

The Conclusion

Eternal God and Father, 11
you create us by your power
and redeem us by your love:
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves in love
and service to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, 12
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen

or

The Lord bless us, 13
and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen**

Let us bless the Lord 14
Thanks be to God.

or

May the peace of God, 14
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in Christ Jesus. **Amen**

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace,
God's seal on our prayers.



+ St. Matthew's +



Morning Worship

The Gathering

*we say together the response lines in **bold type***

Grace, mercy and peace 1
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We join together 2
in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit we
may give ourselves to the service of God.



Prayers of Penitence

the confession is introduced

Jesus says, *Repent,*
for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
So let us turn away from our sin
and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

My God, for love of you 3
I desire to hate and forsake all sins,
by which I have ever displeased you;
and resolve by the help of your grace
to commit them no more;
and to avoid all opportunities of sin.
Help me to do this,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

God's forgiveness is declared

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,
and restore *us* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*we respond to God's forgiveness
with a shout of praise*

Blessed is the Lord, 4
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.



the Word of God

*we listen attentively for God's word in Scripture
at the end the reader may say...*

This is the word of the Lord 5
Thanks be to God

The Creed

the creed is said in this or another form

Let us declare our faith in God
I believe in God, the Father almighty, 6
creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated
at the right hand of the Father,
and he will
come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Intercessions

*one of the following forms of
bidding and response may be used*

Lord hear our prayer 7
and let our cry come unto you

or

Lord hear us 8
Lord graciously hear us

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray 9
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

these prayers may end with the words

Merciful Father, 10
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**



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