

You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**      *All sit*

**FIRST READING**

*A Reading from the Book of Wisdom 3:1-9*

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their king for ever. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen. This is the word of the Lord

*All:* Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 23; *Music:* J.S. Irvine, 1836-1887

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; He leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make.  
Within the paths of righteousness  
e'en for his own name's sake.

My table thou hast furnishéd,  
in presence of my foes.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me.  
And in God's house for evermore,  
my dwelling-place shall be.

## SECOND READING

*First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians* 15:51-57

I will tell you something that has been secret: that we are not all going to die, but we shall all be changed. This will be instantaneous, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet sounds. It will sound, and the dead will be raised, imperishable, and we shall be changed as well, because our present perishable nature must put on imperishability and this mortal nature must put on immortality. When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the word of the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *All stand*

The Lord be with you. *All:* And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

*All:* Glory to you, O Lord.

*A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John 14:1-6*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**HOMILY**    *All sit*  
**THE CREED**    *All stand*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.*

And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day, in accordance with 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**    *All sit*

*After each Intention there is a pause for silent prayer*

*All:* Hear our prayer.

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST** *All stand*

Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.  
*All:* May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

The Lord be with you.  
*All:* And with your spirit.  
Lift up your hearts.  
*All:* We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All:* It is right and just.

*All:* Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
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.

**COMMUNION RITE** *All stand*

*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.

*The priest continues alone*

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.  
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety  
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
*All:* For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

*The priest says:*

*Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you.  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom  
where you live for ever and ever.*

*All:* Amen.