

Opening Hymn 609

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.Amen.

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**.

Penitential Rite

As a mother comforts her child, O God, you clasp a broken world to your bosom and send your Son's disciples to bear your gift of peace to all peoples. Let us go, then, into your harvest not as its masters but as your laborers, seeking not to be successful but only to be faithful, rejoicing that our names are written in heaven. Strengthen our brokenness as we confess our sins against you and our neighbors.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: **Come let us adore him.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 67:1-5 Deus misereatur

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

- Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Psalm 82

Exaltabo te, Domine

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; * he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, * and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; *
- all the foundations of the earth are shaken. 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
- and all of you children of the Most High; 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
- / Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince.'"

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.

for ever.

The Celebrant says to the people The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The first reading is from Amos 7:7-17

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;

the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile

away from his land."

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, `Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

"Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, `Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the Lord:

Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,

and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 12: The Song of Creation

- Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- Let the earth glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, * O whales and all that move in the waters.
- All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, * and all you flocks and herds.
- O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen**

The second reading is from Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle H: A Song of Hosea Hosea 6:1-3

- Come, let us return to our God, * who has torn us and will heal us.
- God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, * after two days revive us,
- On the third day restore us, * that in God's presence we may live.
- Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, * whose justice dawns like morning light, its dawning as sure as the sunrise.
- God's justice will come to us like a shower, * like spring rains that water the earth.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 10:25-37

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, `Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Music

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

- We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
- We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
- We believe in one God; Father, Son, and holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Many people's needs press upon our daily lives and fill our daily news. That we may respond as neighbors, let us ask the Lord for help, saying, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us to be neighbors to strangers, to people of every land and tongue and culture. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Help us to be neighbors to all who suffer, the lonely, the sick and the sorrowing. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us to be neighbors to people of every creed, to Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus, Buddhists and atheists. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us to be neighbors to the enemy, the alien, the despised, those with whom we disagree. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Help us to be neighbors to everyone we pass on the road, to salespeople, co-workers, family, and passers-by. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us to be neighbors to one another, and thus to share our lives as we share your word and your supper. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Lord God, you formed us in love; you command us to live in your love. Hear the prayers we make in the name of the Son you sent to dwell among us, the neighbor who is attentive to all our needs, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn 602

Prayer over the gifts:

Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Holy and gracious Father,

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father. . . .

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

As disciples who seek to follow Jesus on the way to the kingdom, with persevering faith let us pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread-

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people: Draw near with awe and faith, with praise and thanksgiving.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith. Therefore, we commit ourselves to the reality that Christ is with us wherever we are. Amen.

Blessing

The God of all grace who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus, restore establish and strengthen you in the faith, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Announcements

Anniversary/Thanksgiving Praver

We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. Amen.

No Closing hymn

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.