

## Welcome

Opening Hymn 588 And can it be (Sagina)

And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who cause his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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He left his Father's throne above  
So free, so infinite his grace  
Emptied himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
Tis mercy all, immense and free  
For, O my God, it found out me  
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For, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free  
I rose, went forth and followed thee  
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I rose, went forth and followed thee

On condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own  
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## Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the

thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, And with all thy Soul, and with all thy mind, And with all thy strength. This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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

## The Collect for the Sovereign

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant Elizabeth, our Queen and Governor, that she (knowing whose minister she is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory; and that we and all her subjects (duly considering whose authority she hath) may faithfully serve, honour and humbly obey her, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen**

## The Collect for the last Sunday before Advent

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen **Amen**

## The Epistle Ephesians Ch 1 v 15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us

who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to you, O Lord.**

**The Psalmody  
Psalm 95 v 1-7**

**R: Come, let us worship and bow down**

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

**R: Come, let us worship and bow down**

In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

**R: Come, let us worship and bow down**

Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**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.**

**Gradual hymn 769 Rejoice the Lord is King (Gospel)**

**Rejoice! The Lord is King, your Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.**

**Chorus: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;**

**Rejoice again I say, rejoice.**

**Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Ch**

**His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. Chorus**

**He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet. Chorus**

**Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus the judge shall come  
And take his servants up to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound: rejoice!**

**The Gospel Matthew Ch 25 v 31- end**

Hear the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**Glory be to you O Lord**

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Creed**

**I believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His father before all worlds, God of God, light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried and on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **Sermon**

#### **Offertory**

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.  
Matthew 5.16

#### **Offertory hymn 227 Crown Him with many crowns (Diademata)**

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
And all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end and round his pierced feet  
Their flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet  
Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,**

**Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

Matthew Bridges (1800-84)

#### **Intercessions**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here on earth. Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord: and grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed; and grant unto her whole Council and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O Heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments; and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. **Amen**

#### **Invitation to Confession**

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking from henceforth in

His Holy ways: draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God,

### Confession

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings: the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins: confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### The Comfortable words

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to Him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

So God loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life

Hear also what Saint Paul saith: This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins.

The Lord be with you **and also with you**  
Lift up your hearts

### We lift them up unto the Lord

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

### It is meet and right so to do

It is meet and right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow'r and God of might: heav - en and earth, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, your pow'r and might. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est heav'ns. Ho - high - est heav'ns. Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes, bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes; bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na ho - san - na in the high - est heav'ns. Ho - high - est heav'ns.

### Prayer of Humble Access

**ALL: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather**

**up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy 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 Prayer of Consecration**

*Priest:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thy only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again; Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread and when he had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples to eat saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

### **THE ADMINISTRATION**

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful

### **We pray together The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our**

**trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.**

Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen**

### **The Gloria (Lux eoi)**

**Glorify be to God in heaven, Peace to those who love Him well; On the earth let all His people speak His grace, His wonders tell Lord, we praise thee for thy glory, Mighty Father, heaven's King: Hear our joyful adoration and accept the praise we bring**

**Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sin away. Now with Him in triumph seated, For thy mercy, Lord we pray. Jesus Christ most high and holy, Saviour, thou art God alone In the glory of the Father, With the Spirit; three in one.**

### **The Blessing**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**

**Let earth receive her King;**

**Let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing**

**And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and  
nature sing.**

**Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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