

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Also known as Ante-Communion

ACCORDING TO THE RUBRICS OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, 2019

¶ A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The Lord's Prayer & the Collect for Purity

¶ Officiant and People

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. Amen.

¶ The Officiant then prays

ALMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

The Decalogue

¶ Then follows the Decalogue

GOD spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God.
You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.

EXODUS 20:1-17^T; DEUTERONOMY 5:6-21^T

The Collect of the Day

¶ The Officiant says to the People

Officiant. The Lord be with you.

People. And with your spirit.

Officiant. Let us pray.

¶ The Officiant prays the Collect.

People. Amen.

The Lessons

¶ One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying
Reader. A Reading from _____.

¶ A citation giving chapter and verse may be added. After each Lesson the Reader may say

Reader. The Word of the Lord.

People. Thanks be to God.

¶ Or the Reader may say

Reader. Here ends the Reading.

¶ Silence may follow. A psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each reading. All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

Reader. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to _____.

People. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

Reader. The Gospel of the Lord.

People. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

¶ On Sundays, other Major Feast Days, and other times as appointed, all stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Officiant first saying

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

¶ Officiant and People

WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from 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 worshiped 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.

The Sermon

¶ Before the Sermon, the following Bidding Prayer may be read.

YOUR prayers are bid for Christ's holy Catholic Church dispersed throughout the whole world, and especially for the Church in North America. You are asked especially to pray for **N.**, our *President/Sovereign/Prime Minister*; for the Ministers of God's holy Word and Sacraments, especially **N.**, our *Archbishop/Bishop/Priest/Deacon, etc.*; and for our whole country. Finally, let us praise God for all those who are departed out of this life in the faith of Christ, and pray that we may be made partakers with them of the glorious resurrection in the life everlasting, saying after me;

¶ **Officiant and People**

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 Sermon is then read here. In the absence of a licensed preacher, a reader may preach a pre-written sermon as authorized by the Ordinary.

The Offertory

¶ The Officiant begins the Offertory with one or more of the provided sentences of Scripture.

REMEMBER the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” ACTS 20:35

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

S. MATTHEW 5:16

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

S. MATTHEW 6:19-21

Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

S. MATTHEW 7:21

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7

As we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

GALATIANS 6:10

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

HEBREWS 6:10

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

HEBREWS 13:16

If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

1 JOHN 3:17

If you have many possessions, make your gift from them in proportion; if few, do not be afraid to give according to the little you have. So you will be laying up a good treasure for yourself against the day of necessity.

TOBIT 4:8-9

And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

S. MATTHEW 25:40

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

ROMANS 10:14-15

And Jesus said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

S. LUKE 10:2

They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.

DEUTERONOMY 16:16-17

Offer unto God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows unto the Most High.

PSALM 50:14

Ascribe unto the LORD the honor due unto his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

PSALM 96:8

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

EPHESIANS 5:2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

ROMANS 12:1

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 PETER 2:9

¶ During the Offertory a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. Representatives of the Congregation may bring the People's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Officiant.

¶ The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following is said.

YOURS, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

And of your own have we given you.

1 CHRONICLES 29:11, 14^T

The Prayers of the People

¶ The person appointed says these prayers.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who

confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially **N.**, our *President/Sovereign/Prime Minister*, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servant(s) **N.**, our *Archbishop/Bishop/Priest/Deacon, etc.*, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to

fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____]. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, [especially _____], that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of [N., and] all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

¶ Additional prayers may be added.

¶ It is appropriate at this point to add the following Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

106. FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

¶ Officiant and People

DEAR Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot

now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

¶ The Officiant concludes with this Collect.

HEAVENLY Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Concluding Collect and Hymn

¶ The Officiant may conclude the service with one or more of the following Collects.

76. FOR GUIDANCE

GO before us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, through your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

98. FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PRAYER

HEAVENLY Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our

petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

99. FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PRAYER

O LORD our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

100. FOR THE ANSWERING OF PRAYER

ALMIGHTY God, you have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in the Name of your Son: Mercifully incline your ear to us as we make our prayers and supplications to you; and grant that what we ask faithfully, according to your will, we may obtain effectually, for the relief of our necessities and the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

108. AFTER PUBLIC WORSHIP

GRANT, Almighty God, that the words we have heard this day with our ears may by your grace be grafted in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of a righteous life, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

113. THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

*For All Saints' Day, the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed,
or the Commemoration of a Saint*

O ETERNAL Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Shed forth upon your whole Church in Paradise and on earth the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort; and grant that we, following the good example of those who have loved and served you here and are now at rest, may enter with them into the fullness of your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ A hymn or anthem may be sung here to conclude the liturgy.