

## Opening Sentences

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture.*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalms 122:1*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalms 19:14*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalms 43:3*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

## Confession of Sin

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All*        **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that ensnares us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Bishop or a Priest says the following or a deacon or lay person substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."*

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 Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*All*        **Glory be to our Creator, to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and to the Spirit of Life,  
who dwells in our midst now and forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Officiant* O God, you are my God;

*People* from break of day I seek you.

## Psalm 63:1-8

*All*

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

*Officiant* O God, you are my God;  
*People* from break of day I seek you.

### The Psalm Appointed: 44

*Officiant* The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 44. We will read the psalm antiphonally between each side of the chapel.

### Psalm 44

- 1 We have heard the story  
our ancestors told us  
of your deeds so long ago:
- 2 **how you, God, uprooted nations  
to plant your own people**
- 3 how you weeded out others  
so they could flourish.
- 4 **Sword did not win the land,  
might did not bring the victory;  
it was your power, your light,  
your love for them.**
- 5 You, my God and King,  
led Jacob to victory.
- 6 **By the power of your name  
we defeated our enemies,  
crushing those who rose against us.**
- 7 I did not rely on my bow,  
my sword did not save me.
- 8 **You, God, rescued us from danger  
and put our foes to shame.**
- 9 Every day we praise your name,  
we never fail to thank you.

**10 Yet you scorn and demean us,**  
**no longer march at our side.**  
 11 You force us to retreat  
 while the enemy plunders our goods.  
**12 You make us sheep for the slaughter,**  
**scatter us among the nations.**  
 13 You sell us for a pittance  
 and gain nothing in the bargain.  
**14 You reproach us before our neighbors;**  
**they scoff and sneer,**  
 15 making a joke of us,  
 shaking their heads.  
**16 Disgrace confronts me all day,**  
**I turn red with shame**  
 17 when I hear cruel taunts  
 from foes wanting revenge.  
**18 We endured all this,**  
**though we did not forget you**  
**or betray your covenant.**  
 19 We have not turned from you  
 or wavered from your path.  
**20 Yet you banished us to the wilderness**  
**where darkness overwhelms us.**  
 21 If we should forget your name  
 and raise a prayer to foreign gods,  
 would you not find it out?  
**22 You know the secrets of the heart.**  
**Still we are killed for your sake,**  
**treated like sheep for slaughter.**  
 23 Wake up! Why do you sleep, Lord?  
 Wake up! Do not reject us for ever!  
**24 Why do you hide from us?**  
**Why ignore how much we suffer?**  
 25 We grovel in the dust,  
 clutching at the ground.  
**26 Wake up and help us.**  
**Rescue us! Your love demands it.**

*All* **Glory be to our Creator, to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and to the Spirit of Life,**  
**who dwells in our midst now and forever. Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson: Nehemiah 13:15-22

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Nehemiah.

In those days I saw in Judah people treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on donkeys; and also wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day; and I warned them at that time against selling food. Tyrians also, who lived in the city, brought in fish and all kinds of merchandise and sold them on the sabbath to the people of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I remonstrated with the nobles of Judah and said to them, "What is this evil thing that you are doing, profaning the sabbath day? Did not your ancestors act in this way, and did not our God bring all this

disaster on us and on this city? Yet you bring more wrath on Israel by profaning the sabbath.” When it began to be dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut and gave orders that they should not be opened until after the sabbath. And I set some of my servants over the gates, to prevent any burden from being brought in on the sabbath day. Then the merchants and sellers of all kinds of merchandise spent the night outside Jerusalem once or twice. But I warned them and said to them, “Why do you spend the night in front of the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you.” From that time on they did not come on the sabbath. And I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves and come and guard the gates, to keep the sabbath day holy. Remember this also in my favor, O my God, and spare me according to the greatness of your steadfast love.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **A Song of Creation**

*All*

**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.**

**Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.**

**Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
all winds and fire and heat.**

**Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.**

**Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.**

**Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
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.**

## **The Second Lesson: Revelation 12:1-12**

*Lector* A reading from the Revelation to John.

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birthpangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days. And

war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

*All*

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.**

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \***

**for you only are the Holy One.**

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

*All* **Glory be to our Creator, to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and to the Spirit of Life,  
who dwells in our midst now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:53-58**

*Lector* A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. He came to his hometown and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?” And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor except in their own country and in their own house.” And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Reflection**

*An optional reflection may be given or a quiet meditation may take place. Otherwise the service continues with the Apostles’ Creed.*

## The Apostles' Creed

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*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## The Prayers

*Officiant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Officiant*    Let us pray.

*All*

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Holy One, our only Home,  
blessed be your name,  
may your day dawn,  
your will be done,  
here, as in heaven.**

**Feed us today, and forgive us  
as we forgive each other.**

**Do not forsake us at the test,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the glory, the power,  
and the mercy are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*From Holy Wisdom Monastery*

*Then follows the Suffrages*

*Officiant*    Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People*        **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant*    Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People*        **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant*    Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People*        **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant*    Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People*        **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**  
*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Officiant*  
Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Peace Among the Nations**

*Officiant*  
Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Mission**

*Officiant*  
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

This week we are praying for the Rev. Sarai Wender, Rev. Harrison West, Rev. Carol Westpfahl, Rev. Brad Whitaker, Rev. John Mark Wiggers, St. Andrew's, Maryville, and the Diocese of Armidale, Australia.

*After a brief period, the Officiant concludes the prayers with*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Before the close of the Office one or more of the following may be used*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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*Officiant and People*  
**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,**

by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

#### A General Thanksgiving

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*Officiant and People*

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise  
for all that you have done for us.  
We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation,  
for the beauty of this world,  
for the wonder of life,  
and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,  
and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks  
which demand our best efforts,  
and for leading us to accomplishments  
which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures  
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;  
for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;  
for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;  
for his dying, through which he overcame death;  
and for his rising to life again,  
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,  
that we may know him and make him known;  
and through him, at all times and in all places,  
may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

#### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Officiant, or All*

Almighty God,  
you have given us grace at this time with one accord  
to make our common supplication to you;  
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son  
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name  
you will be in the midst of them:  
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions  
as may be best for us;  
granting us in this world  
knowledge of your truth,



**and in the age to come  
life everlasting. *Amen.***

*Then may be said*

*Officiant*    Let us bless the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. ***Amen.***    *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***  
*Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. ***Amen.***    *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. ***Amen.***    *1 Corinthians 15:57-58*