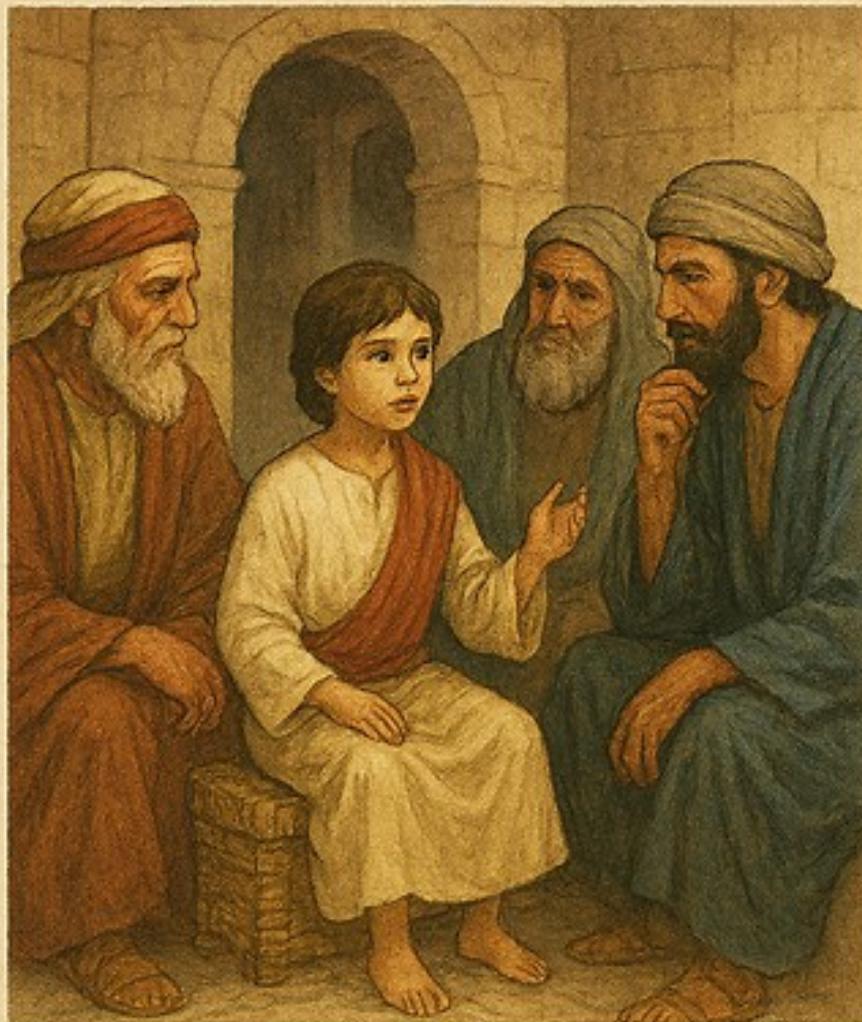


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THE FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY



Luke 2:41-52
JANUARY 11, 2026

THE CHRISTIAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF CANADA

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

PRAYER FOR A NEW YEAR

O holy and loving God, You are our true home, our refuge, and our joy. We thank You for the longing You plant within us – a longing that draws us back to You again and again. Make our hearts a sanctuary for Your presence. Make our lives a living offering of gratitude and mercy. Shape us into a people who carry Your light into the quiet corners and the busy places of this world. Teach us, like Jesus in the temple, to seek You with curiosity, devotion, and trust. Teach us like the psalmists, to sing with joy, to rest in Your courts, and to delight in Your nearness. Bind us together as one body, each with gifts to share, each with a place in Your story, each held in Your steadfast love. As we go from this time of worship, go with us, dwell with us, and make us a blessing to all we meet. In the Name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD.

Merciful and mighty God, You see every child of Yours, in every land, and Your heart is close to those who suffer for Your Name. We lift before You our brothers and sisters in all places where following Christ brings danger, fear, or loss. Surround them with Your protection. Strengthen them with courage that does not waver. Fill them with hope that cannot be extinguished. Grant them safe places to gather, wise leaders to guide them, and the quiet assurance that they are never alone. Let Your spirit breathe peace into their homes, their families, their worship, and their daily lives.

We pray for those who oppress or harm them – soften hearts, open minds, and turn violence into understanding. And for us, O Lord, awaken compassion, deepen our prayers, and teach us to stand in solidarity with all who bear the weight of persecution. May Your church throughout the world be united in love, steadfast in faith, and radiant with the light of Christ; in his holy Name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

INTROIT HYMN - 93 “*The people that in darkness sat*”

The Preparation before the Lord’s Supper - (Kneel)
THE INTROIT. *Psalm 100.* - (Kneel)
The Lord’s Prayer and Collect for Purity - (Kneel)
The Ten Commandments of the Law - (Kneel)
The Collect for the King’s Majesty - (Kneel)
The Collect for the First Sunday after the Epiphany - (Kneel)
THE EPISTLE. *Romans 12. 1-5.* - (Sit)
THE GRADUAL. *Psalm 84. 1-4.* - (Stand)
THE GOSPEL. *Saint Luke 2. 41-52.* - (Stand)
THE NICENE CREED - (Stand)

THE SERMON.

OFFERTORY HYMN - 91 “*O Thou who by a star didst guide*”

The Offertory and Doxology - (Stand)
The Prayer of Intercession - (Kneel)
The Preparation of the Faithful - (Kneel)
The Preparation of the Lord’s Table - (Kneel)
The Exhortation of the Faithful - (Kneel)
The Eucharistic Preface for Epiphanytide - (Stand)
Sanctus and Benedictus (Holy, Holy, Holy) - (Kneel)
THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND OBLATION - (Kneel)
The Preparation for Holy Communion - (Kneel)
The Ministration of Holy Communion - (Kneel)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN - 691 “*In the bleak mid-winter*”

The Thanksgiving after Holy Communion - (Kneel)
The Collect after Communion for Epiphanytide - (Kneel)
Gloria in Excelsis (Glory be to God on high) - (Stand)
The Blessing and Dismissal - (Kneel)

DISMISSAL HYMN - 401 “*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*”

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

11th January 2026, 1:30 p.m.

INTROIT HYMN - *"The people that in darkness sat"*

Hymn 93. Tune: Dundee. C.M.

The Reverend John Morison, 1781.

The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The Light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been.

To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gathering nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home.

For Thou their burden dost remove,
And break the tyrant's rod,
As in the day when Midian fell
Before the sword of GOD.

For unto us a Child is born,
To us a Son is given,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All power in earth and heaven.

His Name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting LORD,
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The GOD by all adored.

LORD JESUS, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the FATHER ever art
And HOLY SPIRIT One. Amen

AN OFFICE OF PREPARATION

This Office of Preparation may be used in the Church before the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The Priest shall stand at the foot of the Altar, and there he shall make the Sign of the Cross, saying,

¶ IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall the Priest say,

I WILL go unto the altar of God,

Answer. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Then shall the Priest say,

GIVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people; O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

People. For Thou art the God of my strength; why hast Thou put me from Thee? and why go I so heavily while the enemy oppresseth me?

Priest. O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling.

People. And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; and upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O God, my God.

Priest. Why art thou so heavy, O my soul, and why art thou so disquieted within me?

People. O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give Him thanks, which is the Help of my countenance, and my God.

And the Priest shall say,

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Priest say,

I WILL go unto the altar of God,

Answer. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Priest. Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord;

Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Priest. Wilt Thou not turn again and quicken us, O God;

Answer. That Thy people may rejoice in Thee?

Priest. O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us;

Answer. And grant us Thy salvation.

Priest. O Lord, hear our prayer;

Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Priest.

Let us pray.

TAKE away from us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our iniquities; and so purify our hearts and minds, that we may enter worthily into the Holy of Holies, and there in Thy presence worship Thee acceptably before Thy throne; through the merits of Thine only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Then shall the Priest proceed directly to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

THE ORDER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Priest shall proceed to the Lord's Table to celebrate the Lord's Supper, and minister the Holy Communion to the Lord's faithful people.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

THE INTROIT. *Psalm 100.*

The Psalm, or the portion thereof, appointed to be used for the Introit Psalm, shall be said or sung as the Priest proceedeth up to the Lord's Table. And at high and solemn celebrations, the Priest may cense the Holy Table as the Introit Psalm is being sung.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; / serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God: / it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. **O** go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; / be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting; / and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
/ world without end. **Amen.**

THE PREPARATION.

And the Priest, standing at and facing the Lord's Table, shall say in an audible voice the Lord's Prayer, with the Collect following, the people kneeling.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

ALMIGHTY God, unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid : Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING.

The Priest shall first kiss the Holy Table; and then turning himself to face the people, he shall greet them in the Name of the Lord, saying,

GRACE be unto you, and peace,
from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

THE COMMANDMENTS.

Then shall the Priest go to the north side of the Lord's Table, and facing the people rehearse the Commandments: either our Blessed Lord's Summary of the Law, or else the Ten Commandments; provided always that the Ten Commandments shall be read on some Sunday in Advent and Lent, on Days of Abstinence and Days of Solemn Prayer, and throughout the rest of the year on one Sunday every month.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

The Priest shall rehearse distinctly all the Ten Commandments: and the people still kneeling shall after every Commandment ask God's mercy for their transgressions thereof for the time past, and grace to keep the same for the time to come.

HEAR the Law of God which was given to Israel in old time. God spake these words, and said, I AM THE LORD THY GOD, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage: Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me, and keep my commandments.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Thou shalt do no murder.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Thou shalt not steal.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

KYRIE ELEISON.

Then shall the Priest return to his place standing before the Holy Table, and this following shall then be said or sung in Greek or in English, the people all still humbly kneeling as before.

KYRIE, eleison. / Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe, eleison. / Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie, eleison. / Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

Then may be said or sung by all standing,

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, *(Here all shall bow.)* 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, *(And here all shall bow with reverence.)* Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, *(And here all again shall bow.)* receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

THE COLLECTS.

Then shall the Priest turn himself to the people, and shall say or sing,

THE Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Let us pray.

Then shall the Priest turn again to the Lord's Table, and shall say or sing this Collect for the King's Majesty following.

ALMIGHTY God, Whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: Have mercy upon Thy people in this Dominion, and all the realms and countries of our Commonwealth; and so rule the heart of Thy chosen servant *CHARLES*, our King and Governor, that he (knowing Whose minister he is) may above all things seek Thy honour and glory: and grant that we, and all his subjects (duly considering Whose

authority he hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey him, in Thee, and for Thee, according to Thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people which call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE. *Romans 12. 1-5.*

Then shall the Priest, or some other Minister, read the Epistle, first saying,

The Epistle is taken from the twelfth chapter of Paul's letter
to the Romans beginning at the first verse.

I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

And the Epistle ended, the Minister shall say,

Here endeth the Epistle. This is the Word of the Lord.

And all shall answer saying,

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL. *Psalm 84. 1-4.*

Then shall all the people stand, and the Gradual Psalm, shall be said or sung.

ALLELUIA, Alleluia. O how amiable are Thy dwellings, / Thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; / my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: / even Thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: / they will be alway praising Thee. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL. *Saint Luke 2. 41-52.*

*Then shall the Priest or the Deacon read the Gospel
appointed for that day, the people all still standing as before.*

*And the Minister that shall read the Gospel shall first say,
THE Lord be with you.*

*And all the people shall answer,
And with thy spirit.*

*Then shall the Minister announce that portion of
the Gospel which is to be read, saying;*

✖ **T**HE holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke beginning at the forty-first verse.

*Then shall be said or sung,
GLORY be to Thee, O Lord.*

Then shall the Minister read the Gospel.

NOW Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the Child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His Mother knew not of it. But they, supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found Him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. And when they saw Him, they were amazed: and His Mother said unto Him, Son, why hast Thou thus dealt with us? behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing. And He said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which He spake unto them. And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but His Mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

*And the reading of the holy Gospel ended, all shall then
together in like manner as before say or sing,
PRAISE be to Thee, O Christ.*

Then shall the Minister say,

AND through the Words of the Gospel may our sins be blotted out.

*Then shall be said or sung the Nicene Creed as followeth,
the Priest and people still standing as before.*

THE NICENE CREED.

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the Priest and people still standing as before.*

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord (*And here all shall bow with reverence.*) **Jesus Christ**, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His 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: (*And here all shall kneel or bow.*) **Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, AND WAS MADE MAN,** (*And here all shall again rise.*) 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 and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together (*And here all shall reverently bow.*) **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 SERMON.

And here at the principal Eucharist upon the Lord's Day and greater Holy-days, a Sermon shall be preached or an Homily read out to the faithful.

THE OFFERTORY.

Then shall the Priest return to the Lord's Table and begin the Offertory; and first kissing the Altar, he shall turn to the people, and say,

LET us present our offerings unto the Lord
with reverence and godly fear.

*Then shall the Priest say or sing one or more of these Sentences
following, as he thinketh most convenient in his discretion.*

AND they came every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering. *Exodus xxxv.*

Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.
Psalm l.

Give unto the Lord the honour due unto His Name; bring an offering and come into His courts. *Psalm xcvi.*

I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the Lord; I will pay my vow unto the Lord in the sight of all His people.

Psalm cxvi.

Epiphanytide. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *Saint Matthew v.*

Of Tithing. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst forth with new wine. *Proverbs iii.*

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, so that there shall not be room enough to receive it. *Malachi iii.*

Of Almsgiving. Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble. *Psalm xli.*

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts xx.*

OFFERTORY HYMN - “*O Thou Who by a star didst guide*”

Hymn 91. Tune: Crediton. C.M.

The Reverend J.M. Neale, 1843.

O Thou Who by a star didst guide
The wise men on their way,
Until it came and stood beside
The place where JESUS lay;

Although by stars Thou dost not lead
Thy servants now below,
Thy HOLY SPIRIT, when they need,
Will show them how to go.

As yet we know Thee but in part;
But still we trust Thy Word,
That blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see the LORD.

O SAVIOUR, give us then Thy grace
To make us pure in heart,
That we may see Thee face to face
Hereafter as Thou art. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS.

And when the Tithes and Offerings are presented, the following shall be sung,

PRAISE GOD from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST,
All things come of Thee, O LORD;
And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

Or else this following may be said or sung instead,

BLESSED be Thou, O Lord God of Israel, forever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine. All things come of Thee; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

And when there is a Eucharist, the Priest at the time of the Offertory shall also place upon the Lord's Table the oblations of so much Bread and Wine as he shall think sufficient (laying the same upon a fair linen cloth). And the Bread shall be the best and purest unleavened wheat Bread, and the Wine the purest grape Wine, that may be gotten. And at high and solemn celebrations, the Holy Table and oblations may then be censed by the Priest.

THE INTERCESSION.

Then shall the Priest say,

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Then shall the Priest say this Prayer following.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, Who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech Thee most mercifully *to accept our alms and oblations, and* to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; beseeching Thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech Thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially Thy servant *CHARLES* our King; that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto all his councils, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, *and specially to Thy servant Robert, our Archbishop*, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth Thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments. And we beseech Thee also to bless all others who minister in Thy Name; that every one according to his calling and ministry may truly and godly serve Thee, to Thy honour and glory, and the edifying of Thy holy Church.

And to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive Thy holy Word, truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech Thee of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

And here we ✕ remember before Thee, O Lord, and commend to Thy gracious keeping, all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear. And we bless Thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified Thee, remembering chiefly the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and God; together with all Thy blessed Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Doctors; Martyrs and Confessors; Virgins, Widows, and Matrons; and all Thy blessed Saints, in every place, and in every age: beseeching Thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, and assisted by their prayers, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

And here all those who are unbaptised or excommunicate shall withdraw.

THE LITURGY OF THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

(This sacred portion of the Mass is reverently conducted in the Church.)

When all have communicated, a Post-Communion Hymn may be sung.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN - *"In the bleak mid-winter"*

Hymn 691. Tune: Cranham. P.M.

Christina Georgina, Rossetti, 1872.

In the bleak mid-winter,
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter,
Long ago.

Our GOD, heaven cannot hold Him,
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign;
In the bleak mid-winter

A stable-place sufficed
The LORD GOD Almighty,
JESUS CHRIST.

Angels and Archangels,
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But only His Mother
In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a Shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him
Give my heart. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL COLLECTS

The Collects following one or more are appointed to be said by the Minister after the Offertory before the Dismissal when there is no Communion.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Fountain of all wisdom, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's Name: We beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us that have now made our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant, that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of Thy Name turn from us all those evils that we have most justly deserved; and grant that, in all our troubles, we may put our whole trust and confidence only in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive: Receive our humble petitions, we beseech Thee, O heavenly Father; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us, and let our prayers and supplications rise up before Thee; for the honour of Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son and our only Saviour. *Amen.*

And here Gloria in Excelsis shall be sung or said, except when it shall be sung or said after Kyrie Eleison. And whosoever Gloria in Excelsis shall not be sung or said here, one of the appointed Dismissal Anthems shall be sung or said instead.

THE BLESSING.

Then shall the Priest kiss the Lord's Table; and turning himself again to face the people, he shall let them depart with this Blessing, the people all kneeling.

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.*

*Then shall this Dismissal Hymn following be sung
as the Priest and Minsters leave the Church.*

DISMISSAL HYMN - “*Immortal, invisible, GOD only wise*”

Hymn 401. Tune: Saint Denio. 11 11. 11 11.

The Reverend W. Chalmers Smith, 1867.

Immortal, invisible, GOD only wise,
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhaunting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might,
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

Great FATHER of Glory, pure FATHER of light,
Thine Angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All laud we would render; O help us to see
Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL.

The Priest or Deacon shall dismiss the people as followeth.

THE Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Let us depart in peace.

Answer. In the Name of the Lord. *Amen.*