

Blessing

Almighty God bless you: the Father, the ✕ Son, and the Holy Spirit.



A - men

Silent Prayer

Give thanks to God and bless His Name for, having given Himself to you in His Gospel preaching and Sacrament, our gracious God has forgiven you, comforted you and delivered you from all harm and danger!

Pray that you remain in Christ just as He is in you.

Retiring Processional Hymn

Please STAND when the organ sounds and BOW when the processional crucifix passes.

“DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE”

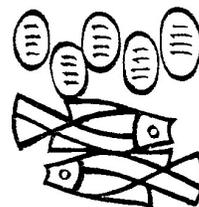
The Lutheran Hymnal #387 (stanzas 7-10)

Postlude

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

— F.W. Zachau (1663-1712)

Please depart in silence. You may keep this Ordo as a remembrance.



Holy Mass

LAETARE—FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

It is a laudable custom to kneel in prayer when entering the pew.

It is a laudable custom to bow the head whenever the holy name of Jesus is mentioned in the Mass and at those points marked with a diamond (♦).

At those points marked with a cross (✕), it is a laudable custom to cross oneself.

On Laetare Sunday, the Prelude is played, but the tower bells remain silent.

Preliminaries

Prelude

Partita on “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

— J. G. Walther (1684-1748)

Processional Hymn

Please STAND when the organ sounds to honor the cross of Our Blessed Lord and those in procession with it. Please BOW when the processional crucifix passes.

“DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE”

The Lutheran Hymnal #387 (stanzas 1-6)

(Choir sings stanzas 3 & 5)

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Versicles

I will go to the altar of God:

To God my exceeding joy.

Our ✕ help is in the Name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

Please KNEEL.

Confiteor

During a period of silence, call to mind both your sinfulness and those sins you have committed against the Ten Commandments.

I confess to almighty God,

before all the company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed

(strike your chest three times saying:)

through my fault, through my own fault, through my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray almighty God, for the sake of † Jesus Christ His Son, to have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Absolution

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my Office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord † Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Please STAND.

Liturgy of the Word

Introit—Isaiah 66.10-11; Psalm 122.1 *Setting: Lucas Lossius (1508-1582)*

The Introit is chanted while the Celebrant incenses the Altar.

✠ *Rejoice ye with Jerusalem and be glad with her: all ye that love her.*

Rejoice for joy with her: all ye that mourn for her; that ye may exult and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations.

I was glad when they said unto me:

Let us go into the house of the Lord.

† *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

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem and be glad with her: all ye that love her.

Rejoice for joy with her: all ye that mourn for her; that ye may exult and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations.

Kyrie Eleison



**Lord, have mer-cy up-on us! Lord, have mer- cy up-on us!
Christ, have mer-cy up-on us! Christ, have mer- cy up-on us!
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us! Lord, have mer- cy up-on us!**



**Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!
Christ, have mer-cy up-on us!
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!**

Communio—Psalm 122.3-4

Jerusalem Is built as a city that is compact together:

Where the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

Please STAND.

Post-Communion Collect

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us pray. O most merciful God, who never fails to satisfy us with Your holy Mysteries, grant, we beseech You, that we may ever approach them in all lowliness and sincerity, and receive them inwardly with all faithfulness; through † Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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Dismissal

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Please KNEEL.

Holy Gospel—St. John 6.1-15

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

While the Gospel is announced, make the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips and heart.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Saint John:



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please BE SEATED.

Preaching of the Gospel

Chief Hymn

Please STAND when the organ sounds.

“JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE”

The Lutheran Hymnal #347

(Choir sings stanzas 2 & 4)

Credo

The Nicene Creed is chanted in monotone.

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,

And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord † Jesus Christ,

The only-begotten Son of God,

Begotten of His Father before all worlds;

Pax Domini

The peace of the ✕ Lord be with you always.



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Agnus Dei



○ Christ, the Lamb of God, who take a-way the sin of the

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world: have mer-cy up - on us.

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world: grant us Your peace. A - men

Distribution of Our Lord's Body and Blood

Please REMAIN KNEELING or BE SEATED.

Please follow the Ushers' instructions to approach the Altar.

Reception of the Lord's Supper indicates unity in confession and faith.

If you are a guest, please refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper unless you have first visited with the Pastor.

The Body of Christ is received on the tongue.

The Blood of Christ is received from the Chalice.

You may assist the minister by guiding the Chalice to your mouth.

Women are asked to remove lipstick before drinking from the Chalice.

Anamnesis

The Prayer of Remembrance is prayed ending with the words:

...until He comes again in power and great glory as victorious Lord of all.

Amen

Acclamation

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



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When the chimes are rung at the Minor Elevation, we again adore Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament and acclaim Him as eternal God.

Pater Noster

Taught by Our Lord, and trusting His promise, we are bold to pray:

The Our Father is chanted in monotone.

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. Amen

Embolism

The Celebrant concludes the Our Father with a prayer for deliverance and peace, ending with the words:

...one God now and forever.



A - men

God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God,

Begotten, not made;

Being of one substance with the Father,

By whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

Please GENUFLECT on the kneelers in honor of Our Lord's incarnation.

And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

Please STAND.

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 sits on the right hand of the Father;

And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead;

Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,

The Lord and Giver of Life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

Who with the Father and the Son together is † worshipped and glorified,

Who spoke 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

Please KNEEL.

Intercessions

After each petition:

Lord, in Your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

After the final petition is prayed:

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please BE SEATED.

Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

Offertory

While the offerings are gathered and the Altar prepared, you are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Our Lord's Service in His Body and Blood. After the Altar is prepared, the Celebrant incenses the Altar. Then the ministers and Faithful are incensed. Please STAND and BOW when being incensed.

Offering Hymn

"A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH"
The Lutheran Hymnal #142 (stanzas 1-4)

Offertorium—Psalm 135.3, 6

O praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant:

Whatsoever the Lord pleases He does, in heaven and in earth.

Oblation

The Celebrant prays the Offertory Prayer ending with the words:
...one God, now and forever.

Amen

Preface

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant chants the Lenten Preface, ending with the words:

... evermore praising You and saying:

Please KNEEL when the Server rings the Sanctus bell three times.

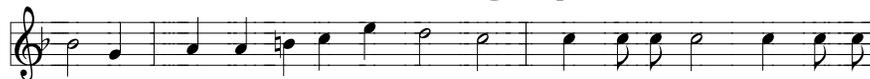
Sanctus



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho-ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth.



Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo- ry. Ho-san-na! Ho-



san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is



He, Bless-ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!



Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho- san-na in the high-est!

Eucharistic Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving is prayed ending with the words:

...which You now graciously bestow upon us through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

Verba Christi

The Celebrant chants the Words of Our Lord's Last Will and Testament. During the two Major Elevations, the chimes are rung and we adore Our Lord's Body and Blood.