receive communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect
unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know
you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal
glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

NOTICES/ HYMN

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you
on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen.