

**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.**

7. Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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8. Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?"²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

9. Gradual

C **Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.**

10. Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables.³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.

⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the

judgment seat of God;¹¹for it is written,
"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God."
¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

11. Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

12. Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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13. Come Down, O Love Divine

- 1** **Come down, O Love divine;
Seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near;
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.**
- 2** **O let it freely burn,
Till worldly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path
illuming.**

- 3 Let holy charity
 Mine outward vesture be
 And lowliness become mine inner clothing—
 True lowliness of heart,
 Which takes the humbler part,
 And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with
 loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,
 With which the soul will long,
 Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
 No soul can guess His grace
 Till it become the place
 Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

14. Sermon: "The Message of Forgiveness"

(Matthew 18:21-35)

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15. Offertory

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
 I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
 I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
 in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

16. Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came
 down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
 virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius
 Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to
 the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge
 both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.
- And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is
 worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and
 apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission
 of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

17. Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

18. Preface

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

19. Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

20. Sanctus

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n 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.

21. Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

22. Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C Our Father . . .

23. The Words of Our Lord

24. Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

25. Agnus Dei

- C** 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, grant us peace.

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26. Distribution

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

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- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee
With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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27. Thank the Lord

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone
what He has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and
proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth
in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

28. Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have
refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we
implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen
us through the same in faith toward You and in
fervent love toward one another; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

29. Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious
to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you
peace.
C Amen.

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30. Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness LSB 849

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

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31. Postlude

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