



Saint George the Martyr Parish

THE ASCENSION OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST

sometimes called

HOLY THURSDAY

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The Christian Episcopal Church of Canada

LIVING BETWEEN THE LIFTING AND THE SENDING

The Ascension of Jesus Christ is a triumphant moment – one filled with both reverence and joy. It marks not an ending, but a fulfillment of His earthly mission and the beginning of His reign in glory. For forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus remained among His disciples, offering encouragement and instruction. Then, in divine majesty, He ascended to the Father promising the gift of the Holy Spirit and assuring us that He would one day return.

Psalm 47 invites us to begin this week with praise: *“God is gone up with a shout.”* Christ rises not to leave us behind, but to take our humanity into the very heart of God. He ascends as the One who has walked our roads, carried our sorrows, and broken the power of death. His rising is the assurance that our lives, our joys, our wounds, and our hopes are held in the presence of the Father.

Acts 1 gives us the scene itself: the disciples watching, the cloud receiving Him, the angels asking, *“Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?”* It is a gentle nudge, it calls us to return to the world with renewed purpose, trusting that the Spirit will meet us where we are sent.

Psalm 68 deepens this hope by proclaiming that God is the One who *“daily bears us up.”* Ascension reveals Christ as the One who reigns with compassion, who carries us through every valley, and who holds the issues of life and death in His hands. The God who ascends is the God who sustains.

And then Mark's Gospel brings the reflection home: *“Go into all the world.”* The disciples are entrusted with a mission. And the final line is the promise we cling to today: *“The Lord worked with them.”* Even from the throne of heaven, Christ remains close – guiding, strengthening, and confirming the work of His people.

Christ reigns so that His life may be lived through us. He is lifted up so that we may be sent out. We wait with hope, trusting that the Spirit who empowered the first disciples will empower us as well. May this week draw us into praise, into trust, and into readiness for the Spirit's renewing fire.

Let us pray. LORD JESUS CHRIST, ascended King and gracious Saviour, You reign over all the earth with mercy and truth. Lift our hearts to Your throne, that we may worship You with joy. Strengthen our hands for Your service that we may carry Your Gospel into the world. Fill us with the power of Your Spirit, that we may witness to Your love with courage and compassion. Stay with us as You stayed with the first disciples, working through us for the glory of GOD and the healing of the world; for You live and reign with the FATHER and the HOLY SPIRIT, one GOD, now and forever. Amen.

THE ORDER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

INTROIT HYMN - 175 “*Jesu, our Hope, our heart's Desire*”

The Preparation before the Lord's Supper - (Kneel)

THE INTROIT. *Psalms* 47. 1-9. - (Kneel)

The Lord's Prayer, Collect for Purity, and the Greeting - (Kneel)

Our Blessed Lord's Summary of the Law - (Kneel)

Gloria in Excelsis (Glory be to God on high) - (Stand) **Tune: Merbecke**

The Collect for the King's Majesty - (Stand)

The Collect for the Ascension of Our Lord - (Stand)

THE EPISTLE. *Acts* 1. 1-11. - (Sit)

THE GRADUAL. *Psalms* 68. 17-20. - (Stand)

THE GOSPEL. *Saint Mark* 16. 14-20. - (Stand)

THE NICENE CREED - (Stand)

THE SERMON. “*The King Who Sends Us*”

OFFERTORY HYMN - 176 “*See the Conqueror mounts in triumph*”

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 Eucharistic Prayer for Ascensiontide - (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 - 235 “*Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour*”

The Thanksgiving after Holy Communion - (Kneel)

The Post-Communion Collect for Ascensiontide - (Kneel)

The Dismissal Anthem for Ascensiontide - (Stand)

The Blessing and Dismissal - (Kneel)

DISMISSAL HYMN - 178 “*O Christ, Thou hast ascended*”

THE ASCENSION OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST
SOMETIMES CALLED
HOLY THURSDAY

INTROIT HYMN - "*JESU, our Hope, our heart's Desire*"
Hymn 175 - Tune: Metzler's Redhead, R. Redhead, 1858.
Translated from Latin by the Reverend John Chandler, 1837.

JESU, our Hope, our heart's Desire,
Thy work of grace we sing;
Redeemer of the world art Thou,
Its Maker and its King.

How vast the mercy and the love
Which laid our sins on Thee,
And led Thee to a cruel death,
To set Thy people free!

But now the bonds of death are burst;
The ransom has been paid;
And Thou art on Thy FATHER'S throne,
In glorious robes arrayed.

O may Thy mighty love prevail
Our sinful souls to spare!
O may we stand around Thy throne,
And see Thy glory there!

JESU, our only Joy be Thou,
As Thou our Prize wilt be;
In thee be all our glory now
And through eternity.

All praise to Thee who art gone up
Triumphantly to heaven;
All praise to GOD the FATHER'S Name
And HOLY GHOST be given. 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 minds, that we may worthily enter 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.

NOTE: The Office of Preparation preceding shall not be used during Passiontide, nor at Masses for the Dead, nor at such times when the Great Litany shall be said or sung immediately before 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 47. 1-9.*

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.

CLAP your hands together, all ye people; / O sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high, and to be feared; / He is the great King upon all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us, / and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us; / even the worship of Jacob, whom He loved. God is gone up with a merry noise; / and the Lord with the sound of the trump. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: / O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth; / sing ye praises with understanding.

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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW.

The Priest shall rehearse the Commandments, either reciting our Blessed Lord's Summary of the Law, as followeth,

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.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both 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.*

Then shall be said or sung the Collect or Collects appointed.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thine only-begotten Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell; through the same Thy blessed Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE. *Acts 1. 1-11.*

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

The Epistle is written in the first chapter of the Book of the Acts
of the Apostles beginning at the first verse.

THE former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after that He through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the Apostles whom He had chosen: to whom also He shewed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptised with water; but ye shall be baptised with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And

He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. *(And here the Paschal Candle shall be extinguished.)* And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.

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 68. 17-20.*

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

ALLELUIA, Alleluia. The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels, / and the Lord is among them, as in the holy place of Sinai. Thou art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men; / yea, even for Thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them. Praised be the Lord daily; / even the God Who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us. He is our God, even the God of Whom cometh salvation; / God is the Lord, by Whom we escape death. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL. *Saint Mark 16. 14-20.*

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 sixteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Mark beginning at the fourteenth verse.

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

Then shall the Minister read the Gospel.

JESUS appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen. And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: in my Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

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.

THE NICENE CREED.

*Then shall be said or sung the Nicene Creed as followeth,
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.

And here on the Lord's Day the Priest shall declare unto the people what Holy-days, Days of Fasting or

Abstinence, and Days of Penitence or Solemn Prayer, are ordered to be observed in the Week following. And then also (if occasion be) shall notice be given of the Lord's Supper, or else one of the Exhortations read out, as well as any Briefs, Citations, and Excommunications. And nothing shall be proclaimed or published in the Church during the time of Divine Service, but by the Priest or by some other Minister duly appointed by him; nor by him anything but what is allowed or prescribed by the Rubrics and the Canons of the Church, or else enjoined by the King, or by the Ordinary of the place.

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. *Psalms l.*

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

Ascensiontide. Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon earth; where the rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal; for where your treasure is, there shall your heart be also. *Saint Matthew vi.*

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.*

Do ye not know, that they who minister about holy things live of the sacrifice; and they who wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord also ordained, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.

I *Corinthians ix.*

Let him that is taught in the Word minister unto him that teacheth, in all good things. Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap.

Galatians vi.

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

Psalms xli.

Charge them who are rich in this world, that they be ready to give, and glad to distribute; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may attain eternal life.

I *Timothy vi.*

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? I *Saint John iii.*

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

Acts xx.

And on Sundays and Holy-days, whilst these Sentences are in reading or else when an Offertory Hymn is being sung, the Tithes and Offerings of the people shall be collected by the Clerks, Churchwardens, Sidesmen, or other fit persons appointed by the Priest, and put into a decent bason provided for that purpose; and these then shall be brought up to the Deacon, who shall give them to the Priest, who himself shall then humbly present them before the Lord at His Holy Table.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*See the Conqueror mounts in triumph*"

Hymn 176 - Tune: Rex Gloriam. Henry Smart, 1868.

Bishop Christopher Wordsworth, 1862.

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph;
See the King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, His chariot,
To His heavenly palace gate!
Hark! the choirs of angel voices
Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted
To receive their heavenly King.

Who is this that comes in glory,
With the trump of jubilee?
LORD of battles, GOD of armies,

He hath gained the victory!
He Who on the Cross did suffer,
He Who from the grave arose,
He hath vanquished sin and Satan;
He by death hath spoiled His foes.

While He raised His hands in blessing,
He is parted from His friends
While their eager eyes behold Him,
He upon the clouds ascends;
He Who walked with GOD and pleased Him,
Preaching truth and doom to come,
He, our Enoch, is translated
To His everlasting home.

Now our heavenly Aaron enters,
With His blood, within the veil;
Joshua now is come to Canaan,
And the kings before him quail;
Now He plants the Tribes of Israel
In their promised resting-place;
Now our great Elijah offers
Double portion of His grace.

Thou hast raised our human nature
On the clouds to GOD'S right hand:
There we sit in heavenly places,
There with Thee in glory stand.
JESUS reigns, adored by angels!
Man with GOD is on the throne!
Mighty LORD, in Thine Ascension,
We by faith behold our own. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS.

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

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.

Or else this following may be said or sung instead,

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.

And when there is a celebration of the Lord's Supper, the Priest at the time of the Offertory shall place upon the Lord's Table so much Bread and Wine as he shall think sufficient (setting them upon a fair linen corporas 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 the eucharistical oblations set thereon 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 Bishop*, 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.*

✠ We remember before Thee, O Lord, and commend to Thy gracious keeping, all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear, *especially Thy servant N.* 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; *Thy blessed Saint N.*; 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 excommunicated shall withdraw from the Congregation of the Faithful.

THE LITURGY OF THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

THE PREPARATION OF THE FAITHFUL.

Then shall the Minister invite the faithful to the Lord's Table, saying,

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a 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, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Then shall this general Confession be made by all that are minded to receive the Holy Communion, both the Priest and people together, all humbly kneeling upon their knees, and saying,

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: 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, Provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us; 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.*

Then shall the Priest (or the Bishop, if he be present,) stand up, and turning himself to the people, pronounce this Absolution following.

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.*

Then shall the Priest say,

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

COME unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Saint Matthew xi.

So God loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *Saint John iii.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *I Timothy i.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins. *I Saint John ii.*

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

THE PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE.

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

POST-COMMUNION HYMN - "LORD, enthroned in heavenly splendor"

Hymn 235 - Tune: Saint Osmund. Healey Willan, 1927.

Canon G. H. Bourne, 1874.

LORD, enthroned in heavenly splendor,
First-begotten from the dead.
Thou alone, our strong Defender,
Liftest up Thy people's head.
Alleluia! Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know Thee now.
Alleluia! Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil Thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine angels hail Thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluia! We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, Thine offering, finished
Once for all when Thou was slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain.

Alleluia! Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud Hosanna
Worship Thee, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia! Risen, ascended, glorified. 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.*

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 - "O CHRIST, Thou hast ascended"

Hymn 178 - Tune: Lancashire. Henry Smart, 1867.

Bishop E. H. Bickersteth, 1872.

O CHRIST, Thou hast ascended
Triumphantly on high
By cherub guards attended
And armies of the sky:
Let earth tell forth the story—
Our very flesh and bone,
Emmanuel, in glory,
Ascends His FATHER'S throne.

Heaven's gates unfold above Thee:
But canst Thou, LORD, forget
The little band who love Thee
And gaze from Olivet?
Nay, on Thy breast engraven
Thou bearest every name,
Our Priest in earth and Heaven
Eternally the same.

There, there Thou standest pleading
The virtue of Thy blood,
For sinners interceding,
Our Advocate with GOD:
And every changeful fashion
Of our brief joys and cares,
Finds thought in Thy compassion
And echo in Thy prayers.

O for the priceless merit
Of Thy redeeming Cross!
Vouchsafe Thy sevenfold SPIRIT
And turn to gain our loss;
Till we by strong endeavour
In heart and mind ascend
And dwell with Thee forever
In glories without end. 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.*