

St. Luke's Holy Communion

Second Sunday in Advent





Welcome and Good Morning!

The Holy Eucharist

A Form in the Language of the Book of Common Prayer 1962

Book of Alternative Services, p.230

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The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn: CP #485

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling





The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.



Almighty God, To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.



Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.





Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty



O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.



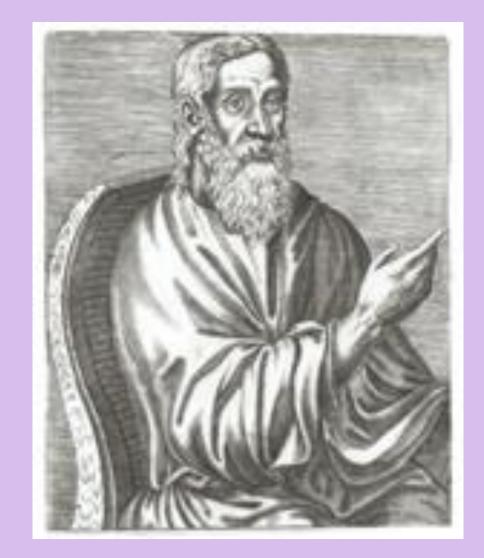
Amen.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.



Trisagion

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.



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The Collect for Saint Clement

Lord God, you called your servant Clement of Alexandria from the ways of pagan philosophy to reflect the light of your saving wisdom and kindle in the faithful the knowledge of your truth. Turn us, we pray, from worldly conceits and shape our lives to the likeness of your Son Jesus Christ; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Sir 39: 6-14





Second Reading:

Col 1:11-20





Psalm 34, Benedicam Domino (BAS, p.744)

I will bless the Lord at all times; *his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; *let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me *and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *and let not your faces be ashamed



I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; *happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Come, children, and listen to me; *I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who among you loves life *and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?



Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and do good; *seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *and delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *and will save those whose spirits are crushed



Many are the troubles of the righteous, *but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

He will keep safe all his bones; *not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, *and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *and none will be punished who trust in him.

Hear us, Lord, when we cry to you. Calm our bodies and minds with the peace which passes understanding, and make us radiant with the knowledge of your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



Gradual Hymn: CP #349

All People That on Earth Do Dwell





The Gospel:

John 6:57-63

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



The Sermon





The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made:



who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.



And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

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

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen



The Prayers of the People





Confession and Absolution

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

God so loved the world, that he gave his onlybegotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.



Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.



Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.



Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.





The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn: CP #430 Will You Come and Follow Me





Prayer over the Gifts

Immortal God, who enlightened your servant Clement by the truth of your holy Word, grant us true discernment and a living faith, that we may behold the presence of your Son in all his saving power. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.



Eucharistic Prayer, 1962

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do



It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, according to whose most true promise thou dost pour forth thy Spirit upon us, filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth: who dost give us power to proclaim the gospel to all nations and to serve thee as a royal priesthood.



Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.



Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and 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 memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.



Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."



Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."



Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God



And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy 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 we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Amen



The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



The Breaking of the Bread

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood, That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us.

Amen.



Celebrant (Alleluia!) Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. (Alleluia!)



Agnus Dei

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.



Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Sustain us, O God, in the way of the one true Light by which you led your servant Clement, that we may learn your truth and illumine this present age with the knowledge of your glory. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.



Doxology

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen



The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.



Closing Hymn: CP# 103 On Jordan's Bank, The Baptist's Cry

