

Opening Sentences

Priest: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. [Philippians 1:2]

Announcement

To begin, ...

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1: 8, 9]

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moves us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying—

Confession of sin

People: ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Absolution

Priest: THE Almighty and Merciful God grant you Absolution and Remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People: 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.

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. [Psalm 51:1]

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.

[Revelation 4:8]

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised. [Psalm 135:1]

Gladdening Light of the Holy Glory

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured; Who is the immortal Father, heavenly blest; Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ our Lord. Now we have come to the sun's hour of rest; The lights of evening ever round us shine; We hymn the Father, Son, and Spirit divine. O God the Son, at all times songs we raise; O God the Son, all voices sound in praise; All creation celebrates your story. Life-giver, the world tells of your glory. [1Timothy 6:16; Hebrews 1:3; 2 Corinthians 4:6]

Deacon:

The Appointed Psalm

A Reading from the Old Testament

A reading from the Book of N.

When the reading is ended, the Deacon shall say,

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

Canticle Deus Misereatur. Psalm lxvii.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, * and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

That thy way may be known upon earth, * thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; * yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad; * for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; * yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; * and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us; * and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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, world without end. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel

Priest: A reading from the Gospel of *N*.

When the reading is ended, the Priest shall say,

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

Let us say the Apostle's Creed as a confession of our faith.

The Apostles' Creed

People: I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen. [Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; Romans 10:8-10; 1Corinthians 15:31; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Jude 3]

Priest: The Lord be with you. *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray. [2 Timothy 4:22]

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. *And grant us thy salvation.* [Psalm 85:7]

O Lord, save the State. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.* [Psalm 20:9]

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness. *And make thy chosen people joyful.* [Psalm 132:9]

O Lord, save thy people. *And bless thine inheritance.* [Psalm 28:9]

Give peace in our time, O Lord. *For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.* [Leviticus 26:6]

O God, make clean our hearts within us. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*
[Psalm 51:11]

Priest: *The Collect for the Day*

A Collect for Peace

Deacon: O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.* [Deuteronomy 11:13; 30:10; Isaiah 30:15; Luke 1:74; John 14:27]

A Collect for Aid against Perils

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.* [Psalm 18:28; 91:5; Isaiah 42:16; 50:10; Micah 7:8; John 1:5; 8:12; Ephesians 5:8]

A Prayer for Civil Authority

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of thy servants THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, The Governor of this State, and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek thy honor and glory; and that we and all the People, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them, 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.* [1Timothy 2:1-2; Romans 13:3-4]

A Prayer for the Clergy and People

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.* [James 1:17; Genesis 27:28]

A Prayer for all Conditions of Men

O GOD, THE CREATOR AND PRESERVER of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.* [Romans 15:5-7; Matthew 25:35-40; Deuteronomy 3:24]

A General Thanksgiving

Priest and People: ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER OF ALL MERCIES, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.* [2 Corinthians 1:3; Isaiah 63:7; Revelation 4:11; Romans 12:1]

And now, in the same manner of St Chrysostom we pray:

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

People: Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.* [John 14:13-14]

Dismissal Benediction

Deacon: THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all forevermore. *Amen.*

[2 Corinthians 13:14]