

Perpetual Day of Remembrance

Resources for Parish Communities

Sunday September 13, 2020

Shine the Light of Christ

Shine the Light of Christ Vigil

Ode to the Light of Christ

Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday: A Mass for Various Needs and Occasions

Mass Notes and Master Copy Template

Mass of the day (Sept 15): Our Lady of Sorrows



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Ode to the Light of Christ

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Come, let us bring light from the darkness.
Let us make evil good
and find sweet in the bitter.
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Come, let us weep together
when the light grew dark with the clouds,
from the darkness and distress.
Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 5:30)

Come, let us walk with our brothers and sisters,
those who have walked in darkness.
Let them see the great Light of God
and let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 9:2)

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Introduction

Background

2017

As part of [Lina's Project](#), Bishop Bill Wright established September 15 as a *Perpetual Day of Remembrance* throughout the diocese. Such a day holds before us our history of child sexual abuse and the reality of its continual unfolding in the lives of those directly and indirectly affected.

The intention is that this day be marked in a variety of ways including survivor led events which will develop from year to year. It is hoped these events provide an opportunity for all of us to stand with survivors.

It is equally important that the Church mark this day with prayer, ritual and worship. As a people of faith, commissioned by Jesus to live in remembrance of him, we know the importance and power of remembering. Our remembering not only functions to ensure that such abuse never happens again. More than that, our liturgical remembering is permeated with the light of Christ's Paschal Mystery becoming the source of our ongoing conversion and hope. It is only with the power of this light that our eyes and hearts will be open to discerning the cultural change necessary for the Church to be ever more truly a sign and instrument of God's reign right here and right now.

Our Church response is shaped by our liturgical wisdom and experience, and by the light of the Paschal Mystery. It too will grow and develop from year to year.

2018

2018 saw a small start in the way the Church community marked the day. Resources were provided to all parishes for the celebration of Mass on Sunday September 16. The focus was on Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral where Bishop Bill presided.

2019

In 2019 the Diocesan Liturgy Council established a Perpetual Day of Remembrance Standing Committee. This committee worked in collaboration with Healing and Support Services, the Office of Safeguarding and Bishop Bill. The Church response was named **Shine the light of Christ**. This title captures the essence of the Church's mandate to repent, believe and proclaim the Good News, especially in the darkest places of our human experience. Three resources were developed to enable the participation of all people irrespective of their affiliation with a parish community: a resource for parishes, another for Church agencies, group and schools, and another for individuals and households.

September 15 fell on a Sunday and the parish resource focused on Sunday Mass. The Standing Committee finalised its work by undertaking an evaluation by all members of the community. The feedback though small, was collated to inform the future development of the Church's response to the *Perpetual Day of Remembrance*.

2020

The Diocesan Liturgy Council's Standing Committee established in 2019 gathered again to prepare resources for 2020. A development this year has been the establishment of the 'Perpetual Day of Remembrance and Child Protection Week Coordinating Committee'. This has enhanced consultation with Healing and Support Services, the Office of Safeguarding and provided a platform for further consultation with Bishop Bill and Fr Andrew Doohan, the Vicar General.

2020 has also presented its own challenge – the COVID-19 pandemic – which continues to impact all aspects of life across the nation. Schools, parishes and households are experiencing uncertainty, grief, change and restrictions. The primary concern remains the safety and wellbeing of communities and individuals. In the midst of these circumstances it is important that our commitment to the *Perpetual Day of Remembrance* remains strong.

Because of COVID-19 it has not been possible to facilitate a survivor led event this year. Without the opportunity to gather, survivors and their families will acknowledge the day as is most appropriate for them.

The significant development in the Church response for 2020 is Bishop Bill's decision to [decree](#) *Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday* as a feast day to be inscribed in the diocesan liturgical calendar. It will be celebrated on the Sunday of or prior to September 15 replacing the Mass for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This has enabled us to determine the readings and prayers used for the celebration of Mass on this Sunday.

This decree will assist parishes in resolving clashes with other events as experienced last year. Parishes will be able to ensure that sacraments of initiation, first reconciliation, altar server graduations and other events are scheduled for other weekends.

True to the nature of Catholic prayer and liturgy, some aspects of our Church response will remain the same every year, other things will change, and new things will be included as we continue to change and grow.

The *Perpetual Day of Remembrance* continues to push us to think deeply about what it means to be and live Catholic. 'Catholic' is a big word. Our unity is marked by enormous diversity. As noted in some of the evaluations received last year, this diversity requires great sensitivity in discerning our communal faith response. No matter what we do, some will appreciate it and some will find it challenging and even offensive. Some want us to keep remembering our history of child sexual abuse and some find the constant reminders harmful.

The following resources seek to respect this diversity by giving communities and individuals a range of choices, from Sunday Mass to something as simple and powerful as turning on a light.

As a faith community it is important for all of us to recognise that this day responds to a deep need in some of our brothers and sisters. As members of the community of Jesus' disciples – irrespective of our affiliation with the worshipping community – we stand together, with survivors, against all forms of abuse and for cultural change that will promote fullness of life for all. As the saying goes, 'It takes a village ...' We need every glimmer of light if together

we hope to **Shine the light of Christ** into this dark space: a light of solidarity, a light of prayer, a light of courage and commitment to change, a light of healing and hope.

We continue to learn from experience and find our way forward in this space. We are grateful to those who gave feedback last year. It was very helpful. There will be an opportunity to provide feedback again this year.

We hope these resources support your community in honouring the commitment Bishop Bill made to survivors to remember our history of sexual abuse so that it will never happen again. Let us pray that the light of Christ will shine in our Church and neighbourhoods. Let us pray for the grace to continue to change and grow from death into life.

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Child Protection Week

Child Protection Week is not part of the diocesan *Perpetual Day of Remembrance*. However, as an annual national event it stands as an important prelude which helps prepare us for the *Perpetual Day of Remembrance*. This year *Child Protection Week* runs from Sunday September 6 to Saturday September 12. The 2020 theme is *Putting Children First*. Our diocesan community is committed to support Child Protection Week. Parishes and schools have been sent an array of resources by Connie Peate and Sophie Dougherty from the Office of Safeguarding. Please click on this [link](#) for more information.

Prayer Resources

There is an option here for everyone!

Shine the Light of Christ Vigil

Churches, Schools, Diocesan Agencies and associated groups, individuals, house mates, families and communities.

To draw a line of continuity with *Child Protection Week*, we invite you to begin our *Perpetual Day of Remembrance* with a Shine the Light of Christ Vigil.

All communities and individuals listed above are invited to turn/leave on a light on Saturday night September 12, the last day of *Child Protection Week* and the Vigil Mass for *Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday*.

This is a simple and public way to show we stand with survivors, their families and friends, and that we are committed to **Shine the Light of Christ** on this issue and in our world. Please see immediately below the *Prayer for Turning on the Light of Christ*.

This will be easy for parishes to do after their Vigil Mass.

Prayer for turning on 'the light of Christ'

If there is more than one person, the introductory dialogue will work as indicated below. If you are alone, you might also say the response and omit 'Let us pray.'

Person 1: The light of Christ shines in the darkness

Response: and the darkness shall never overcome it.

Let us pray

God with us,
you have made us in your image
and filled us with the breath of your divine life.
Through the life of Jesus
you show us the way to proclaim the greatness of your love in our lives.

As darkness falls may these lights remind us
of our mission to shine the light of your love
on the darkness of our Church and world.

Create a clean heart in us O God.

Where people are disempowered
 May we shine the light of your paschal wisdom.
Where there is privilege and prestige
 May we shine the light of your humility.
Where there is dishonesty and denial

May we shine the light of your truth.
Where transparency is lacking and agendas are hidden
May we shine the light of your integrity.
Where there is fear
May we shine the light of your courage.
Where there is judgement
May we shine the light of your compassion.
Where there is disrespect
May we shine the light of your love.
Where people feel silenced
May we shine the light of your word.
Where people feel excluded
May we shine the light of your acceptance.
Where there is sin
May we shine the light of your forgiveness.

Create a clean heart in us O God.

For turning off the lights

Day has dawned.
As we turn off our lights
we commit to shining the light of Christ in all we do
throughout our day.

'Ode to the Light of Christ' by Fiona Duque

Fiona Duque from St Bede's Catholic College Chisholm has written a beautiful *Ode to the Light of Christ*. In keeping with the traditional way we proclaim an Ode, for example on Anzac Day, we recommend that it be proclaimed by one person and listened to by the community. See **p. 2**.

This Ode will remain one of the permanent features of the Church response to the *Perpetual Day of Remembrance*.



'If Not Now' by Carrie Newcomer

Carrie Newcomer and her manager have given us permission again to use her beautiful song 'If Not Now' **in prayer and worship associated with the 2020 Day of Perpetual Remembrance**. We have clarified that this permission extends to any live streamed Masses.

The song is not about abuse. It is about a change of heart. Those who used it last year thought it worked very well.

We recommend the following options

- Permission includes the use of the video available [here](#). If there is no internet access in your church someone might provide it via their portable modem. If you use the video, please take care that no adds come up on the screen during Mass.
- The song can be played or purchased from various music platforms. You might like to consider purchasing in return for Carrie's generous response to our request to use her work.

There will be no need for words as the COVID advice is that communities do not sing. It is preferable to let people listen or watch the YouTube clip.



Mass for September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)

September 15 falls on Tuesday this year. The twenty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time and the memorial for Our Lady of Sorrows.

The options for Mass this day are identified in the ordo and on LiturgyHelp. Whatever choices made the readings and proper provide a rich feast for prayer and reflection on this day. It might be appropriate to make an explicit link to the Sunday liturgy by using one of its special elements. For example: the [Universal Prayer](#), 'If Not Now' by Carrie Newcomer, the [Ode to the Light of Christ](#), the '[Commission to shine the Light of Christ](#)'.

Some people who come to Mass on this day may be conscious that this is the actual day of remembrance.

Sunday Mass Overview

Introduction

With Bishop Bill's decree, the Mass for *Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday* is the centrepiece of the Church response to the *Perpetual Day of Remembrance*.

The assembly who gathers at parish Masses on this weekend, likely unknown to you, will include some who have come to mark the *Perpetual Day of Remembrance*. It is important that our remembrance is embodied in the liturgy in some meaningful way that does not feel like tokenism.

Considerable thought has gone into the choice of readings and the proper for this Mass, as well as the other elements. We hope these notes and Master Copy template assist the parish community to prepare the liturgy in the way that is most appropriate to your circumstances, particularly in these COVID-19 times.

The focus of the readings is the gospel call to change through the power of God's love which raises up new life in the midst of death and despair. We have endeavoured to focus our prayer on this change of heart as the ground of hope for a different and indeed safer future for everyone, adults included.

Preparation

We have endeavoured to make things as easy as possible for communities to prepare this liturgy, especially given the existing stress with COVID-19. That this is the first year of celebrating *Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday* is also significant. We are taking this step together and hopefully will be able to support each other. To assist with this there is one set of readings. There is an option for three prayers belonging to the proper.

Some questions concerning preparation arose last year. We hope the following Master Copy template and notes will support the parish's normal practice of liturgical preparation, including parishes and regions who prepare liturgy across a number of Mass centres. The choice of liturgical texts where options occur would remain where it normally does, either at a parish/regional level or with individual presider.

Feedback last year also indicated the need to ensure that relieving presiders receive information well in advance, particularly relating to local decision making

Liturgical Notes

The following recommendations are spelt out in more detail in the Master Copy template which follows.

- Use the Paschal Candle in its Easter position on the sanctuary
- Given the COVID-19 recommendation that there be no communal singing during liturgy we have not included music in the following template.
- The '[Ode to the Light of Christ](#)' accompanies the Entrance Procession.

We have recommended that this be read from the ambo because it is essentially a scriptural text.

- The [Penitential Act](#): Either
Option II (n. 5) as per the Missal. This option is seldom used,
OR
Option III (n. 6) drafted for this occasion as per the Master Copy
- We have drafted a [Universal Prayer](#) which echoes the '[Prayer for Turning on the Light of Christ](#)' (p. 7-8)
- The [Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs and Occasions IV](#): *Jesus went around doing Good* is consistent with this being a 'Mass for Various needs and Occasions'. In choosing this Eucharistic Prayer we were drawn by the section beginning 'Open our eyes to the needs of ... '
- Use Carrie Newcomer's song 'If Not Now' after communion or during the recessional procession. See [p. 9](#) for details.
- We have included a '[Commission](#)' in the Concluding Rite which is a slightly amended version of the Ode. Bracketing the liturgy with the Ode was thought to be meaningful in this context.

The homily presents challenges on this occasion, particularly when you don't know who is sitting in front of you.

As happened last year, **Fr Paul O'Neill is hosting an opportunity for preachers to gather to reflect on the readings.** This is for all those who will be preaching including lay members of the faithful preaching during a *Sunday Celebration of the Word (with Communion)*. Details are as follows:

Date: Friday Sept 4

Time: 4.30pm

Venue: Pending numbers East Maitland presbytery or the foyer of the Therry Centre

Hospitality: Drinks and pizza to follow for those who would like to stay

RSVP: Fr Paul O'Neill by Wednesday Sept 2. E: Paul.ONeill@mn.catholic.org.au

Master Template

The Introductory Rites

The usual preparations for Mass are made. In addition, the Paschal Candle is moved into the sanctuary to stand where it does during the Easter Season. It is lit before the people gather. The Church lights are left off. At evening Masses consider keeping the lighting as low as possible while ensuring people's safety.

Gathering

The Entrance Procession forms as usual and the person reading the Ode moves to the ambo (or lectern) from which it is to be read.

The reader of the Ode gestures for the Assembly to stand. Allow silence to fall before the Ode begins. The Entrance Procession takes place while the Ode is read.

We recommend using a single voice in keeping with the traditional way we proclaim Odes, such as on Anzac Day.

Ode to the Light of Christ Fiona Duque

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Once the presider is at his chair we recommend turning on the lights of the Church.

When all the lights are on the presider begins.

Greeting

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Then the Priest, extending his hands, greets the people, saying:

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

EITHER

Presider: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

Presider: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: For we have sinned against you.

Presider: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

All: And grant us your salvation.

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

OR

Presider: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

Presider: Lord Jesus you are our hope:
Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: Lord Jesus you rout the proud of heart and exalt the lowly:
Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy.

Presider: Lord Jesus you send the rich away empty and fill the hungry
with good things:
Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Gloria

The Assembly prays the Gloria as is the local custom

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Collect

EITHER

(24th Sunday in OT)

Presider: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

OR

(MVNO Thanksgiving B p.1387)

Presider: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

O God, the Father of every gift,
we confess that all we have and are comes down from you;
teach us to recognize the effects of your boundless care
and to love you with a sincere heart and with all our strength.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (37:1-14)

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. He made me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up. He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'You know, Lord.'" He said, 'Prophecy over these bones. Say, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this to these bones: I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live. I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you, I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord."'

I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked, and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man. Say to the breath, "The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breath; breathe on these dead; let them live!"' I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army.

Then he said, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They keep saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead." So prophecy. Say to them, "The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this it is the Lord who speaks."'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Pause for quiet reflection.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 41:2-3; 42:3-4. R. see Ps 41:3

(R.) My soul is thirsting for the living God.

1. Like the deer that yearns
for running streams,
so my soul is yearning
for you, my God. (R.)
2. My soul is thirsting for God,
the God of my life;
when can I enter and see
the face of God? (R.)
3. O send forth your light and your truth;
let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain
to the place where you dwell. (R.)
4. And I will come to the altar of God,
the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,
O God, my God. (R.)

Pause for quiet reflection.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (14:7 – 9)

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Pause for quiet reflection.

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand.*

Phil 2:15-16

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine in the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Minister: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (1:46-56)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.
'He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Assembly is seated.

Homily

Profession of Faith *Please stand.*

The Assembly prays the Creed in keeping with local custom.

Universal Prayer

Presider: Sisters and brothers, let us pray to the God of light and truth for our needs and those of the world.

Reader: For the gift of wisdom and humility.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the gift of truth and integrity.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the gift of love and compassion.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the gift of courage and forgiveness.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the gift of acceptance and freedom.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have been affected by abuse.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who are sick.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have died.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Presider: God of the living and the dead, in Jesus you raise us up to shine your light in the dark places of our world. Hear these prayers and help us to always remember how much we are loved. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Once the altar is prepared the Priest moves to the altar and where he takes the bread and holding it slightly above the altar, says inaudibly:

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Taking the chalice that had previously been prepared by the Deacon, and holding it slightly above the altar, the Priest says inaudibly:

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

The Priest bows and says inaudibly:

Presider: With humble spirit and contrite heart
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Then the Priest washes his hands, saying inaudibly:

Presider: Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

*The Priest stands at the altar and addresses the Assembly, extending
and then joining his hands.*

Presider: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

EITHER

(24th Sunday in OT)

With hands extended the Priest prays:

Presider: Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,
and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,
that what each has offered to the honour of your name
may serve the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

OR

(MVNO – Holy Church – A Spiritual Gathering p.1349)

With hands extended the Priest prays:

Presider: Look with gracious favour, O Lord, we pray,
on the offerings of your servants,
that they may truly understand and proclaim with confidence
what is right and wholesome in your sight.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs and Occasions IV: Jesus who went about doing good.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Presider: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Father of mercies and faithful God.

For you have given us Jesus Christ, your Son,
as our Lord and Redeemer.

He always showed compassion
for children and for the poor,
for the sick and for sinners,
and he became a neighbour
to the oppressed and the afflicted.

By word and deed he announced to the world
that you are our Father
and that you care for all your sons and daughters.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we exalt and bless your name
and sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

With hands extended, says:

PC: You are indeed Holy and to be glorified, O God,
who loves the human race
and who always walks with us on the journey of life.
Blessed indeed is your Son,
present in our midst
when we are gathered by his love
and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us,
he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

CC: Therefore, Father most merciful,
we ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit
to sanctify these gifts of bread and wine,

He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and chalice together, saying:

that they may become for us
the Body and + Blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,
on the night of the Last Supper,
he took bread and said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my Body,
which will be given up for you.

He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

After this, he continues:

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice, gave you thanks
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then he says:

The mystery of faith.

The people respond as per the local custom

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

or

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

or

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:

CC: Therefore, holy Father,
as we celebrate the memorial of Christ your Son,
our Saviour,
whom you led through his Passion and Death on the Cross
to the glory of the Resurrection,
and whom you have seated at your right hand,
we proclaim the work of your love until he comes again
and we offer you the Bread of life

and the Chalice of blessing.

Look with favour on the oblation of your Church,
in which we show forth
the paschal Sacrifice of Christ
that has been handed on to us,
and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love,
we may be counted now and until the day of eternity
among the members of your Son,
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

C I: Bring your Church, O Lord,
to perfect faith and charity,
together with Francis our Pope and William our Bishop,
with all Bishops, Priests and Deacons,
and the entire people you have made your own.

Open our eyes
to the needs of our brothers and sisters;
inspire in us words and actions
to comfort those who labour and are burdened.
Make us serve them truly,
after the example of Christ and at his command.
And may your Church stand as a living witness
to truth and freedom,
to peace and justice,
that all people may be raised up to a new hope.

C II: Remember our brothers and sisters (**N.** and **N.**),
who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ,
and all the dead, whose faith you alone have known.
Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face,
and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.

Grant also to us,
when our earthly pilgrimage is done,
that we may come to an eternal dwelling place
and live with you for ever;

there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with the Apostles and Martyrs,
(with Saint N.: *the Saint of the day or Patron*)
and with all the Saints,
we shall praise and exalt you
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

He takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, raising both, he says:

PC/ CC: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please stand.

The Communion Rite

The Assembly stands and the Priest continues:

Presider: At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

The Priest extends his hands and, together with the Assembly, continues:

**All: 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.**

With hands extended, the Priest continues alone, saying:

Presider: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Priest joins his hands, and the people conclude the prayer, saying:

**All: For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

The Priest, with hands extended, says aloud:

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.

The Priest joins his hands, and concludes the prayer:

Presider: Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Priest extends and then joins his hands, and continues:

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Presider: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Assembly exchanges a sign of peace, according to local custom, that expresses peace, communion, and charity. The Priest gives the Sign of Peace to the Deacons and other ministers.

The Priest then takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:

Presider: May this mingling of the Body and Blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Meanwhile the Assembly says.

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Please kneel or sit.

The Priest, with hands joined, says quietly:

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who, by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your Death gave life to the world,
free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood,
from all my sins and from every evil;
keep me always faithful to your commandments,
and never let me be parted from you.

or

May the receiving of your Body and Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgement and condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and body
and a healing remedy.

The Priest genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice while facing the Assembly, says aloud:

Presider: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion

Silence or instrumental music accompanies communion. Instrumental music begins as the presider receives communion and continues until the communion procession finishes.

A period of silence follows.

Song After Communion

If you would like to use Carrie Newcomer's song, 'If Not Now', it could be played here.

Prayer after Communion

EITHER

(24th Sunday in OT)

The Priest stands, and with hands joined, says:

Presider: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray,
take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its effects, and not our own desires,
may always prevail in us.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

OR

The Priest stands, and with hands joined, says:

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Presider: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

Grant us, O merciful God,
that the holy gifts we have received
may confirm us in our resolve to do your will
and make us everywhere witnesses to your truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Concluding Rites

Greeting

The Priest, with hands extended over the Assembly, says:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Commission to Shine the Light of Christ

Presider: Let us walk in the Light of the Lord.
Let us not fear the past
when our hearts were heavy.

All: Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 2:5)

Presider: Let us bring light from the darkness.
Let us make evil good
and find sweet in the bitter.

All: Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 5:20)

Presider: Let us weep together
when the light grew dark with the clouds,
from the darkness and distress.

All: Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 5:30)

Presider: Let us walk with our brothers and sisters,
those who have walked in darkness.
Let them see the great Light of God.

All: And let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 9:2)

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Blessing

Presider: May almighty God bless you,
✠ The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Presider: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Procession

The recessional procession takes place in silence or it may be accompanied by Carrie Newcomer's song 'If Not Now'.

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