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Processional Hymn

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Author: Reginald Heber (1826)



The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

The Lord is our light and our life. O come, let us worship.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, .and your purpose in the week to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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 for Purity

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

The Kyrie

1 .'Look around you, can you see? Times are troubled, people grieve See the violence, feel the hardness; All my people, weep with me.

Refrain Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison,

Walk among them, I'll go with you.
Reach out to them with my hands
Suffer with me, and together
We will serve them, help them stand.



Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

3. Forgive us, Father; hear our prayer We would walk with you anywhere, Through your suff'ring, with forgiveness, Take your life into the world.

The Penitence

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

Merciful God,

grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



God of unchangeable power, you have revealed yourself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit: keep us firm in this faith that we may praise and bless your holy name, for you are one God, living and reigning in glory now and for ever. Amen.



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The Word of God

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5: 1-5

Gospel Acclamation

Allelu---ia, Alleluia, Alleluia Allelu—ia, Alleluia

Let your hearts rejoice in the Lord Let your word proclaim his deeds Let your voice sing out to the world That our God has come to save

Allelu---ia, Alleluia, Alleluia Allelu—ia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

John 16: 12-15

The Sermon

Rev Sharmain James

Affirmation of Faith

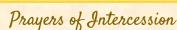
Let us confess our faith as we say, I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.





Let us pray for the worldwide Church; for Thabo our metropolitan, for Steve our Bishop and all the Bishops of our Province and for Christian communities in every nation of the world. We pray that, the Church may be a visible sign of unity and hope in the way we support and encourage one another.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

Let us pray for our nation and all the diverse peoples in it, that we may be free of corruption and greed, helping one another to live in peace, in unity and grow together in the love of our one God.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

We pray for those called to go out into foreign lands to teach and proclaim our God as the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Grant them the Spirit of truth and strengthen them in their faith to share the Good News.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

Bless our homes with the joy of your presence. Strengthen our bonds of family and of faith, that our children may grow into fullness of faith, that together we may show forth your praise in our world through deeds and words of love and compassion—especially with those who are alone and lonely.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

We pray for all those who fear for their lives, for the victims of violence and war, for those in poverty and for those weighed down by troubles and anxieties. We pray that we may reach out to others with hope and care.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

Lord we pray for all whose life is saddened by the death of a loved one, be with them in their loneliness and let them know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world - a light which no darkness can quench.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Offering

Generous God, you have created all that is,

and you provide for us in every season.

Bless all that we offer,

that through these gifts others will receive your blessing.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil For thine is the Kingdom And all the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery by which you nourish all your people



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with eternal life and make us one in Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Send us now in unity as living signs of the mystery of your Trinity to live and work in your Shalom for the Shalom of all. **Amen.**

Final Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also with you

God the Father, who first loved us and made us accepted in the beloved Son, bless you.

Amen.

God the Son,

who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

bless you. Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,

who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts,

bless you. Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go forth into the world,

rejoicing in the power of the Most Blessed and Holy Trinity.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

1 All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Serve him with joy, his praises tell, come now before him and rejoice!

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; he formed us all without our aid. We are the flock he comes to feed, the sheep who by his hand were made.



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3 O enter then his gates with joy,within his courts his praise proclaim.Let thankful songs your tongues employ.O bless and magnify his name.

4 Trust that the Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure. His faithfulness at all times stood and shall from age to age endure.

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