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Friday Opening Worship

The people stand and sing: *Lift high the cross* (tune *Crucifer*).

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name

The Officiant then says

Christ has shown forth his glory: O come let us worship.

The People reply

Men Splendor and honor and royal power*
are yours by right, O God Most High.

Women For you created everything that is,*
and by your will they were created and have their being.

Men And yours by right, O Lamb, that was slain,*
for with your blood you have redeemed for God.

Women From every family, language, people and nation,*
a royal priesthood to serve our God.

Men And so, to the One who sits upon the throne,*
and to Christ the Lamb,

Women Be worship and praise, and dominion and splendor,*
for ever and for evermore.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

The Assembly is seated. The assigned reader then says

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Here ends the reading.

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.
People And listen to our prayer.
Officiant Let us pray.

The people stand and pray together

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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Officiant

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Diocese of Southern Virginia for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor. Guide us to perceive what is right; and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I invite your intercessions and thanksgivings.

The People offer their prayers. The Officiant and people then say together

At the beginning of the day
we seek your countenance among us, O God,
in the countless forms of creation all around us:
in the sun's rising glory,
in the face of friend and stranger,
your Presence within every presence,
your Light within all light,

your Heart at the heart of this moment.
May the fresh light of this morning wash our sight
that we may see you in the work we do;
this we pray through the incarnate Light from Light
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Council Opening Eucharist

The text for this liturgy is located in a separate document.

Friday Closing Worship

The Assembly stands. The Officiant then says

Night after night, I have set Wisdom always before me.

Let us confess our sins to God.

Officiant and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen

The Bishop then says

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

The Assembly remains standing as the assigned reader then says

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

“Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest in your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Here ends the reading.

Officiant May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The people say together

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,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Officiant and People then chant

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before
the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

The Officiant chants the following prayers and closing

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and
give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest
to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the
joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

The people sing: I want to walk as a child of the light (tune Houston).

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

In Christ there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.

In Christ there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

In Christ there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Saturday Opening Worship

The Assembly stands.

Officiant ✠O God, let our mouths proclaim your praise.
People And your glory all the day long.

Officiant and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The people sing: Christ, whose glory fills the skies (tune Ratisbon).

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only Light.
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

The Assembly is seated to pray Psalm 63:1-8.

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The lector then says

A Reading from St. Anselm of Canterbury

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Often you weep over our sins and our pride,
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life;
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us;
in your love and tenderness, remake us.
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

The Assembly stands and prays

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant 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 forever. Amen.

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.
People And listen to our prayer.
Officiant Let us pray.

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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People Thanks be to God.

Saturday Closing Worship

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People And your glory all the day long.

Officiant and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The people sing: Open your ears, O faithful people (tune Torah song).

Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.

God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!

They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, then let them hear.
They who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word.

God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!

Israel comes to greet the Savior,
Judah is glad to see his day.
From east and west the peoples travel,
Christ will show the way.

God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!

Open your ears, O faithful people,
Open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.

God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!

The lector then says

A Reading from St. Julian of Norwich

God chose to be our mother in all things
and so made the foundation of his work,
most humbly and most pure, in the Virgin's womb.
God, the perfect wisdom of all,
arrayed himself in this humble place.
Christ came in our poor flesh
to share a mother's care.
Our mothers bear us for pain and for death;
Jesus bears us for joy and endless life.
Christ carried us within him in love and travail,
until the full time of his passion.
And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy,
still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful love.
All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God,
for the love of Christ works in us; Christ is the one whom we love.

The Assembly stands and prays

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant 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 forever. Amen.

Officiant Loving God, hear our prayer;

People And let our cry come to you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and most gracious God, source of all wisdom and guidance, send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we seek and discern a shepherd for the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Inspire us with hope, hearts to love you and a desire to serve one another. Grant us grace to entrust you with the future of your Church and all things. We ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Bishop Magness then offers his blessing

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord;

People The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People From this time forth and for evermore.

Bishop

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the ✠ Son, and the ✠ Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.