



CHRISTMAS

at Christ Church

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY (YEAR A)

JANUARY 4, 2025 | 8:00 A.M.

Choral Eucharist

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FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 24, 2025: 11:30 P.M.

Vigil with Carol Singing (then)

DECEMBER 25, 2025: 12:00
MIDNIGHT

Solemn Eucharist with candlelight for
the blessing of the crèche

DECEMBER 25, 2025: 6:00 A.M.

Procession & Solemn Eucharist

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 28, 2025: 7:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist with Hymns

DECEMBER 28, 2025: 9:30 A.M.

Solemn Eucharist

DECEMBER 28, 2025: 4:30 P.M.

Children & Young People's
Christmas Programme

WATCH NIGHT & FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

DECEMBER 31, 2025: 11:00 P.M.

Watch Night Vigil (then)

JANUARY 1, 2026: AFTER MIDNIGHT

Solemn Eucharist

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

JANUARY 4, 2026: 8:00 A.M.
(NOTE: ONE SERVICE ONLY)

Solemn Eucharist

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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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¹ The Order of Service follows the relevant Liturgy, Rite or Office in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) of the Church in the Province of the West Indies (CPWI). The Old Testament, New Testament and Gospel readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible: Anglicized Edition. The hymns are from the CPWI Hymnal (CPWIH), the Complete Mission Praise (MP), or Hymns Ancient & Modern (A&M), as indicated.

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*~ O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of host:
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts
of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living
God. Psalm 84: 1,2 ~*

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THE PREPARATION

OPENING PRAYER

Entrance of the Choir and Liturgical ministers

HYMN: INTROIT

CPWIH 93

For thy mercy and thy grace

For thy mercy and thy grace,
faithful through another year,
hear our song of thankfulness;
Jesu, our Redeemer, hear.

In our weakness and distress,
rock of strength, be thou our stay;
in the pathless wilderness
be our true and living way.

Who of us death's awful road
in the coming year shall tread?
With thy rod and staff, O God,
comfort thou his dying bed.

Keep us faithful, keep us pure,
keep us evermore thine own,
help, O help us to endure,
fit us for thy promised crown.

So within thy palace gate
we shall praise, on golden strings,
thee the only Potentate,
Lord of lords and King of kings.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Christmas.....BCP, Page 97

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.

Second Sunday after Christmas Day.....BCP, Pg. 159

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of Him who humbled Himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever..
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 31:7-14

A reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Jeremiah, Chapter 31, beginning to read from verse 7:

⁷For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." ¹¹For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of

fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

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.*

SECOND LESSON

EPHESIANS 1:3-6,15-19A

A reading from the Word of God, written in Epistle to Paul to the Ephesians, Chapter 1, beginning to read from verse 3:

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I 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, ¹⁸so 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The year is gone, beyond recall

The year is gone, beyond recall,
with all its hopes and fears,
with all its bright and gladdening smiles,
with all its mourners' tears;

Thy thankful people praise thee, Lord,
for countless gifts received;
and pray for grace to keep the faith
which Saints of old believed.

To thee we come, O gracious Lord,
the new-born year to bless;
defend our land from pestilence;
give peace and plenteousness;

Forgive this nation's many sins;
the growth of vice restrain;
and help us all with sin to strive,
and crowns of life to gain.

From evil deeds that stain the past
we now desire to flee;
and pray that future years may all
be spent, good Lord, for thee.

O Father, let thy watchful eye
still look on us in love,
that we may praise thee, year by year,
with angel-hosts above.

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

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 2:13-15,19-23

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GOSPELLER: A Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew, the second
chapter, beginning at the thirteenth
verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death

of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said,

²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

GOSPELLER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND JILIAN CRAWFORD

Diocesan Youth Liaison Officer

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
Philip, our Archbishop; Michael, our Bishop; and
Mark, Von and Jilian, 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: Jeffrey, our President, Mia, 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.

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

LET THERE BE LOVE

*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 HYMN

CPWIH 60

Angels, from the realms of glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain

*Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.*

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light:

Refrain

Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar:
Seek the great Desire of Nations;
Ye have seen his natal star:

Refrain

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear:

Refrain

Though an infant now we view him,
He shall fill his Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to him;
Every knee shall then bow down

Refrain

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.

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: Christmas

BCP, Page 127

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be

delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, PAGE 144

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP, PAGE 145

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.**

**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.**

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: COMMUNION, BLESSINGS CPWIH 64, 78, 781, 748, 607

CPWIH 64 – ‘Glory to God!’ all heaven with joy is ringing

‘Glory to God!’ all heaven with joy is ringing;
angels proclaim the gospel of Christ’s birth,
‘Glory to God!’, and still their song is bringing
Good news of God incarnate here on earth.

Lowly in wonder shepherds kneel before him,
no gift to bring save love of heart and mind:

come like those shepherds, sing his praise, adore him,
a babe so weak, yet Saviour of mankind.

Humble, yet regal, wise men kneel before him,
gold, incense, myrrh, their gifts to Christ they bring:
come like those wise men, sing his praise, adore him
a babe so poor and modest, yet a King.

Though now no crib or cradle is concealing
Jesus our Lord in that far-distant shrine,
Christ at each Eucharist is still revealing
His very self in forms of bread and wine.

CPWIH 78 – Now yield we thanks and praise

Now yield we thanks and praise
to Christ enthroned in glory,
And on this day of days
tell out redemption's story,
Who truly have believed
that on this blessed morn,
In holiness conceived,
the Son of God was born.

What tribute shall we pay
to Him who came in weakness,
And in a manger lay
to teach His people meekness?
Let every house be bright;

let praises never cease;
With mercies infinite
our Christ hath brought us peace

CPWIH 781 – Saint Joseph, ever faithful

Saint Joseph, ever faithful,
had trust in God's own word.
With Mary soon a Mother,
he listened and he heard.
To him a dream was given,
revealing what would be;
he took his family southward,
secure and safe and free.

As Joseph brought up Jesus,
to walk, to speak, to grow,
O God, remember Christians
who know not where to go.
As Joseph cared for Mary,
persistent in his prayer,
grant when we come to glory,
this family shall be there.

Like Joseph, saints need vision.
We fail to understand.
O God, reach out and teach us,
Stretch out your strong right hand.
We beg you, work new wonders.

Renew our nights and days.
Within your church for ever,
your saints will bring you praise.

CPWIH 748 – Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,
Virgin mother undefiled,
Sing of God's own Son most holy,
Who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest mother,
God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother,
Takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,
In the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labour cannot weary
Love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her,
Though he went forth from her side,
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,
Till on Calvary he died.

Glory be to God the Father;
Glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit;
Glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary,

From all saints the song ascends,
And the Church the strain reechoes
Unto earth's remotest ends.

CPWIH 607 – Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead.
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia! alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now,
Alleluia! alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,

in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified.

THE DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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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.**

Christ, who by His incarnation · gathered into one, all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with His joy and peace; and the blessing ...

or

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with His grace to trust His promises and obey His will; and the blessing ...

or

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of His kingdom; and the blessing ...

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

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

GO IN PEACE

Go in peace and the peace of God

Be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God

Be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy

Celebrate new life

Go in peace and the peace of God

Be with you always.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

CPWIH 94

Father, let me dedicate, all this year to Thee

Father, let me dedicate, all this year to Thee,
In whatever worldly state Thou wilt have me be:
Not from sorrow, pain or care, freedom dare I claim;
This alone shall be my prayer, glorify Thy Name.

Can a child presume to choose where or how to live?
Can a Father's love refuse all the best to give?
More Thou givest every day than the best can claim
Nor withholdest aught that may glorify Thy Name.

If in mercy Thou wilt spare joys that yet are mine;
If on life, serene and fair, brighter rays may shine;
Let my glad heart, while it sings, Thee in all proclaim,
And, whate'er the future brings, glorify Thy Name.

If Thou callest to the cross, and its shadow come,
Turning all my gain to loss, shrouding heart and
home;
Let me think how Thy dear Son to His glory came,
And in deepest woe pray on, "Glorify Thy Name."

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