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## Opening Eucharist

### Instrumental Prelude

Instructions are given about the singing of the Great Amen and the Communion pattern for the reception of the sacrament.

The Bishop then invites the Assembly to stand and says

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The procession begins as the people sing the Song of Praise: "Thy strong word did cleave the darkness" (tune *Ton-y-Botel*).

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness: at thy speaking it was done;  
for created light we thank thee, while thine ordered seasons run:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark and night and deep as death,  
broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own life-giving breath:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; bright with thine own holiness.  
glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hope confess:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

God the Father, Light Creator, to thee laud and honor be;  
to thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally;  
Holy Spirit, Light Revealer, glory, glory be to thee;  
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the Holy Trinity.

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Bishop* Let us pray.

## **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Assembly sits.*

*The assigned Reader then reads Isaiah 49:5-6 (New Revised Standard Version).*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

And now the Lord says,

who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,

and my God has become my strength—

God says,

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

The Assembly remains seated to pray Psalm 133 antiphonally by whole verse.

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

The assigned Reader then reads 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (*New Revised Standard Version*).

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

After the Reading, the Reader says

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

The Bishop motions the people to stand. The people sing the Gospel Alleluia: "Soon and very soon"

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

The Archdeacon reads Matthew 19:13-15, first saying

✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Little children were being brought to Jesus in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And Jesus laid his hands on them and went on his way.

After the Gospel, the Archdeacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

After the procession returns to the altar, the Bishop invites the people to be seated.

## **The Sermon**

## **The Nicene Creed**

Following the sermon, the Bishop invites the people to stand as they say together

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
✠and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

The Person assigned then begins the prayers by saying

As we follow the cross of Christ, let us pray to God who brings light into the darkness of the world.

We pray to the Lord, saying  
**Light of the world, hear our prayer!**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Holly, our Bishop; for the Church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.

We pray to the Lord, saying  
**Light of the world, hear our prayer!**

For the congregations of our diocese, that each may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory in communities throughout our diocese and to the ends of the earth.

We pray to the Lord, saying  
**Light of the world, hear our prayer!**

For mercy, peace, and justice throughout the world.

We pray to the Lord, saying  
**Light of the world, hear our prayer!**

For the blessings you pour on us each and every day and for our neighbors, families, companions, and for all those in need. I invite your thanksgivings and intercessions.

*When the congregation's petitions have been completed, the intercessor continues.*

We pray to the Lord, saying  
**Light of the world, hear our prayer!**

For those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed. I invite your prayers.

*When the congregation's petitions have been completed, the intercessor continues.*

We pray to the Lord, saying  
**Light of the world, hear our prayer!**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

We pray to the Lord, saying  
**Light of the world, hear our prayer!**

**The Bishop concludes the prayers by saying**

God of dawning light, hear our fervent prayers today and give us the strength to put aside all cares and follow you in your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**The Archdeacon then says**

Let us confess our sins to God.

## Deacon and People

Holy God, heavenly Father,  
you formed us from the dust in your image and likeness,  
and redeemed us from sin and death by the cross of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through the water of baptism  
you clothed us with the shining garment of his righteousness,  
and established us among your children in your kingdom.  
But we have squandered the inheritance of your saints,  
and have wandered far in a land that is waste.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses.  
Receive us again into the arms of your mercy,  
and restore us to the blessed company of your faithful people;  
through him in whom you have redeemed the world,  
your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Bishop* Will you turn again to Christ as your Lord?  
*People* We will.  
*Bishop* Do you, then, forgive those who have sinned against you?  
*People* We forgive them.

## The Bishop then says

May Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Bishop then invites the people to exchange the Peace.

## The Peace

*Bishop* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

The Bishop designates the offering. As the Archdeacon and Liturgical Commission prepare the gifts, the people sing the Preparation Hymn: “Christ is the world’s true light” (tune *St. Joan*).

Christ is the world’s true Light, its Captain of salvation,  
the Daystar clear and bright of every race and nation;  
new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway:  
freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,  
the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting:  
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear,  
to ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own you;  
cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone you;  
the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;  
to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

### *Eucharistic Prayer B*

**The Bishop faces the people and says**

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Bishop</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Bishop</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**The Bishop continues**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Assembly then sings (Robert Powell setting)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### The Bishop then continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Bishop is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

### Bishop and People

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

### The Bishop continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*The Assembly then sings (traditional Spiritual tune)*

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen! (Hallelujah now)  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!

*The Bishop then says*

Using the Contemporary form,  
as our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

**Bishop and People**

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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
    and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
    and the glory are yours,  
    now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Communion of the People**

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. "This little light of mine" (traditional Spiritual tune) is sung while the altar party communes and communion ministers move to their stations.*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,  
all through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,  
all through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The Bishop then says

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Congregational song: "There is a balm in Gilead" (traditional Spiritual tune)

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometime I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Congregational song: "God who stretched the spangled heavens" (tune *Holy Manna*)

God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,  
we your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you;  
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings, row on row;  
yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below,  
where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow,  
lost to purpose and their meaning, scarcely caring where they go.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;  
known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;  
probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,  
facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,  
children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun:  
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

Congregational song: "I heard the voice of Jesus say" (tune *Kingsfold*)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
and in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

When necessary, the bishop or a priest consecrates additional bread and wine

Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify  
this bread (wine) that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body (Blood)  
of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took bread (the cup) and said, "This is my  
Body (Blood)." *Amen.*

The Bishop then says

Let us pray.

Bishop and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop then blesses the people.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People* Amen.

The procession begins as the people sing: "Lift every voice and sing" (tune *Lift Every Voice*).

Lift every voice and sing,  
till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise  
high as the listening skies;  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat,  
have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might,  
led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

The Archdeacon then says

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Postlude