

# Liturgy of Divine Worship

**The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom  
with Optional Litanies and Eucharistic Prayers**

Adapted for use in the:



**WELCOME & PRE-SERVICE COMMENTS**

**Information on this page is inserted according to local custom.**

## **PRAYERS OF PREPARATION BEFORE THE LITURGY**

**Prayers on this page are inserted according to local custom. The following may be used in part or in full.**

### **Prayer of St. John Chrysostom (abridged)**

O Lord my God, I know that I am not worthy nor sufficiently pleasing that You should come under the roof of the house of my soul for it is entirely desolate and fallen in ruin and You will not find in me a place worthy to lay Your head. But as You did humble Yourself from on high for our sake, so now humble Yourself to my lowliness. As You did deign to lie in a cavern, in a manger of beasts, so now deign to enter into the manger of my beastly soul, and into my soiled body.

As You did not disdain to enter and to eat with sinners in the house of Simon the leper, so now be pleased to enter into the house of my soul, humble and leprous and sinful. And as You did not cast out the prostitute, the sinful woman who came to touch You, so have compassion on me a sinner who comes to touch You. And as You did not abhor the kiss of her sin-stained and unclean mouth, do not abhor my mouth, worse stained and more unclean than hers, nor my stained and shamed and unclean lips, nor my still more impure tongue. But let Your Word and the fiery coal of Your most pure Body and Your most precious Blood bring me sanctification, enlightenment and strengthening of my lowly soul and body, relief from the burden of my many transgressions, protection against every action of the devil, repulsion and victory over my wicked and evil habits, death of my passions, accomplishment of Your commandments, increase of Your divine grace, and inheritance of Your kingdom.

For I do not come to You in presumption, O Christ my God, but made bold by Your unspeakable goodness which You displayed by Your incarnation, suffering, death and resurrection, lest I stray far from Your flock, O Master, and become caught by the wolf of souls. Therefore, I pray to You, O Master, for You alone are holy, sanctify my soul and body, my mind and heart, my muscles and bones. Renew me entirely. Implant the awe of You in my fleshly members and let Your sanctification never be removed from me. Be my helper and defender, guide my life in peace, and make me worthy to stand at Your right hand with all Your saints. By the prayers and supplications of Your most pure Mother, the angelic powers, and of all the saints who from all ages have been well-pleasing to You. Amen.

### **Prayer for All Gathered** (Adapted from the Anglican service book.)

O heavenly Father, I pray for all who will be present here today: That You would grant Your mercy, grace and Divine provision to be made manifest to each of us through Your holy Word, through the prayers of the Liturgy, through our love for each other, and through the Sacred and precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Save and deliver those in need. Heal those who are afflicted in mind and body. Give understanding and wisdom to all seekers of truth and defend them from all error. Strengthen and encourage the weak in faith and those who have grown weary in well doing. Help us, O Lord to worship You in spirit and in truth; to worship You in all ways that are most pleasing to You, through Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# LITURGY OF DIVINE WORSHIP

*Gathering and preparatory rituals such as altar prayers, singing Heavenly King or other songs, Psalms, candle lighting, censing, preparing the gifts, vesting of the bishop, etc., are done according to local custom (see information on previous pages if provided).*

## ✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

*At the appointed time, the Priest, blessing the altar with the Gospel Book, says or sings:*

**Priest:** ✠Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People: Amen!**

*The Beatitudes may be said or sung here.*

**All:** **In Your Kingdom remember us, O Lord.**

**Priest:** Blessed are the poor in spirit.

**People:** **Theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.**

**Priest:** Blessed are those who mourn,

**People:** **They shall be comforted.**

**Priest:** Blessed are the meek,

**People:** **They shall inherit the earth.**

**Priest:** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**People:** **They shall be satisfied.**

**Priest:** Blessed are the merciful,

**People:** **They shall obtain mercy.**

**Priest:** Blessed are the pure in heart,

**People:** **They shall see God.**

**Priest:** Blessed are the peacemakers,

**People:** **They shall be called Sons of the Most High God.**

**Priest:** Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

**People:** **Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**Priest:** Blessed are you when men revile you and utter evil against you falsely on my account,

**People:** **Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you!**

*The priest prays one of the following prayers, or as led:*

**Priest:** Let us pray.

O Lord our God, whose might is beyond comparison and whose glory is beyond understanding, whose mercy is immeasurable and whose love for us is indescribable: In Your tenderness of heart, Master, look upon us and upon this house, and bestow the riches of Your mercy on us and on those who join their prayer to ours this day. For You deserve all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. **Amen!**

**or:** O Lord our God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Preserve the fullness of Your Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house; glorify them in return by Your divine power, and forsake us not who put our hope in You. For Yours is the majesty, and Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen!**

**or:** You who have granted us grace to pray together in harmony, and who promised that when two or three are gathered together to call upon Your Name You will give what they ask: Do now fulfill what we Your servants ask, so far as is good, granting us in this world the knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come eternal life. For You are good, O our God, and You love mankind, and we send up glory to You, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen!**

### **LITTLE ENTRANCE**

**Deacon:** The Lord has built a house He has set a table. He has invited us to participate in a royal feast and walk in the way of wisdom. Let us enter with full attention! (*or simply: Wisdom! Let us attend!*)

*Ps. 95 or some other Call to Worship song may be sung here if there is to be a procession of the Gospel Book from the back. During the song, those involved in the procession make their way to the back and either continue to process and place the Gospel Book on the podium or altar, or wait until the Trisagion to do so. Any theme verses for the day (Troparion/Collect) may be said or sung before the Trisagion as well.*

*A Trisagion Hymn is sung. If not done before, the Gospel Book can be processed here and placed on the podium or returned to the altar. When the song is finished, the Priest gives the greeting:*

### **GREETING, SCRIPTURE, & SERMON**

**Priest:** ☩Peace be with you!

**People:** **And also with you!**

*The Deacon calls all to be seated. Passages from the Old and New Testaments are read. The passages may be introduced according to local custom. A hymn(s) may be sung after each scripture. Before each reading the introducer or reader says:*

**Reader:** The reading is from...

*Reads Scripture and then returns to seat quietly or first says:*

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

*The Gospel may be introduced. The Deacon calls all to rise. An alleluia chorus is sung as the Gospel is censed (and brought in the midst of the people if not already there).*

*Then the Priest may pray:*

In Your love for mankind, Master, flood our hearts with the spotless light of Your divine wisdom and open the eyes of our minds that we may grasp the message of Your Good News. Instill within us an awe for Your blessed commandments, so that, overcoming all the cravings of our flesh, we may enter into a spiritual way of life, pleasing You in all our thoughts and actions. For You are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, Christ our God, and we give glory to You, Your eternal Father, and Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

May God, through the prayers of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostle and Evangelist \_\_\_\_\_, enable me/you to proclaim the glad tidings of the gospel of His beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Deacon:** Wisdom, let us give our attention to the Holy Gospel!

**Priest:** ☩Peace be unto all.

**People:** **And to your spirit.**

**Priest:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St.

**People:** **Glory to You, Lord Christ!**

*Gospel is Read, then:*

**Priest:** The Word of the Lord!

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

*The alleluia chorus or a Doxology is sung (as the Gospel Book is revered if it is the local custom), then all are seated and the Homily is given.*

## **INTERCESSIONS**

*After the Homily, any special services for the day may be inserted, then the following litany is spoken. Optional Litanies can be found beginning on page 17.*

**Deacon:** Let us rise and in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Deacon:** For the peace and unity of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **We so pray for the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.**

**Deacon:** For all whom You have raised up in the care of Your flock, especially our own Bishop *N.*, our own priest(s) *N.*, and our own deacon(s) *N.*; for all bishops, priests, deacons, and saints in every place; for every order of the Evangelical Orthodox Church and the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **We so pray for all servants of Jesus Christ.**

**Deacon:** For our nation and all the nations of the world; For our own national leaders \_\_\_\_\_, and the leaders of other nations; for all public servants, and for our armed forces: that they would all zealously promote justice and the common good, granting them peaceful times, that we, in their tranquility, may lead a calm and peaceful life in all godliness and holiness, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: We so pray for all leaders.**

**Deacon:** For those who travel by land, air, and sea; for the city in which we dwell, \_\_\_\_\_, for every city and country and for the faithful dwelling in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: We so pray for our city, for travelers, and for the faithful.**

**Deacon:** For seasonable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for the wisdom and liberality to be good and benevolent stewards of all God's provisions, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: We so pray for abundant provisions and the unselfish use of them.**

**Deacon:** For all those who walk in darkness, that they may come to Christ, the Light, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: We so pray for all those in darkness.**

**Deacon:** For orphans and children of broken homes; for the unborn and the unwanted; for those exiled and in prison for the true faith; for the homeless and the hungry; for the physically and mentally ill; and for the aged and infirm, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: We so pray for the suffering and neglected.**

**Deacon:** For our own parish, \_\_\_\_\_; for godly virtue in our marriages; for the preservation of our families and homes; for mercy and protection for our youth; for strength, hope, and courage for those who are not married; that nourished with the Eucharist, we may all mature to the full stature of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: We so pray for our parish and each of her faithful.**

**Deacon:** For... (*special prayer requests are offered here either spontaneously or using information written down for the deacon beforehand*), also remembering our visitors, catechumens, penitents, and all seekers of truth, Help us, save us, have mercy on us and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us all.**

**Deacon:** For the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly, and grant us to be found faithful when you come.**

**Priest:** And now, enable us to worship You blamelessly in awe and love, and share in Your holy mysteries without condemnation, and make us worthy of Your heavenly kingdom. That guarded always by Your might we may ascribe glory unto You: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**People:** **Amen.**

## ✠ **THE LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL** ✠

### **GREAT ENTRANCE, PEACE, & CREED**

*As a Great Entrance hymn(s) is sung, the gifts are processed to the altar and prepared according to local custom. When the song is finished the Priest continues:*

**Priest:** ✠Peace be with you!

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Deacon:** The Holy Apostle Paul called the members of the Church to examine themselves in order that they not partake of the Lord's body and blood in an unworthy fashion. Our Savior also said, "If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift at the altar and go be reconciled with your brother, then come and offer your gift."

**Deacon:** Let us love one another that we may make our offering in peace and with one mind confess: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit! The Trinity, one in essence and undivided!

**People:** **I will love You O Lord my strength! The Lord is my firm foundation, my refuge and my deliverer.**

**Priest:** We are a reconciled people! God the Father has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** **We are also reconciled to each other as we walk in the light together.**

**Deacon:** Let us share the sign of peace. *Done according to local custom, then:*

**Deacon:** Is \_\_\_\_\_ church at peace?

**People:** **We are at peace!**

**Deacon:** Christ is in our midst!

**People:** **He is and ever shall be!**

**Deacon:** Let us confess our Faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We 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 from the Father before all time; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, consubstantial with the Father, through Whom all things came into being; Who for us all, and because of our salvation, came down from heaven and was made flesh by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried, and rose on the third day according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father, and will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead! His kingdom shall have no end.**

**And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who is worshipped and glorified together with the Father and the Son, Who spoke through the prophets; and in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. We confess one baptism for the remission of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

### **ANAPHORA & GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Optional Eucharistic Prayers can be found beginning on page 22.*

**Deacon:** Let us stand with dignity! Let us stand in awe! And in the peace of Christ, let us with full attention and gratitude lift up our lives and offer them in the holy bread and wine.

**People:** **A gift of peace! A sacrifice of praise.**

**Priest:** ✠The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Let us lift up our hearts!

**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord!

**People:** **It is fitting and right to worship the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit: the Trinity one in essence and undivided.**

**Priest:** It is fitting and right to sing to You, to praise You, to give thanks to You, to worship You in every place of Your dominion; for You are God, beyond description, beyond understanding, invisible, incomprehensible, always existing, always the same; You and Your only-begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit!

Out of nothing You brought us into being, and when we had fallen, You raised us up again. And You did not cease doing everything until You brought us to heaven and graciously gave us Your future Kingdom. For all these things we thank You, and Your only-begotten Son, and Your Holy Spirit; for all these blessings, both known and unknown, those bestowed openly and those given in secret, that were lavished upon us.

We thank You also for this Liturgy which You are pleased to accept from our hands, though there stand before You thousands of archangels, a myriad of angels, Cherubim and Seraphim, six-winged, many-eyed, soaring on their pinions, singing, proclaiming, and shouting the Hymn of Victory:

*All Sing a Sanctus (as the Priest goes behind the altar if it is the local custom.)*

**Priest:** With these blessed powers, O Master who loves mankind, we also cry aloud and say:

**All:** **You are holy, all holy, You and Your Only-begotten Son, and Your Holy Spirit. You are holy, all-holy, and magnificent is Your glory.**

### **FRACTION, EPICLESIS, & COMMEMORATION**

**Priest:** You have so loved the world that you gave Your only begotten Son, that whoever believes on Him will not perish but have everlasting life. After He had come and accomplished all that was appointed, on the night in which He was given up, or rather gave Himself up for the life of the world, He took bread in His holy, pure, and blameless hands. And when He had given thanks, and blessed it, and broken it (*breaks bread*), He gave it to His holy disciples and apostles, saying: "Take, eat. This is My body which is broken for you, for the remission of sins."

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** And likewise, after supper, He took the cup saying, "Drink of it all of you. This is My blood of the New Covenant which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** (*Elevating gifts*) Remembering this precept of salvation and everything that was done for our sakes: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven, the sitting at the right hand, and the second and glorious coming: (*crossing his arms*) We offer You Your own from what is Your own, on behalf of all and for all.

**People: We praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, O Lord, and we pray unto You, O our God.**

**Priest:** We offer unto You this reasonable and bloodless worship, and ask You, and supplicate You: Send down Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts here offered... (*All bow in honor of the Holy Spirit.*)

...and make this bread the precious Body of Your Christ,

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** ...and that which is in this cup, the precious blood of Your Christ,

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** ...changing them by Your Holy Spirit!

**People: Amen! Amen! And Amen!**

**Priest:** That to those who partake of these gifts, they may be for the cleansing of their souls, for the forgiveness of their sins, in communion with Your Holy Spirit, and unto the fulfillment of the Kingdom of Heaven, giving us boldness toward You in Your presence, and not judgment or condemnation.

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** We offer You this reasonable worship, not only for ourselves but for all those who in faith have gone before us to their rest; forefathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, and every righteous spirit made perfect in faith; especially for our holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the God-bearer and virgin Mary (*a Theotokion Hymn may be sung here*), the holy prophet, forerunner, and baptizer, St. John, the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles, and all Your saints, at whose supplication look down upon us, O God. We remember all who have fallen asleep before us in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. (*The names from the diptychs may be read here if not read earlier.*) Grant them rest where the light of Your countenance shines upon them.

**People: Amen.**

**Priest:** And grant that with one mouth and one heart we may praise Your all-honorable and majestic name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**People: Amen.**

**Priest:** ✠The mercies of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ shall be with all of you.

**People: And also with you.**

## THE "OUR FATHER"

**Priest:** And now count us worthy that with boldness and without condemnation we may dare to call on you, the God of heaven, as Father, in the words our Savior taught us, saying...

**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 the evil one.**

**Priest:** For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages!

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** ☩Peace be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

**Deacon:** Let us bow our heads to the Lord!

**People: To You, O Lord.**

**Priest:** We give thanks unto You, O King invisible, who by Your measureless power and in the greatness of Your mercy, brought all things from non-existence into being. Look down from heaven, O Master, upon those who have bowed their heads unto You, the awesome God. Distribute these Gifts here offered, unto all of us for the personal need of each, for You are the physician of our souls and bodies. Through the grace and compassion and love toward mankind of Your only-begotten Son, with whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**People: Amen! Attend, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God. Sanctify us from the throne of glory, You who sit on high with the Father, and are invisibly present with us; and by Your mighty hand impart to us Your most pure Body and precious Blood!**

## **COMMUNION**

**NOTE: Visitors, please see page 16 for communion guidelines.**

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** Holy things for holy people!

**People: ONLY ONE IS HOLY! ONLY ONE IS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER! AMEN!**

**Priest:** Broken and distributed is the Lamb of God. Broken, He is never disunited; ever eaten, He is never consumed, making holy those who in faith receive Him.

**Deacon:** Taste and see that the Lord is good! In the fear of God and with faith and love, let us draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People:** Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! I believe, O Lord, and I confess that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. I believe also that this is truly Your own most pure Body, and that this is truly You own precious Blood.

Therefore, I pray You: have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, committed in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Your most pure Mysteries, for the remission of my sins, and unto life everlasting.

Of Your Mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant; for I will not speak of Your Mystery to Your enemies, neither like Judas will I give You a kiss; but like the thief I will confess You: Remember me, O Lord, in Your Kingdom. May the communion of Your holy Mysteries be neither to my judgment, nor to my condemnation, O Lord, but to the healing of soul and body.

*Communion hymns are offered as the people come forward according to local custom.*

## **POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

*When all have partaken, the altar is cleared and songs and personal expressions of thanksgiving may be offered according to local custom. The following form in part or in whole may be used.*

*After all have partaken, the gifts are returned to the altar, and the Priest serves the Deacon. Then the gifts are veiled and censed. When the communion songs are finished, the Priest lifts the gifts, and making the sign of the cross with them says:*

**Priest:** ✠Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages!

*As the following song is sung, the altar is cleared and the priest goes back to his place among the people.*

**All sing:** Let our mouths be filled with Your praise, O Lord! For You have counted us worthy to share Your holy, immortal, and spotless Mysteries. Keep us in sanctification that we may sing Your glory, meditating on Your holiness through all the day! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

**Deacon:** Having partaken of the divine, holy, most pure, immortal, heavenly, life-giving, and awesome Mysteries of Christ, let us give thanks unto the Lord.

*Songs and words of thanksgiving are offered, after which the Deacon says:*

**Deacon:** Let us collect our praises to the Lord.

**All:** We thank You, O Master who loves mankind, benefactor of our souls, that You have made us worthy this day of Your heavenly and immortal Mysteries. Direct our way before us, and deepen the awe in which we hold You. Guard our life. Make firm our steps, through the prayers and intercessions of the glorious God-bearer, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of all Your saints.

**Priest:** *(Making the sign of the cross over the altar with the Gospel Book)* For You have made us holy, and unto You do we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. **Amen!**

### **AMBO PRAYER & RESPONSE**

**Priest:** O Lord, You bless those who bless You. You make holy those who put their trust in You. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Protect the whole body of Your Church. For we know all good gifts come from You, the Father of lights! And to You do we ascribe glory, to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**People: Amen!**

*All may sing or say the following Ambo Prayer Response*

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord, now and forever more! (3X)**

**Priest:** Glory to You, Christ God, our hope, glory to You!

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen! Lord, be merciful and bless us.**

### **BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

*During the singing of the ambo prayer response above or another song, the deacon extinguishes the candles according to local custom. When the song is finished, the Priest gives the dismissal blessing, using the following or some other biblical benediction:*

**Priest:** May He who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His pure mother, of His holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles, of our fathers and mothers among the saints, of St. John Chrysostom, whose liturgy we celebrate today, of St.(s), \_\_\_\_\_, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us for He is good and full of love for all mankind!

✠And may the blessing of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People: Amen!**

Deacon: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**People: Amen!**

*The Priest remains at the front with the blessing cross if it is the local custom for the saints to come forward and reverence the cross.*

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION**

**Prayers are inserted here according to local custom. The following may be used in part or in full.**

### **A Prayer of St. Basil**

O Master Christ our God, King of the Ages, Maker of all things: I thank You for all the good things You have given me, especially for the communion with Your most pure and life-giving Mysteries. I pray You, O gracious Lover of Man: preserve me (and all those joined in communion here today) under Your protection, beneath the shadow of Your wings. Enable me, even to my last breath, to partake worthily and with a pure conscience of Your holy things, for the remission of sins and unto life eternal. For You are the Bread of Life, the Fountain of Holiness, the Giver of all Good; to You we ascribe glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom**

I thank You, O Lord my God, for You have not rejected me, a sinner, but have permitted me to be a partaker of Your holy things. I thank You that You have permitted me, though unworthy, to have a share in Your pure and heavenly gifts. But, O Master who loves all men, who for our sakes did die and rise again, and did give us these awe-inspiring and life-giving mysteries for the good and sanctifying of our souls and bodies, grant that they may truly be for me the healing of soul and body, the repelling of every adversary, the illumining of the eyes of my heart, the peace of my spiritual powers, a faith unashamed, a love unfeigned, the fulfilling of wisdom, the observing of Your commandments, the receiving of Your divine grace, and the attaining of Your kingdom. Preserved by them in Your holiness, may I always remember your grace, and live not for myself alone, but for You, our Master and Benefactor. May I pass from this life in the hope of eternal life, and attain to the everlasting rest, where the voice of those that feast is unceasing, and the delight of those that behold the beauty of Your countenance is unending. For You are the true desire and unspeakable joy of those that love You, O Christ our God, and all creation sings Your praise forever. Amen.

### **General Thanksgiving** (Adapted from the Anglican service book.)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom You have made. We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for participation in the Mysteries of Your grace, and for the hope of glory. And we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteous all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN HOLY COMMUNION**

From the earliest days the Church has regarded Holy Eucharist as the center of her life and worship. Maintaining the integrity of this great sacrament was somewhat easier and less complicated during the 1st 1000 years of her history because her witness was basically one and undivided. Since that time major divisions have taken place and her presence in the world has become "denominated." The response to this divided state of Christendom, as it regards the practice of Holy Communion, has been varied from age to age and from tradition to tradition. It is our desire here to maintain the majesty and purity of this great sacrament and at the same time manifest the communion that all those share who have been baptized into Christ. For that reason our table is open to other sincere and faithful Christians.

Therefore, in awe and honor of Christ who offers Himself in the bread and wine, we encourage you as did St. Paul (1 Cor. 11:27-29) to examine yourself. Furthermore, we ask that you use the guidelines below to determine whether or not you should receive Holy Communion here. Remember, this is not about your worth. We are all unworthy, yet equally precious in the sight of God. We are simply asking you to make an honest assessment of your relationship with Christ and this church.

### ***Anyone desiring to partake of Communion with us should:***

- *Be a sincere Christian, baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and dedicated to living a holy life, by God's grace.*
- *Be able to freely confess with us the essential tenets of the Christian Faith as expressed in the Nicene Creed.*
- *Be faithfully committed to and regularly offering oneself in a specific local Christian church in some place. (Special circumstances must be discussed with church leadership prior to the service.)*
- *Believe the communion bread and wine are, in a mystery, what Christ said – His own Body and Blood.*
- *Be respectful toward the practices and people of this church, so that our communion is shared in peace.*

If you are able to affirm these things, please feel free to come forward and partake of Holy Communion. If you are in doubt it would probably be best to refrain until you can discuss your concerns with the leadership of the church. You can still come up with everyone else if you would like the Priest to pray for God's blessing on you: when you come up, just bow your head and don't extend your hands out. Whether you partake or not, we are glad to have you here!

## **ADDITIONAL LITANIES**

### **Litany Form 2 – Standard Eastern (Chanted)**

For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our venerable Presiding Bishop, N., for our own blessed Bishop, N., for our Priest(s), N., for our Deacon(s), N.; for all the bishops, priests, and deacons of the Evangelical Orthodox Church; for all who serve in the name of Christ and feed His flock in every place, and for all Christ-loving people, let us pray to the Lord

**Lord, have mercy.**

For President/ Prime Minister, N., for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and country, and for those who in faith dwell in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For favorable weather, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For travelers by land, by sea, and by air, for the sick and the suffering, for captives, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The following prayers for the local parish and community, and/or specific requests collected before the service, may be used here.*

That this whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless; for our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity; for an angel of peace, a faithful guide and guardian of our souls and bodies; for pardon and forgiveness of our sins and offenses; for all things good and useful for our souls; that we may end the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance; for a Christian ending to our life, painless, unashamed, peaceful, and for a good defense before the awesome judgment seat of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the virgin God-bearer Mary, with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

**To You, O Lord.** *Continue Liturgy with the last prayer of the Litany on page 8*

### **Litany Form 3 – Topical Spontaneous**

*After the Deacon makes each request, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

Let us offer our prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s), N., Priest(s), N., and Deacon(s), N.; for this gathering; and for all clergy and people.

*Prayers are offered for the Church*

Let us offer our prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people in every place.

*Prayers are offered for the world and its people*

Let us offer our prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison; for all who are in any need or trouble.

*Prayers are offered for those in trouble or need.*

Let us offer our prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of Him, that they may find Him and be found by Him.

*Prayers are offered for all seekers*

*The Priest closes with a collect. The Liturgy continues with the last prayer of the Litany on page 8.*

### **Litany Form 4 - Responsive**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for Your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve You;  
**That Your Name may be glorified in us all.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in Your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise You for Your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Specific petitions are offered, then the Priest closes with a collect, after which the Liturgy continues with the last prayer of the Litany on page 8.*

## **Litany Form 5 – Lead Prayer/Silent Prayer**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess Your Name may be united in Your truth, live together in Your love, and reveal Your glory in the world.

*Silent Prayers are offered for the Church*

Lord, in Your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silent Prayers are offered for the World*

Lord, in Your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as Your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to Your honor and glory.

*Silent Prayers are offered for the earth, its resources, and our use of them*

Lord, in Your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve them as unto Christ, and love one another as He loves us.

*Silent Prayers are offered for our service and love to others*

Lord, in Your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of Your salvation.

*Silent Prayers are offered for the suffering*

Lord, in Your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Priest closes with one of the Collects, then the Liturgy continues with the last prayer of the Litany on page 8.*

## **Litany Form 6 – Eastern Adapted**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond*  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of Your coming, we pray to You, O Lord.

For N. our Presiding Bishop, for N. our own Bishop, for all bishops and other clergy, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to You, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in You, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as You and the Father are one, we pray to You, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to You, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to You, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to You, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to You, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to You, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to You, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to You, O Lord.

For this congregation [for those who are present, and for those who are absent], that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth Your glory in all that we do, we pray to You, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to You, O Lord.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to You, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to You, O Lord.

For (*Specific personal petitions are offered*), we pray to You, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of Your Church, and those whose faith is known to You alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to You, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the blessed Virgin and God-bearer Mary, (the blessed N.), and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. To You, O Lord our God.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*

For Yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever and unto ages of ages.

**Amen.**

*The Liturgy continues with the last prayer of the Litany on page 8.*

### **Litany Form 7 – Responsive**

In peace, we pray to You, Lord our God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. our own Bishop; and for all bishops and all who care for Your flock;

**For all who serve God in His Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon all;

**Who put their trust in You.**

*The Priest closes with one of the Collects, then the Liturgy continues with the last prayer of the Litany on page 8.*

## ADDITIONAL EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS

### Anaphora of St. Basil

**Deacon:** Let us stand in dignity! Let us stand in awe! And in the peace of Christ, let us with full attention and gratitude lift up our lives, and offer them in the Holy Bread and Wine!

**People:** **A gift of peace, a sacrifice of praise!**

**Priest:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**People:** **And with your spirit!**

**Priest:** Let us lift up our hearts!

**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord!**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord!

**People:** **It is fitting and right to worship the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit: the Trinity, one in essence and undivided!**

**Priest:** O Existing One, Master, Lord God, Father Almighty and adorable, it is truly meet and right, and befitting the magnificence of Your holiness to praise You, sing to You, to bless You, to worship You, to give thanks unto You and to glorify You, the only truly existing God, and to offer unto You our reasonable worship with a contrite heart and humble spirit, for You have bestowed upon us the knowledge of Your truth. Who can utter Your mighty acts, or make all Your praises heard, or declare all Your wonders at every time? O Master of all, Lord of heaven and earth and of all creation both visible and invisible, who sits upon the throne of glory, and looks upon the depths; without beginning, invisible, incomprehensible, indescribable, unchangeable; the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who is our great God and Savior and our hope.

He is the image of Your goodness, the seal of Your very likeness, in Himself showing You forth, Father; the Living Word, the true God, the Wisdom before the ages, the Life, Sanctification, Power, the true Light, through whom the Holy Spirit was revealed, the Spirit of truth, the Gift of adoption, the Pledge of an inheritance to come, the First-fruits of eternal good things, the life-creating Power, the Fountain of sanctification, through whom every rational and intelligent creature worships You, and sends up to You everlasting hymns of glory, for all things are Your servants.

You are praised by Angels and Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Authorities, Powers, and the many-eyed Cherubim. Round about You stand the Seraphim, with six wings; and with two they cover their faces, and with two their feet, and with two they fly, calling out to one another with unceasing voices and unending praises, singing the hymn of victory and saying:

*All Sing a Sanctus as the Priest goes behind the altar.*

**Priest:** With these blessed Powers, O Master, who loves mankind, we sinners also do cry out and say,

**People:** **You are Holy, truly most holy, and there is no measure to the magnificence of Your holiness!**

**Priest:** You are holy in all Your works, for in righteousness and true judgment You brought about all things for us. When You had fashioned man, taking dust from the earth, and had honored him with Your own image, O God, You did set him in a paradise of delight, promising him life everlasting and the enjoyment of eternal good things in the observance of Your commandments.

But when he disobeyed You, the true God, who had created him, and was led astray by the deceit of the serpent, and became subject to death by his own transgressions, You, in Your righteous judgment, O God, did send him forth from Paradise into this world, returning him to the earth from which he was taken, yet providing salvation for him through regeneration, which is in Your Christ Himself.

You did not turn Yourself away forever from Your creature which You had made, O Good One, neither did You forget the work of Your hands. Through Your tenderhearted mercy, You did visit him in various ways: You sent forth prophets; You performed mighty works through the saints who in every generation were well-pleasing to You; Through the prophets You foretold to us the salvation which was to come; You gave us the Law as a help; You appointed angels as guardians. And when the fullness of time had come, You spoke to us through Your Son Himself, by whom also You made the ages;

Who, being the brightness of Your glory, and the express image of Your person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, deemed it not robbery to be equal to You, the God and Father of all. He was God before the ages, yet He appeared upon earth and sojourned among men; becoming incarnate of a holy Virgin; He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being conformed to the body of our humility, that He might conform us to the image of His glory. For as by man sin entered the world, and by sin death, so Your Only-begotten Son, Who is in Your bosom, was well-pleased to be born of a woman, the holy God-bearer and virgin Mary, to be born under the Law, that He might condemn sin in His flesh, so that those who were dead in Adam might be made alive in Your Christ Himself.

He lived in this world and gave us commandments of salvation; Releasing us from the delusion of idols, He brought us to a knowledge of You, the true God and Father. He obtained us for His own people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

Having cleansed us in water, and sanctified us with the Holy Spirit, He gave Himself as a ransom to Death, in which we were held captive, sold under sin. And having descended into hell through the Cross, that He might fill all things with Himself, He loosed the pangs of death. He rose on the third day, making a way for all flesh unto the resurrection from the dead - since it was not possible for the Author of life to be the victim of corruption. So He became the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep, the first-born from the dead, that He might be Himself truly the first in all things. Ascending into heaven, He sat down at the right hand of Your majesty on high, and He shall return to render unto everyone according to his works.

As memorials of His saving Passion, He has left us these Things which we have set forth according to His commandment. For when He was about to go forth to His voluntary, and ever-memorable, and life-creating death, in the night in which He gave Himself up for the life of the world, He took bread in His holy and pure hands, and when He had shown it unto You, the God and Father, and given thanks, and ✕blessed it, and hallowed it, and broken it, (*Breaks the bread.*)

He gave it to His holy disciples and apostles, saying: "Take, eat. This is My body which is broken for you, for the remission of sins."

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** And likewise, after supper, He took the cup saying: "Drink of it all of you. This is My blood of the New Covenant which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this Bread and drink of this Cup, you proclaim my death and confess my resurrection."

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** *(Elevating the gifts)* Therefore, O Master, remembering His saving Passion and life-creating Cross, His three-day burial and resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven and sitting at Your right hand, and His glorious and awesome second coming, *(Crossing arms)* we offer You Your own from what is Your own, on behalf of all and for all.

**People: We praise You! We bless You! We give thanks to You, O Lord; and we pray unto You, O our God!**

**Priest:** We offer unto You this reasonable and bloodless worship, and ask You, and supplicate You: Send down Your Holy Spirit... *(All bow in honor)* ...upon us and upon these gifts here offered, and bless and hallow them, *(elevates bread)* and show this bread to be the precious body of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ,

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** *(elevates cup)* ...and that which is in this chalice to be the precious blood of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ,

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** *(elevates both)* ...given for the life of the world and its salvation!

**People: Amen! Amen! and Amen!**

*(The Priest places the gifts back on the table then continues.)*

**Priest:** And unite all of us to one another who become partakers of the one Bread and Cup in the communion of the Holy Spirit. Grant that none of us may partake of the holy Body and Blood of Your Christ for judgment or condemnation. Instead, may we find mercy and grace with all the saints who through the ages have been well-pleasing to You: forefathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, teachers, and every righteous spirit made perfect in faith. Especially for our holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the God-bearer and virgin Mary, *(A Theotokion hymn may be sung here.)* the holy prophet, forerunner, and baptizer, St. John, the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles, and all Your saints, at whose supplication look down upon us, O God.

We remember all who have fallen asleep before us in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Grant them rest where the light of Your countenance shines upon them.

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** And make us worthy, O Master, that with boldness and without condemnation, we may dare to call on You, the Heavenly Father, in the words our Savior taught us saying:

**People: Our Father, who art in heaven...**

**Priest:** For Thine is the kingdom and the power...

**Deacon:** Let us bow our heads to the Lord!

**People:** **To You, O Lord.**

**Priest:** O Master, Lord, Father of compassion and God of every consolation: Bless, sanctify, guard, strengthen and confirm those who have bowed their heads to You. Withdraw them from every evil deed; apply them to every good work and make them worthy to partake without condemnation of these, Your most pure and life-creating Mysteries, for remission of sins and for the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Through the grace and compassion and love toward mankind of Your only-begotten Son, with whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages

**People:** **Amen! Attend, O Lord Jesus Christ our God. Sanctify us from the throne of glory, You who sit on high with the Father, and are invisibly present with us; and by Your mighty hand impart to us Your most pure Body and precious Blood.**

*Go back to page 12 now and continue with the remainder of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, beginning with "Let us attend!"*

### **Anaphora of St. James**

**Deacon:** Let us stand with dignity! Let us stand in awe! And in the peace of Christ, let us with full attention and gratitude lift up our lives and offer them in the holy bread and wine.

**People:** **A gift of peace! A sacrifice of praise.**

**Priest:** \*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Let us lift up our hearts!

**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord!

**People:** **It is fitting and right to worship the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit: the Trinity one in essence and undivided.**

**Priest:** Truly it is right and fitting, proper and necessary, to praise You, to hymn You, to bless You, to worship You, to glorify You, to give thanks to You, Fashioner of every creature, visible and invisible, the Treasury of the eternal good things, the Source of life and immortality, the God and Master of all, whose praise is sung by the heavens and the heavens of heavens and all their powers, the sun and the moon and the whole choir of stars, earth, sea and all that they contain; the heavenly Jerusalem, festival of the chosen, church of the first-born, who are inscribed in heaven; spirits of the Just and of Prophets, souls of Martyrs and Apostles; Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Authorities and dread Powers, the many-eyed Cherubim and the six-winged Seraphim, that with two wings cover their faces, with two their feet and with two they fly, as they cry out to one another with unceasing voices and with never silent hymns, with radiant voices singing the triumphant hymn of Your majestic glory, shouting, glorifying, crying aloud and saying:

*All Sing a Sanctus as the Priest goes behind the altar.*

**Priest:** Holy are You, King of the ages, Lord and giver of all holiness. Holy too is Your only-begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through whom You made all things. Holy too is Your all-holy Spirit, who searches all things, even Your depths, God and Father.

Holy are You, all-powerful, fearsome, good, tender-hearted, compassionate to what You fashioned. You made mankind from earth, according to Your image and likeness, granting us the enjoyment of Paradise. But when we transgressed Your commandment and fell away, You did not forsake or abandon us, O Good One, but chastened us as a compassionate Father, called us through the Law, tutored us through the Prophets. Finally You sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forth into the world, to come and renew and raise up Your image. He came down from heaven and was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and Mary, the holy blessed Virgin and Mother of God, lived among mortals and disposed all things for the salvation of our race.

When He, the one without sin, was about to accept for us sinners His voluntary and life-giving death through a cross, on the night He was given up, or rather gave himself up, for the life and salvation of the world,...

...taking bread in His holy, immaculate and unblemished and immortal hands, looking up to heaven and showing it to you, His Father, giving thanks, blessing, sanctifying and breaking it (*breaks the bread*), He shared it among His holy and blessed Disciples and Apostles, saying:

"Take, eat. This is my body which is broken and distributed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

**People: Amen.**

**Priest:** Likewise after supper, taking the cup and gazing up to heaven and showing it to you, His Father, giving thanks, blessing, sanctifying it with the Holy Spirit, He shared it among His holy and blessed Disciples and Apostles, saying: "Drink from this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out and distributed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me."

**People: Amen.**

**Priest:** For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the death of the Son of Man, and confess His resurrection, until He comes.

**People: Your death, Lord, we proclaim, and Your resurrection we confess.**

**Priest:** (*Elevating gifts*) Therefore, we sinners too, remembering His life-giving sufferings and the saving Cross, His death and burial and resurrection from the dead on the third day, His ascension into heaven and sitting at Your right hand, Father, and His second, glorious and fearsome coming, when He comes in glory to judge the living and the dead, when He will render to each according to their works, or rather according to His compassion, (*crossing arms*) offer to You, Master, this awesome sacrifice without shedding of blood, asking that You do not act towards us according to our sins, but that, according to Your kindness and ineffable love for mankind, setting aside and wiping out the record of the debt against us who call out to You, that You would grant us Your heavenly and eternal gifts, which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered the human heart the things that You have prepared, O God, for those who love You. Your people and Your Church entreat You.

**People: Have mercy on us, Lord God, the Father, the Almighty.**

**Priest:** Have mercy on us, Lord God, the Father, the Almighty. Have mercy on us, God our Savior.

Have mercy on us, O God, in accordance with Your great mercy, and send forth upon these holy gifts, here set forth, Your all-holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, enthroned with You, God and Father, and Your only-begotten Son, co-reigning, consubstantial and co-eternal, who spoke by the Law and the Prophets and by Your New Covenant, who came down in the form of a dove upon our Lord Jesus Christ in the river Jordan, and rested upon Him, who came down upon Your holy Apostles in the form of fiery tongues in the upper room on the day of Pentecost. Your same all-holy Spirit, Lord, send down on us (*All bow in honor*) and on these gifts here set forth, that having come by His holy, good and glorious presence, (*elevating the bread*) he may sanctify this bread and make it the holy Body of Christ,...

**People: Amen.**

**Priest:** (*elevating the cup*) ...and this cup the precious Blood of Christ,...

**People: Amen.**

**Priest:** (*elevating the plate and the cup*) ...that they may become for all those who partake of them for forgiveness of sins and everlasting life; for sanctification of souls and bodies; for a fruitful harvest of good works; for the strengthening of Your Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, which You founded on the rock of the faith, so that the gates of Hell might not prevail against it, delivering it from every heresy and from the scandals caused by those who work iniquity, and from the enemies who arise and attack it, until the consummation of the age.

**People: Amen, Amen, and Amen!**

*The Priest places the gifts back on the altar and continues:*

**Priest:** We make this offering to You, Master, for all whom You glorified by the divine Epiphany of Your Christ and the visitation of Your all-holy Spirit; for Your holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church throughout the whole inhabited world. Richly bestow on it now too, Master, the gifts of Your all-holy Spirit.

**People: Remember, Lord our God.**

Also be pleased to remember, Lord, those who have been well-pleasing to You from the beginning of time, generation by generation, holy Fathers, Mothers, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Teachers, Ascetics, and every righteous spirit, made perfect in faith, especially our all-holy and pure Lady, Mother of God and Blessed Virgin Mary,

**People: Remember, Lord, our God.**

**Priest:** The holy, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, the holy Apostles and Evangelists, the holy Prophets, Patriarchs and Righteous ones, the holy Martyrs and Confessors and all the Saints, not because we are worthy to commemorate their blessedness, but that they too, as they stand before Your dread and terrible judgment seat, may in return remember our wretchedness.

**People: Remember, Lord our God.**

*(Here he may speak the names on the diptychs).*

**Priest:** Remember all these, O Lord, the God of spirits and all flesh, those we have remembered and those we have not. Give them rest in the land of the living, in Your kingdom, in the delight of Paradise, in the bosom of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, our holy Fathers, whence pain, grief and sighing have fled away, where the light of Your face watches and shines out for ever.

By the grace, compassion and love for mankind of Your Christ, with whom You are blessed and glorified with Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages.

**People: Amen.**

**Priest:** And count us worthy, Master, Lord who loves mankind, with boldness and without condemnation, with a pure heart, enlightened soul, face unashamed, lips that are sanctified to dare to call upon You, the holy God in heaven, as Father, and to say:

**People: 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 the evil one.**

**Priest:** Do not lead us into temptation that we cannot endure, Lord of powers, who knows our weakness, but deliver us from the evil one and from his works, and from all his influence and guile, for the sake of Your holy Name, that has been invoked upon our lowliness. For Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages.

**People: Amen.**

**Priest:** Peace to all.

**People: And to your spirit.**

**Deacon:** Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

**People: To You, O Lord.**

**Priest:** We, Your servants, Lord, have bowed our necks to You before Your holy altar, awaiting rich mercies from You.

Send forth to us now, Master, Your rich grace and blessing, and sanctify our souls and bodies and spirits, that we may become worthy communicants and partakers of Your holy mysteries for forgiveness and everlasting life. For You, our God, are to be worshipped and glorified, with Your only-begotten Son and Your all-holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages.

**People: Amen.**

**Priest:** And the grace and mercies of the holy, consubstantial, uncreated, indivisible and adored Trinity shall be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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### **The Anaphora from the Celtic Orthodox Liturgy**

**Deacon:** Let us stand with dignity! Let us stand in awe! And in the peace of Christ, let us with full attention and gratitude lift up our lives and offer them in the holy bread and wine.

**People: A gift of peace! A sacrifice of praise.**

**Priest:** ✠The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Let us lift up our hearts!

**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord!

**People:** **It is fitting and right to worship the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit: the Trinity one in essence and undivided.**

**Priest:** Truly it is worthy and just and right and unto salvation for us now and here, always and everywhere to give thanks, through Christ our Lord unto You, Holy Lord Almighty and Eternal God. Who with Your Only-Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit, O God, are One and Immortal God, Incorruptible and Immutable God, Unseen and Faithful God, Wonderful and Praise-worthy God, Honorable and Mighty God, the Highest and Magnificent God, Living and True God, Wise and Powerful God, Holy and Extraordinary God, Great and Good God, Fearsome and Peaceful God, Beautiful and Truthful God, Pure and Benevolent God, Blessed and Just God, Pious and Holy, not in one singularity of person but One Trinity of One Substance. You we believe; You we bless; You we adore; and we praise Your Name unto eternity and unto ages of ages: You through Whom is the Salvation of the world; through Whom is the Life of men; through Whom is the Resurrection of the dead.

Through Whom, unto Your Majesty, the Angels give praise, the Dominions Worship, the Powers of the Heavens tremble, and the heavenly Virtues and the Blessed Seraphim together with exaltation celebrate. With Whom, we beseech You, bid that our voices also be admitted, with prayerful confession saying:

*All Sing a Sanctus as the Priest goes behind the altar.*

**Priest:** Blessed is He Who comes from heaven that He might enter the world and become man unto the blotting out of the sins of the flesh; Who became a willing Victim that through suffering He might give eternal life to those who believe; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit throughout all ages of ages.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** Therefore, most clement Father, through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, we humbly beseech and pray You, that You accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unspotted sacrifices, which, first, we offer unto You for Your holy Catholic Church: that You graciously keep her in peace, and guard, unify, and govern her throughout the whole world: together with Your servants and all who hold the orthodox and apostolic faith. Especially remember, O Lord, Your servants and handmaids and all who are present here, who pay their vows unto You, the eternal, living and true God, in communion with and venerating the glorious blessed virgin Mary the Birth-giver of our God and Lord Jesus Christ, Your blessed Apostles and martyrs, and all Your Saints; by whose examples and prayers may You grant that, in all things, we may be ever strengthened by the help of Your protection through our Lord Jesus Christ Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit throughout all ages of ages.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** Truly Holy, Truly Blessed, Truly Wondrous in His Saints, is our God Jesus Christ, Who Himself bestowed virtue and fortitude to His servants. Blessed be God Whom we bless in the Apostles, and in all His Saints who have striven to please Him from the Beginning of the age, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who the day before He suffered...

...took bread into His Holy and venerable Hands, and with His eyes lifted up to heaven gave thanks to You, His almighty Father, and He ✠Blessed it and broke it (*Breaks the bread*) and gave it to His disciples, saying:

"Take and eat from this all of you, for this is my Body."

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** In a similar manner after the supper, He took the chalice in His Holy and venerable Hands: also giving thanks to You, He ✠Blessed it and gave to His disciples, saying:

"Take and drink from this all of you, for this is the chalice of my Blood, of the new and eternal testament, the mystery of faith: which is shed for you and for many unto the remission of sins."

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** Whenever you do these things, you shall do them unto my memory: you will praise my Passion; you will proclaim my Resurrection; you will hope on my coming until I come again to you from heaven.

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** (*Elevating gifts*) Wherefore, O Lord, we Your servants, together with Your holy people, are mindful of the Blessed Passion of the same Holy Christ Your Son our Lord, and also His Resurrection from hell and His glorious Ascension into heaven. (*Crossing his arm*) We offer unto Your excellent majesty of Your own gifts and bounty, the Holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

**People: Look upon our offering with a favorable and gracious countenance: and accept it, we pray, even as You did graciously accept the gifts of Your just child Abel, and the sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham: and that which Your high priest Melchizedek offered unto You.**

**Priest:** We humbly beseech and pray to You, Almighty God: command You these things to be brought by the hands of Your Holy Angel to Your Altar on high, in the presence of Your Divine majesty: that, as many of us as shall receive from the Altar of Sanctification the most sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, may be fulfilled with all heavenly benediction and grace.

Remember also O Lord the names of those who preceded us in faith and who rest in the sleep of peace: Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, and of all the Saints. Unto them O Lord and to all who rest in Christ, we entreat You to grant a place of refreshing light and peace.

To us sinners also, hoping for the multitude of Your mercies, graciously grant us a part and fellowship with Your Holy Apostles and Martyrs: and with all Your Saints: through our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom, O Lord You do ever create, sanctify, enliven, bless, and bestow all these good things upon us.

It is through Him, with Him, and in Him, in unity with the Holy Spirit, that unto You, God the Father Almighty, is all honor and glory, through all ages of ages.

**People: Amen. Let Your mercy be upon us even as we have hoped on You.**

**Priest:** (*Elevating gifts*) We who serve You, offer these prescribed Holy Gifts of our salvation, that You may be pleased to send Your Holy Spirit (*All bow in honor*) upon this Sacrifice and transform it, so that it may become for us an acceptable Eucharist of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; and may it be unto us who eat and drink, Life eternal and the eternal Kingdom. Through the same Christ Our Lord who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit throughout all ages of ages.

**People:** **Amen, Amen, and Amen!**

*Placing the gifts back on the altar, the Priest continues:*

**Priest:** Taught by Divine instruction, and shaped by Divine institution, we dare to say:

**People:** **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 the evil one.**

**Priest:** Free us O Lord from every evil: past, present, and to come, and give us favorable peace in our time, that helped by the strength of Your mercy we may be always free of sin and secure from all turmoil, through our Lord Jesus Christ Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit throughout all ages of ages.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** Come forth! Take possession of the kingdom of Your Father which has been prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Come forth! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning is now and ever unto ages of ages.

**People:** **Amen!**

**All:** **Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed. (*thrice*)**

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### **Anaphora from the Western Rite Orthodox Liturgy**

**Deacon:** Let us stand with dignity! Let us stand in awe! And in the peace of Christ, let us with full attention and gratitude lift up our lives and offer them in the holy bread and wine.

**People:** **A gift of peace! A sacrifice of praise.**

**Priest:** ✠The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Let us lift up our hearts!

**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord!

**People:** **It is fitting and right to worship the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit: the Trinity one in essence and undivided.**

**Priest:** It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

*One of the Proper Prefaces is inserted here according to season.*

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You, and saying:

*All Sing a Sanctus as the Priest goes behind the altar.*

**Priest:** All glory be to You, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that You, of Your tender mercy, did give Your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by His one oblation of Himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that His precious death and sacrifice, until His coming again:

For in the night in which He was betrayed, He took Bread; (*here the Priest is to take the paten into his hands*) And when He had given thanks, He broke it (*here the Priest breaks the bread*); And gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." **Amen.**

Likewise, after supper He took the Cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of this all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me." **Amen.**

(*Elevating gifts*) Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of Your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, Your humble servants, do celebrate and make here before Your Divine Majesty, with these Your holy gifts (*crosses arms*), which we now offer unto You, the memorial Your Son has commanded us to make; having in remembrance His blessed passion and precious death, His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, rendering unto You most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits obtained for us by the same.

And we beseech You, O Lord, to send down Your Spirit upon these offerings, (*elevating bread*) that He would make this bread the precious Body of Your Christ,

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** (*elevating cup*) ...and that which is in this cup the precious Blood of Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

**People: Amen!**

**Priest:** (*elevating both*) ...changing them by Your Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen, Amen, and Amen!**

*The Priest returns the gifts to the altar the continues:*

**Priest:** And we earnestly desire Your fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching You to grant that, by the merits and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and all Thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His passion.

And here we offer and present unto You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto You; humbly beseeching You, that we and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion,

may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with Your grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with Him, that He may dwell in us, and we in Him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto You any sacrifice; yet we beseech You to accept this, our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom and with whom in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto You, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**People: Amen.**

**Priest:** And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

**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 the evil one.**

**Priest:** For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**People: Amen!**

**All: We do not presume to come to this Your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your Table. But You are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that our sinful bodies and souls may be made clean by His holy Body and most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.**

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