OPENING SENTENCES

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

-John 4:23

THE PEOPLE STAND.
HYMN

VERSE

1. Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
2. What other beauty demands such praise?
3. What other glory consumes like fire?
4. Who else could rescue me from my failure?

Who else could make every king bow down?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other power can raise the dead?
Who else would offer his only Son?

CHORUS

Come and behold him, the One and the Only. Cry out, sing holy,
for ever a Holy God. Come and worship the Holy God.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

THE PEOPLE SIT OR KNEEL.

Almighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore thou those who are penitent;
According to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

Officiant:  O Lord, open thou our lips.
People:  And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
All:  Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
1. O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!
2. O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!
3. He will not always chide; He will with patience wait;
4. He pardons all thy sin, Prolongs thy feeble breath;
5. He clothes thee with his love, Upholds thee with his truth;
6. Then bless his holy Name, Whose grace hath made thee whole,

And all that is within me join To bless his holy Name!
Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.
His wrath is ever slow to rise And ready to abate.
He healeth thine infirmities And ransoms thee from death.
And like the eagle he reneweth The vigor of thy youth.
Whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

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THE PEOPLE SIT.
Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. (14:19-31)
PSALM 103:8-13

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,*
    slow to anger and of great kindness.
9 He will not always accuse us,*
    nor will he keep his anger for ever.
10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,*
    nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,*
    so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west,*
    so far has he removed our sins from us.
13 As a father cares for his children,*
    so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

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

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW.

Then Peter came up and said to him, “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-seven times. 23Therefore 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.” (18:21-35)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE PEOPLE STAND.
1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land:
I am weak, but thou art mighty; Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me now and ever more,
more, Feed me now and ever more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praise, songs of praise, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Officiant: Let us pray.  

THE PEOPLE SIT OR KNEEL.

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.
OFFICIANT: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

PEOPLE: And grant us thy salvation.

OFFICIANT: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

PEOPLE: And make thy chosen people joyful.

OFFICIANT: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

PEOPLE: For only in thee can we live in safety.

OFFICIANT: Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

PEOPLE: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

OFFICIANT: Let thy way be known upon earth;

PEOPLE: Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECTS

PRAYER BOOK, PAGES 56-57

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Almighty God, Father of all mercies, 
we thine unworthy servants 
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks 
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness 
to us and to all men. 
We bless thee for our creation, preservation, 
and all the blessings of this life; 
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, 
give us that due sense of all thy mercies, 
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; 
and that we may show forth thy praise, 
not only with our lips, but in our lives, 
by giving up our selves to thy service, 
and by walking before thee 
in holiness and righteousness all our days; 
through Jesus Christ our Lord, 
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, 
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

THE WELCOME

THE PEOPLE STAND.
1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to receive the food of your holy Word. 
2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility, 
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds, help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness; 
Test our thoughts and our attitudes; in the distance of your purity. 
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.

That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. 
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. 
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory. 
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief. 
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

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When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life’s fearful path,
For my love is often cold:
He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast;
He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so;
He will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight;
Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in his holy sight;
He will hold me fast.
He’ll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last.
Bought by him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died;
Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life;
He will hold me fast.
’Til our faith is turned to sight,
When he comes at last.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYERS AND THE BLESSING

THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING.
HYMN

It Is Finished

VERSES

1. There’s no deed that can redeem us; there’s no rite nor magic word. Only by the work of Jesus, can salvation be secured.

2. There’s no sacrifice to offer; there’s no penance to complete. Freedom, drink of living water, without money, come and feast.

CHORUS

It is finished, he has done it; let your weary heart rejoice! Our redemption is accomplished, raise a shout with ragged voice. And go bravely into battle, knowing he has won the war; it is finished, lift your head, and weep no more. head. Let every

BRIDGE

sinner rejoice; hear the dying Victor’s cry.

Raise up your voice; sing it out through earth and sky. (to Chorus)

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THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Presto, from Concerto in G Major, BWV 592

Johann Sebastian Bach

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THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF

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