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The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

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Holy Eucharist with Hymns

7:00 A.M.

Solemn Eucharist

9:30 A.M.

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As all the baptised may receive the Blessed Sacrament, please note the following:

- **Baptized infants and children under the age of 3** are allowed to receive the host [consecrated bread] or a fraction of the host only from their parents.
- **Baptized children, ages 3-15, who regularly attend worship as members of the church,** may receive communion in both kinds [consecrated bread and consecrated wine] through intinction - after the parents or guardians of those children have met with the priest and given their consent for both kinds to be administered.
- **All baptized persons, ages 16 and older, whether confirmed or not, may receive communion without permission from others.**

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God. Psalm 84: 1,2 ~*

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THE PREPARATION

OPENING PRAYER

Entrance of the Choir and Liturgical ministers

INTROIT HYMN

CPWIH 345

Fill the place, Lord, with your glory

Fill the place, Lord, with your glory,
At this gathering of your own;
Reign in sovereign grace and power
From your praise-surrounded throne.

Fill the place, Lord, with your glory,
At this gathering of your own;
We exalt you, we adore you,
Thankful hearts now join as one.

You're the Christ, the King of glory,
Father's well beloved Son,
Fill the place, Lord, with your glory,
At this gathering of your own.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Epiphany.....BCP, Page 98

As announced.

THE GREETING

BCP, PAGE 101

PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.
Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF INTENTION

BCP, PAGE 101

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, PAGE 101

ALL:

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

BCP, PAGE 102

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PRESIDENT: Let us pray.

The Presentation.....BCP, Page 184

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

MALACHI 3:1-4

A reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Malachi, Chapter 3, beginning to read from verse 1:

3:1 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

3:2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap;

3:3 he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

3:4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84

BCP, PAGE 578

1. How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2. The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3. Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5. Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
6. They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
7. Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.
8. Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your anointed.
9. For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
10. For the Lord God is both sun and shield; * he will give grace and glory;
11. No good thing will the Lord withhold * from those who walk with integrity.
12. O Lord of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son * and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now * and will be forever. Amen.*

A reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle of Paul to the Hebrews, Chapter 2, beginning to read from verse 14:

2:14 Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

2:15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

2:16 For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham.

2:17 Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

2:18 Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Sing we of the blessed Mother

Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
And obedient to the summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast the child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning from the awful tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word;
From on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the greatest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home;
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 2:22-40

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

GOSPELLER: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter, beginning at the twenty-second verse.

ALL: **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

2:22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

2:23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"),

2:24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

2:25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

2:26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

2:27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law,

2:28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

2:29 "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word,

2:30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,

2:31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

2:32 a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

2:33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

2:34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed

2:35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

2:36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,

2:37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

2:38 At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

2:39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

2:40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

GOSPELLER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

THE SERMON THE REV. CANON DR. VON WATSON

The Canon Missioner, Diocese of Barbados

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, PAGE 104

ALL:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or 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,
one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfillment of 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.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He 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 PRAYERS / INTERCESSIONS

Form F

BCP, Page 115

After the Priest's invitation to prayer, he shall say:

Let us pray for the Church and for all people
according to their needs.

Lord in your love,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

Bless and inspire all members of the clergy, especially
Howard, our Archbishop; Michael, our Bishop; and
Mark and Von, our Priests.

**ALL: That their lives may be examples of their
teaching, and that they may rightly and faithfully
administer your holy Sacraments.**

LEADER:

Guide and protect all Heads of State and all who bear
rule, especially those in this land: Dame Sandra, our
President, Mia Amor, the Prime Minister, all
members of Parliament, and all persons serving in
Local Government.

**ALL: That our people may be godly and peacefully
governed.**

LEADER:

Direct those who administer justice; and strengthen those who guard and protect the land.

ALL: That our people may dwell in peace.

LEADER:

Reveal the common good to those in positions of public trust and to decision-makers in industry and commerce.

ALL: That freedom and dignity may prevail among us.

LEADER:

Enlighten with your Spirit all places of education and learning.

ALL: That the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of your truth.

LEADER:

Comfort and help all persons who are in any trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially (_____),

ALL: Help us to help them, O Lord.

LEADER:

Remember our brothers and sisters, (especially _____) and all others who have died in your faith and fear.

ALL: Grant them peace and eternal life.

LEADER:

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour; for the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs; and all the Saints who have been good examples in their several generations.

PRIEST:

And finally let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence may be kept.

ALL: Accept our prayers and intercessions, Father, according to your wisdom, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

BCP, PAGE 123

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

One of the following forms will be used:

Form A

BCP, Page 123

ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Form B

BCP, Page 124

ALL:

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 neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. 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.

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP, PAGE 124

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE GREETING OF PEACE

BCP, PAGES 124-125

One of the following forms shall be said:

FORM A

PRESIDENT: We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

FORM B

PRESIDENT: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

ALL: Leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

FORM C

PRESIDENT: The Kingdom of God is justice, peace,
and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **They who thus serve Christ are
acceptable to God and approved by
others.**

PRESIDENT: The peace of the Lord be always with
you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PEACE

BIND US TOGETHER

*Bind us together, Lord
bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken
bind us together, Lord
bind us together
O Bind us together in Love*

There is only one God,
There is only one King
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing.

Refrain:

Made for the glory of God,
purchased by his precious Son

born with the right to be clean
for Jesus the victory has won.

Refrain:

You are the family of God
you are the promise divine
you are God's chosen desire
you are the glorious new wine.

Refrain:

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY & NOTICES

The Welcome Song

Welcome friend on this day
Yes, we're glad you have joined us.
Take your place fill your hearts
With Christ's love which surrounds us.
Glory to God may you live and grow,
In His love forever
Welcome friend on this day
Know we're glad you have joined us.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY HYMNS

CPWIH 409, 771

CPWIH 409 – Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one

.
Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my
power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;

great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS BCP, PAGE 126

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

CPWIH 771 – O Zion, open wide thy gates [9:30 A.M. Mass]

O Zion, open wide thy gates,
let symbols disappear
a priest and victim, both in one,
the Truth himself, is here.

Aware of hidden deity,
the lowly virgin brings
her newborn babe with two young doves,
her humble offerings.

The aged Simeon sees at last
his Lord, so long desired,

and Anna welcomes Israel's hope
with holy rapture fired.

But silent knelt the mother blest
of the yet silent Word,
and pondering all things in her heart,
with speechless praise adored.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda

BCP, Page 126

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and
praise.**

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

Preface: Epiphany

BCP, Page 127

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in coming to dwell among us as man, He revealed the radiance of His glory, and brought us out of darkness into His own marvellous light.

Sanctus and Benedictus

BCP, Page 131

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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.**

Eucharistic Rite A-E (as announced) BCP, Pages 131-142

PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:

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.

Form A

PRESIDENT: We break this bread to share in the
body of Christ.

ALL: **Though we are many, we are one
body, because we all share in one
bread.**

Form B

PRESIDENT: God of promise, You have prepared a Banquet for us

ALL: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Form C

PRESIDENT: This is the true bread which comes from heaven

ALL: Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

THE AGNUS DEI

BCP, PAGE 147

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

THE INVITATION

BCP, PAGE 145-146

Form A

PRESIDENT:
My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He

died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL:

Grant gracious Lord, that we so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

Form B

PRESIDENT:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL:

Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

Form C

PRESIDENT:

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

ALL:

We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.

**HYMNS FOR COMMUNION, BLESSINGS 472, 617, 630,
649**

CPWIH 472 – I could not do without Thee

I could not do without Thee
O Savior of the lost,
Whose precious blood redeemed me
At such tremendous cost.
Thy righteousness, thy pardon
Thy precious blood, must be
My only hope and comfort,
My glory and my plea.

I could not do without Thee,
I cannot stand alone,
I have no strength or goodness,
No wisdom of my own;
But Thou, beloved Savior,
Art all in all to me,
And weakness will be power
If leaning hard on Thee.

I could not do without Thee,
For, oh, the way is long,
And I am often weary,
And sigh replaces song:
How could I do without Thee?
I do not know the way;

Thou knowest, and Thou ledest,
And wilt not let me stray.

I could not do without Thee,
O Jesus, Saviour dear;
E'en when my eyes are holden,
I know that Thou art near.
How dreary and how lonely
This changeful life would be,
Without the sweet communion,
The secret rest with Thee!

I could not do without Thee;
No other friend can read
The spirit's strange deep longings,
Interpreting its need;
No human heart could enter
Each dim recess of mine,
And soothe, and hush, and calm it,
O blessèd Lord, but Thine.

I could not do without Thee,
For years are fleeting fast,
And soon in solemn oneness
The river must be passed;
But Thou wilt never leave me,
And though the waves roll high,
I know Thou wilt be near me,
And whisper, "It is I."

CPWIH 617 – Once, only once, and once for all

Once, only once, and once for all,
His precious life He gave;
Before the Cross our spirits fall,
And own it strong to save.

“One offering, single and complete,”
With lips and heart we say;
But what He never can repeat
He shows forth day by day.

For, as the priest of Aaron’s line
Within the Holiest stood,
And sprinkled all the mercy-shrine
With sacrificial blood;

So He, Who once atonement wrought,
Our Priest of endless power,
Presents Himself for those He bought
In that dark noontide hour.

His Manhood pleads where now it lives
On heaven’s eternal Throne,
And where in mystic rite He gives
Its Presence to His own.

And so we show Thy death, O Lord,
Till Thou again appear;

And feel, when we approach Thy Board,
We have an Altar here.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
While endless ages run.

CPWIH 630 – Who are we who stand and sing?

Who are we who stand and sing?
We are God's people.
What this bread and Wine we bring?
Food for God's people.
At once with twelve Christ spake,
poured wine and bread did break,
he now of us will make
a faithful people.

Who surrounds our praise this day?
All of God's people.
What the host with whom we pray?
God's holy people.
With all the saints we stand,
from every age and land,
and with that glorious band
we are God's people.

What command does Christ impart
to us his people?

Soul and strength and mind and heart,

Serve me, my people.

As he in love came low

our world and work to know,

to life he bids us go

to be his people.

What this offering we share?

Gifts for God's people.

Signs of all we have and are

As faithful people.

By grace do we receive

all things, and so believe

through Christ we can achieve,

and be God's people.

Who are we who say one Creed?

We are God's people,

What the word we hear and read?

Word for God's people.

Through time, in every race,

From earth to farthest space

We'll be, with God' good grace,

A faithful people.

CPWIH 649 – I sing the almighty power of God

I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command,
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that I could be,
thou, God, art present there.

THE DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, PAGES 147-149

One of the following prayers shall be said:

First Prayer

**Almighty Father,
we thank you for feeding us with the Body
and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who share His Body live His risen life;
we who drink His cup bring life to others;
we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Prayer

**Eternal God and Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Send us now into the world in peace, and
grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you, and all persons in you, with
gladness and singleness of heart, through your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Third Prayer

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of
Christ our Lord.
To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

BCP, PAGE 149-152

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Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with good news of His kingdom; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

DAY BY DAY

Day by day,
Dear lord, of these three things, I pray,
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

CPWIH 249

Conquering kings their titles take

Conquering kings their titles take,
from the foes they captive make;
Jesus, by a nobler deed,
from the thousands he hath freed.

Yes; none other name is given
unto mortals under heaven,
which can make the dead arise,
and exalt them to the skies.

That which Christ so hardly wrought,
that which he so dearly bought,
that salvation, brethren, say,
shall we madly cast away?

Rather gladly for that Name
bear the cross, endure the shame;
joyfully for him to die
is not death but victory.

Jesus, who dost condescend
to be called the sinner's Friend,
hear us, as to thee we pray,
glorying in thy Name today.

Glory to the father be,
Glory, Holy Son, to thee,
Glory to the Holy Ghost,
From the saints and angel-host.

RECESSION AND ORGAN POSTLUDE



Cherishing stars sang
together and all the sons of
God shouted for joy

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