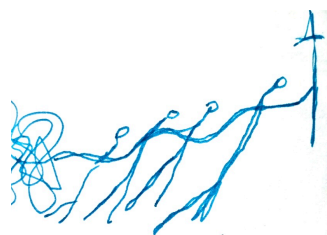


THE EMMAUS MANUAL *a simple life with this Good News*



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A LITTLE CATECHISM *understanding this Good News*

WHAT THE GOOD NEWS

What is the Gospel and how do we live as if it's true?
The *Good News*, as simply as I know it can be said, is this:

*That Christ died and rose for us.
That His Dying and Rising
is the free gift of Himself
and the only thing that makes things right,
things between God, ourselves, and each other.*

That is what the Good News is.
And this Good News is not just information,
but the light that reveals Him
and the bread by which He gives Himself
to us.

Because Jesus is Good News and Good News reveals Jesus
And Good News is what makes the Christian life possible

Because life is unbearable, unmanageable, and impossible,
and the way is blocked except for our share in Christ's own life,
and we share in Christ's own life by this Good News.

So we can say,
Good News is how He carries us and takes care of us
Good News is how he draws us to Himself, to all the
good things Christ Himself is and the small good things

We offer in His Name.

Put another way,

*Christ died and rose for us, and we die and rise with Him
when we hear this Good News.*

Part of what this Good News is is where this Good News
Comes from.

It is the Good News of what God has done in Christ.

*It is a revelation of God the Father's own heart of Mercy
in the Death and Resurrection of the Son.*

We have the love of God in the person of Christ.

His steadfast love, His involvement,

His power to make things right

Life is about this Mercy offered us in Christ

Receiving this Mercy for ourselves even as we offer it to others

That is what the Good News *is*, and where it comes *from*,
but there is also *what this Good News means for us*.

We are offered two things in the name
of the One who died and rose for us—

His Forgiveness and His Spirit.

The forgiveness of sins by which we die with Him,
the gift of the Holy Spirit by which we rise with Him.

By the power of His Forgiveness and His Spirit,

We become a part of His Fellowship as we wait for His Return.

Christ died and rose for us, and we die and rise with Him
when we hear this Good News,
receiving the forgiveness of sin and the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Because, somehow,
To receive His Forgiveness is to die with Him,
to be led by His Spirit is to rise with Him,
The forgiveness of sins is not merely a transaction,
telling us we're no longer in trouble.
The forgiveness of sin is how He reveals Himself to us,
and gives Himself to us.
The forgiveness of sins is how we know Him
And how we are changed by Him most deeply.
By the forgiveness of sin we receive Christ
and are cleansed of pride and lies.
The forgiveness of sins is how we trust in Him most deeply.

WHAT GOOD NEWS DOES TO US

For that reason we need to say, not only what Good News *is*,
Where it comes from, what it *means for us*,
but also what *Good News does to us*.
In short, it gives us a New Heart

Christ died and rose for us, and we die and rise with Him
when we hear this Good News,
receiving the forgiveness of sin and the gift of the Holy Spirit.
The forgiveness of sin by which we die with Him,
the gift of the Holy Spirit by which we rise with Him.

There is something in us that always wants to prove ourselves,
protect ourselves, to take things back and make things right
and get out of trouble. To get even and get out of trouble.
And the forgiveness of sins,
by which we know Him and are changed by Him
and by which we die with Him,
is the only thing that makes that thing let go of us.
The only thing that gives us this New Heart.
To be forgiven, and die with Him, then is to be rescued.
We are rescued by His Forgiveness.
And somehow His Forgiveness is the end
of trying to take things back and make things right.

Good News doesn't change but it continues to change us
Good News changes us, gives us a New Heart.
A New Heart called faith, hope, love
Where Faith is the trust He rescues
Hope in the attention He leads
Love is the gift of ourselves in His Name.

Good News changes what we trust, what we pay attention
To, and what we even want.
What we trust changes what we pay attention to.
What we pay attention to changes what we want.

Put passively, it is a New Heart called *rescued, led, given*.
Put actively, it is our daily worship,
To share in Christ's own life *by hearing*,
And prayer, and to be with Him as an offering,
They are not separate, our hearing is led in prayer until it
What we offer, or
receiving Good News lets us stay with
Good News lets us work with Good News.

Hearing is trusting in Christ by His Forgiveness,
receiving this Good News. Because we do not
Trust in Him by ourselves, we trust in Him

By His Forgiveness

Prayer is trusting Him with things through His Spirit,
staying with this Good News, because we don't trust
Him with things by ourselves, we trust Him with things
Through His Spirit

Offering is entrusting ourselves to others in His Name,
Working with this Good News. Because we don't entrust
Ourselves to others by ourselves. We entrust ourselves
To others by His Forgiveness, through His Spirit
And in His Name.

Because hearing is vindicated in prayer and
Fulfilled in offering

*Put simply, whatever else it means that we die and rise with Him
when we hear this Good News, it means we can be rescued by His
Forgiveness, led by His Spirit, and given in His Name.*

*Good News doesn't change, but it continues to change us
And to hear this Good News is to be rescued by His Forgiveness,
and led by His Spirit, to be given in His Name .*

Put simply,
Jesus is Good News, Good News gives us Jesus,

And it is going to have to be enough to be with Jesus
To be with Jesus anyway we can,
To share in Christs own life by hearing and through prayer,
And to be with Him as an offering.
That is the inevitability of His Dying and Rising
in my own small life-it
that we can be rescued by His Forgiveness,
led by His Spirit, and given in His Name.

WHERE GOOD NEWS IS TAKING US

This Good News deepens the New Heart it gives to us,
so that we that become more rescued, led, and given
only over time and only by this means of grace—
By this daily worship,
The Good News that makes the Christian life bt possible
the bread and light of this Good News.

Because this Good News doesn't change, it is only that it
Continues to change us. Because Good News is how
He carries us and Good News is how He takes care of us
Because Good News is how He draws us to Himself.

Because life is unbearable, unmanageable, and impossible,
and the way is blocked except for our share in Christ's own life.
And we share in Christ's own life by this Good News, share in
Christ's own life by hearing, through prayer, as an
offering—receiving Good News, staying with Good News,
working with Good News.

Because it's going to have to be enough to be with Jesus.
And there's just gotta be a way to be
A little way to be with Jesus any way we can.
To share in Christ's own life by hearing
through prayer, to be with Him as an offering.
Because anyone can be forgiven, and anyone can follow

Because they've been forgiven.

If Good News is how He carries us and takes care of us,
And if Good News is how He gives us a New Heart,
and if Good News deepens the New Heart it is gives us,
then there is only one direction this New Heart of ours
can ever be headed:

*out of pride and lies,
through trouble and loss
Toward our new home
That is, toward all the good things Christ Himself is
and the small good things we offer in His Name.
With Good News as our only shepherd*

Because that is the inevitability of His Dying and Rising in our own small
life— that long slow walk out of pride and lies, through trouble and loss,
toward all the good things Christ Himself is and the small good things we
offer in His Name. With Good News as our only shepherd.

Because Good News is now He takes care of us

And takes us somewhere

. Receiving Good News lets us stay with Good News lets us work with Good
News.

If it's gonna have to be enough to be with Jesus any way we can
If all we have to is do find some
way to be with Jesus any way we can
The what we want is a simple life with this Good News

Because Jesus is Good News and Good News reveals Jesus
And Good News is how He draws us to Himself.
And it is Good News that's makes the Christian life possible

If Good News is how He carries us and takes care of us.
And if Good News gives us a New Heart, then
we can say that Good News is our *only shepherd*
and a simple life with this Good News *is our new home.*

What I also call, a little way to be with Jesus anyway I can.
Our old home is making things right and
Making sure things work out
And our new home is to share in Christ's own life by
this Good News, share in Christ's own life
hearing through prayer and as an offering
Receiving Good News, staying with Good News, working with this
Good News.

But what does a simple life with this Good News look like?
If Good News is our only shepherd,
and simple life with Good News
is our new home, if we share in Christ's own life
By this Good News. Share in Christ's own life by hearing
through prayer and as an offering, receiving Good News,
Staying with Good News, working with Good News
Then a simple life with this Good News,
at least for me, is that a steady rhythm of

*scripture, prayer, hobbies and friends,
so that we slowly learn to be at home,
slowly learn that a simple life with this Good News
is our new home. Our new home until He comes back.
A little way to be with Jesus any way we can.*

We need a place for our attention to go, if life
Is going to be like this.
And there is nowhere else for our attention to go,
Except out of pride and lies, Through trouble and loss,
And toward all the good things Christ Himself is,
And the small good things we offer in His Name.
And toward those first small signs of Home,
Scripture, prayer, hobbies and friends.
Because Jesus is Good News, and Good News reveals Jesus.
And Good News is how he draws us to Himself
Because it's going to have to be enough to be with Jesus.
And this is our simple life with this Good News.

We need a place for our attention to go.
When we get to that place,
It will probably look like scripture, prayer, hobbies and friends.
That simple life with this Good News.

And there's just gotta be a way to be with Jesus any way we can.
To share in Christ's own life by this Good News,
To share in Christ's own life by

hearing, through prayer, to be with Him as an offering.
Receiving Good News, staying with Good News,
Working with this Good News
Through a
slow and steady rhythm of scripture, prayer, and friends
Is a little way to be with Jesus anyway we can.

Because *scripture* is where I get this Good News, hearing this
Good News, being rescued by His Forgiveness,
This Good News comes to us
through the promises of scripture.
The Old Testament promise of a Good King, a New Heart,
and a Return Home, and the New Testament announcement
that those promises have been fulfilled in the person and work
of Christ: in His Death and Resurrection.

And *prayer* is how I stay with this Good News,
trusting Him with things through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For this, we need the prayers scripture offers us
as well as the prayers of the church as our guide,
even as we learn that Holy Spirit intercedes for us with groans
too deep for words.

Hobbies and friends are how I am given in His Name,
work with this Good News,
entrusting ourselves to others in His Name and for the
building of His Fellowship
through our everyday vocations and ordinary hospitality,
Working on things and working with each other,
As we learn to love and serve
setting a table for the building of the fellowship of believers.
It is how we offer the world some sign this News is true.
It is how we offer those things
by which Christ gathers a people together.

Our hope is slow growth in faith, hope and love over time and
Only by His means of grace, as Good News changes what we
Trust, as what we trust changes what we pay attention,
As what we pay attention to changes what we want.

*The Emmaus Manual (a reimplementatation of the Daily Office
from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer)
offers folks a simple life with this Good News,
A simple path of scripture and prayer
As we head toward hobbies and friends
a way for us to slowly learn that Good News only shepherd
and a simple life with this Good News is our new home.*

BEFORE BEGINNING

But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages
To put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Christ has obtained a ministry
That is much more excellent than the old
As the covenant he mediates is better,
Since it is enacted on better promises
This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

You have come to Mount Zion
And to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem
And to the innumerable angels in festal gathering
And to the assembly of the firstborn
Who are enrolled in heaven, And to God, the judge of all
and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
And to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

And to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word
Than the blood of Abel

May the God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good that you may do his will,
working in you that which is pleasing in his sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

OPENING PRAYER .

So faith comes from hearing,
and hearing through the word of Christ *Romans 10:17*
For there is one God,
and there is one mediator between God and men,
The man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all,
which is the testimony given at the proper time. *1 Timothy 2:5-6*

As for that in the good soil
They are those who, hearing the word,
Hold it fast with an honest and good heart
Bearing fruit with patience *Luke 8:15*

Have compassion on all who do not know you
as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ;
let your Gospel be preached with grace and power
to those who have not heard it;
turn the hearts of those who resist it;
and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray;
that there may be one flock under one Shepherd,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

OPENING READINGS *one or more before closing prayer*

They said to him, "What must we be doing,
To do the works of God?"

Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God,
That you believe in Him whom he has sent"

Although the doors were locked,

Jesus came and stood among them and said,

"Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas,

"Put your finger here, and see my hands;

and put out your hand, and place it in my side.

Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him,

"My Lord and my God!" The Lord said,

For this is the will of my Father,

That whoever looks on the Son and believes in Him

Shall have eternal life and I shall raise Him up

On the last day"

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

If while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the
death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled,
shall we be saved by his life.

More than that, we also rejoice in God

through our Lord Jesus Christ,

through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Now I would remind you, brothers,
of the gospel I preached to you, which you received,
in which you stand, and by which you are being saved,
if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—
unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance
what I also received: that Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures,
and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers
at one time, most of whom are still alive,
though some have fallen asleep.

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

For I am the least of the apostles,
unworthy to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am,
and his grace toward me was not in vain.

On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them,

though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

**Whether then it was I or they,
so we preach and so you believed.**

1

In the beginning was the Word,
And the Word was with God, and the Word was God *John 1:1*
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.
For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
For the law was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
**No one has ever seen God; God the only Son,
who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.**

2

That which was from the beginning
Which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes
Which we looked upon and have touched with our hands
Concerning the word of life—
The life was made manifest, and we have seen it,
And testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life
Which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—
That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you,
So that you too may have fellowship with us;
And indeed our fellowship is with the Father
And with his Son Jesus Christ
And we are writing these things
so that our joy may be complete *1 John 1:1-4*

In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
That God sent his only Son into the world,
So that we might live through Him,
**In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us,
And sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

3

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
The very works that I am doing
Bear witness to me that the Father has sent me
For I have come down from heaven,
not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.
And this is the will of him who sent me,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father,
**that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him
Should have eternal life,
and I will raise him up on the last day.**

4

The Lord said “I told you that you would die in your sins,
for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins.
When you have lifted up the Son of Man,
then you will know that I am he,
Now is the judgment of this world;

now will the ruler of this world be cast out.

**And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all people to myself.”**

5

The Lord said, I am the bread of life,
Whoever comes to me shall not hunger
And whoever believes in me shall never thirst.
I am the living bread that came down from heaven
If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever
**And the bread that I will give for the life of the world
Is my flesh.**

6

As they were talking about these things,
Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them,
“Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened
and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them,
“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?
See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.
Touch me, and see.
For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”.
And when he had said this,
he showed them his hands and his feet.
The Lord said, “These are my words that I spoke to you
while I was still with you,”
that everything written about me in the Law of Moses

and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”
Then he opened their minds
to understand the Scriptures,
and said to them, “Thus it is written,
that the Christ should suffer and on the third day
rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins
should be proclaimed in his name to all nations,
beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.
And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.
**But stay in the city until you are clothed
with power from on high.”** *Luke 24:36-39*

7

“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed,
and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day
what has been entrusted to me.
Follow the pattern of the sound words that
you have heard from me,
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
**By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us,
guard the good deposit entrusted to you.** *2 Timothy 1:12-14*

8

Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”
And he rolled up the scroll
and gave it back to the attendant and sat down.
And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.
And he began to say to them,
“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

9

And he came and preached peace
To those we we far off and to those who were near
For through him we both have access in one Spirit
To the Father,
So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
But you are fellow citizens with the saints
And members of the household of God,
Built on the same foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,
In whom the whole structure, being joined together,
Grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

**In him you are also being built
into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

10

For the grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation for all people,
training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions,
and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives
in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope,
the appearing of the glory
of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness
**and to purify for himself a people for his own possession
who are zealous for good works.**

CLOSING READINGS

On the last day of the feast, the great day,
Jesus stood up and cried out,
“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.
Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said,
‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”
Now this he said about the Spirit,
whom those who believed in him were to receive,
**for as yet the Spirit had not been given,
because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

The Lord said, “When the Spirit of truth comes,
he will guide you into all the truth,
for he will not speak on his own authority,
but whatever he hears he will speak,
and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine
and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine;
therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you
Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you.
If what you heard from the beginning abides in you.
Then you too will abide in the Son
And in the Father also. *1 John 2:24-2*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
that according to the riches of his glory
he may grant you to be strengthened with power
through his Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—
that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

CLOSING PRAYERS

O God, because without you we are not able to please you,
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

So then, brothers, we are debtors,
not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
For if you live according to the flesh you will die,
but if by the Spirit
you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh
with its passions and desires.

**If we live by the Spirit,
let us also keep in step with the Spirit.**

Give all your people increase of grace,
To hear your Word with humility,
**To receive it with pure affection,
And to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. Amen.**

LAUDS *morning*

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands,
A copy of the true one,
But into heaven itself,
Now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf
Since then we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who in every respect
has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. *Hebrews 4:14-15*

**Let us then with confidence draw near
to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help
in time of need. *Hebrews 4:16***

I. CONFESSION *our return to this Good News*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust. *PSALM 40:1-11*

**Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.” *Jeremiah 17:8***

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you:
Look with compassion
upon the heartfelt desires of your servants,
and purify our disordered affections,

that we may behold your eternal glory
in the face of Christ Jesus;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord, have Mercy
Christ, have Mercy
Lord, have Mercy

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from you 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 neighbors 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.**

REQUEST FOR ABSOLUTION

“And now, Israel,
what does the LORD your God require of you,
but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways,
to love him, to serve the LORD your God
with all your heart and with all your soul,
**Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart,
and be no longer stubborn.** *Deuteronomy 10:12-13*

From all blindness and hardness of heart;
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, malice and cruelty ;
and from all lack of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

Almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
And by the power of the Holy Spirit,
Raise us up to serve you in newness of life. **Amen.**

**Create in me, a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Word of God
to all who truly turn to Him:
“If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” *1 John 1:8-9*
“But that you may know the Son of Man has authority
On earth to forgive sins—he said to the paralytic
Rise, take up your bed and go home.

For this is the covenant
that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws into their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor
and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’
for they shall all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest.
For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more.”
**My dwelling place shall be with them,
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

And Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
“This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,
**“This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant
in my blood.”**

NEWNESS OF LIFE *optional*

In him you also were circumcised with a circumcision
Made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh,
By the circumcision of Christ,
Having been buried with him in baptism,
In which you were also raised with him through faith,
In the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?
By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized
Into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
We were buried therefore with him by baptism
Into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from
The dead by the glory of the Father,
We too might walk in newness of life.

And you, who were dead in your trespasses
And the uncircumcision of your flesh,
God made alive together with him.

**As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk with Him,
Rooted and built up in Him, established in the faith.**

**For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,
but the life he lives he lives to God.**

**So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

II. SCRIPTURE *receiving this Good News*

The sheep hear his voice,
and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
When he has brought out all his own,
he goes before them, and the sheep follow him,
for they know his voice.

The Lord said,
“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word
and believes him who sent me has eternal life.

**He does not come into judgment,
but has passed from death to life.”** *John 5:24*

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord
This is eternal life: that they know you the only true God
And Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

These are written
so that you may believe Jesus is the Christ the Son of God
And that by believing you may have life in His Name.

Everyone who believes in Him
Receive the forgiveness of sins through His name.
the righteousness of God
through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

**Once you were not a people, now you are God's people
Once you had not received Mercy,
now you have received Mercy
For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned
to the Shepherd and Overseer of your Souls.**

PSALMS

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life.

**My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.**

I will lift up my eyes unto the hills;
from whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved,
and he who keeps you will not sleep.
Behold, he who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is your keeper;
the Lord is your defense upon your right hand,
So that the sun shall not burn you by day,

neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; indeed,
it is he who shall keep your soul.

The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in, from
this time forth for evermore.

**My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, trust in the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy,
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

After the Psalm

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

GOSPELS AND EPISTLES

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds you have been healed.
For this is why the gospel was preached
even to those who are dead,
that though judged in the flesh the way people are,
they might live in the Spirit the way God does.
For if, because of one man's trespass,
death reigned through that one man,
**much more will those who receive the abundance of grace
and the free gift of righteousness
reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.**

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony
about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner,
but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,
who saved us and called us to a holy calling,
not because of our works
but because of his own purpose and grace,
which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,
and which now has been manifested
through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus,
who abolished death
and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,
for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,
which is why I suffer as I do.

The Lord said,
**For this is the will of my Father,
That whoever looks on the Son and believes in Him
Shall have eternal life and I shall raise Him up
On the last day”**
**For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin
So that in Him we might become
the righteousness of God
For all have sinned
And fallen short of the glory of God
And are justified by His grace as a gift
Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus**

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

CANTICLE

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land;
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open;
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you the City of the Lord,

The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land,
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation,
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day;
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory *THIRD SONG OF ISALAH*
Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel. *Luke 2:29-32*
With your constant love,
you led the people you redeemed.
And brought them in safety
to your holy dwelling.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 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.**

III. PRAYER *staying with this Good News*

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.**

Now as our Savior Christ has taught us,
We are bold to pray,

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE SUFFRAGES

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;

We praise your name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope;

Let us never be put to shame.

Out of the deep have I called unto you, O Lord;

Lord, hear my voice. O let your ears consider well
the voice of my supplications.

If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,

O Lord, who could abide it?

For there is mercy with you; therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;

in his word is my trust.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask
in the Name of Your Son:

Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray,
not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness,
but as you know and love us
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery
to fall back into fear,
But you have received the spirit of adoption as sons,
By whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”
The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit
That we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—
Heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,
Provided we suffer with him in order that we may also
Be glorified with him.

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh,
Arm yourselves with the same way of thinking
For whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin
So as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh
No longer for human passions but for the will of God.
For we do not know what to pray for as we ought,
but the Spirit himself intercedes for us
with groanings too deep for words.

For through the Spirit, by faith

We ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness

Our God, in whom we trust:

Strengthen us not to regard overmuch
who is for us or who is against us,

but to see to it that we be with you in everything we do. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling
of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer,
sanctify for the purification of the flesh,
how much more will the blood of Christ,
who through the eternal Spirit offered himself
without blemish to God,
purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Having purified your souls
By your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love
Love one another earnestly from a pure heart,
Since you have been born again,
Not of perishable seed but of imperishable,
Through the living and abiding word of God.
. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave
Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
**I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you stretched out your arms of love
on the hard wood of the Cross**

that everyone might come within the reach
of your saving embrace: so clothe us in your Spirit
that we, reaching forth our hands in love,
may bring those who do not know you
to the knowledge and love of you;
for the honor of your Name. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS, THANKSGIVINGS, PETITIONS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
We your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
For all your goodness and loving kindness
To us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**To whom with you and the Holy Spirit
Be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

THE CALL OF CHRIST

And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house,
since he also is a son of Abraham.

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

**If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,
I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.**

Jesus said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick.

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee

Proclaiming the gospel of God and saying,

**The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand,
Repent and believe in the gospel.**

BENEDICTION

To him who loves us

and has freed us from our sins by his blood

and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,

to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. **Amen.** Revelation 1:5

**For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,**

**with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.
For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

While you have the Light, believe in the Light,
That you may become children of Light.
If anyone walks in the Light, he does not stumble
Because he sees the Light of this world.

Let us bless the Lord,
Thanks be to God

All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.
And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

We proclaim the mystery of faith,
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

NONES *afternoon*

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood,
he himself likewise partook of the same things,
that through death he might destroy
the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,
and deliver all those who through fear of death
were subject to lifelong slavery.

For surely it is not angels that he helps,
but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect,
so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest
in the service of God, to make propitiation
for the sins of the people.

For because he himself has suffered when tempted,
he is able to help those who are being tempted. *Hebrews 2:14-18*

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful. *Hebrews 10:19-25*

**Let us then with confidence draw near
to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:16***

I.CONFESSION *our return to this Good News*

OPENING SENTENCE

The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
And by its great might it cannot rescue.
Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.
Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you. *Psalms 34:15-21*
But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.
I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever. *Psalms 52:8*

**Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.” *Jeremiah 17:8***

OPENING PRAYER

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the Cross,
stretching out your loving arms:
Grant that all the peoples of the earth
may look to you and be saved;
for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

**Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from you 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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 neighbors 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.**

REQUEST FOR ABSOLUTION

“And now, Israel,
what does the LORD your God require of you,
but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways,
to love him, to serve the LORD your God
with all your heart and with all your soul,
**Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart,
and be no longer stubborn.** *Deuteronomy 10:12-13*

For our self pity and impatience
For bitterness and resentment
For uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors
For prejudice and contempt of others
Lord have mercy upon us for we have sinned against you.

Almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
And by the power of the Holy Spirit,
Raise us up to serve you in newness of life. **Amen.**

**Create in me, a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Word of God
to all who truly turn to Him:
“This saying is trustworthy
and deserving of full acceptance,
That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”
“But that you may know the Son of Man has authority
On earth to forgive sins—he said to the paralytic
Rise, take up your bed and go home.

And the Lord said,
“And I will betroth you to me forever.
I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice,
in steadfast love and in mercy.
I will betroth you to me in faithfulness.
And you shall know the LORD.”
And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.
I will give them one heart and one way,
And I will put the fear of me in their hearts,
That they may not turn from me.

I will rejoice in doing them good,
And I will plant them in this land in faithfulness,
With all my heart and all my soul.
**My dwelling place shall be with them,
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

And Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
“This is my body, which is given for you.
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Made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh,
By the circumcision of Christ,
Having been buried with him in baptism,
In which you were also raised with him through faith,
In the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God,
For it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot
Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
You however are not in the flesh but in the Spirit,
If Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin
The Spirit is life because of righteousness.
For the law of the Spirit of life
Has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death
Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh
With its passions and desires.
I have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.
If we live by the spirit, let us also keep step with the Spirit.
But now we are released from the law,
having died to that which held us captive,
so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit
and not in the old way of the written code.
For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore,
And do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ

And make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires

**For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,
but the life he lives he lives to God.**

**So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

II. SCRIPTURE *receiving this Good News*

The Lord said, "My sheep hear my voice

And I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life.

And they will never perish.

And no one will snatch them from my hand."

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I come that they may have life and have it abundantly

I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd

Lays down his life for the sheep

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

This is eternal life, that they know you,

The only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

These are written

so that you may believe Jesus is the Christ the Son of God

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Everyone who believes in Him

Receive the forgiveness of sins through His name.

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Once you had not received Mercy,

now you have received Mercy

For you were straying like sheep,

but have now returned

to the Shepherd and Overseer of your Souls.

PSALMS

Send out your light and your truth,
That they may lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill
And to your dwelling.

My soul clings to you
Your right hand upholds me.

**My flesh and my heart may fail,
But God is the strength of my heart,
And my portion forever.**

Unto you I lift up my eyes,
you who are enthroned in the heavens.
Behold, as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their masters,
and as the eyes of a maiden to the hand of her mistress,
Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God,
until he show us his favor.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have suffered more than enough contempt.
Long has our soul suffered the scorn of the wealthy
and the spitefulness of the proud.

**My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, trust in the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy,**

**and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

After the Psalm

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

GOSPELS AND EPISTLES*choose one or more*

Conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,
Knowing that you were ransomed
From the futile ways inherited from your forefathers
Not with perishables things such as silver or gold
But with the precious blood of Christ
Without blemish or spot
He was foreknown before the foundation of the world
But was made manifest in the last times
For the sake of you who through Him are believers in God,
**Who raised Him from the dead and gave him glory,
So that your faith and hope are in God.**

When the goodness and loving kindness
of God our Savior appeared,
He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness,
but according to his own mercy,
by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

whom he poured out on us richly
Through Jesus Christ our Savior,
so that being justified by his grace
we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
The Lord said,

**For this is the will of my Father,
That whoever looks on the Son and believes in Him
Shall have eternal life and I shall raise Him up
On the last day”
For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin
So that in Him we might become
the righteousness of God
For all have sinned And fallen short of the glory of God
And are justified by His grace as a gift
Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus**

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

CANTICLE

Splendor and honor and kingly power
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,

a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
for ever and for evermore. *Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*

My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

For he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed;

For he that is mighty has magnified me,
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on those who fear him,
throughout all generations.

He has shown the strength of his arm;

he has scattered the proud

in the imagination of their hearts.

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones,

and has exalted the humble and meek.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent empty away.

He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel,

as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

With your constant love

You led the people you redeemed

You brought them in safety to your holy dwelling

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

**You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you
You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Serpahim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
The glorious company of apostle praise you
The white robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, O Christ, are the king of glory.
The only Son of the Father.
When you took on flesh to set us free.
You humbly chose the virgins womb.
You overcame the sting of death.
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Come then Lord and help your people.
Bought with price of your own blood.
And bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

III. PRAYER *staying with this Good News*

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Have Mercy on us,

Jesus bearer of our sins,

Have Mercy on us,

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

Give us your peace.

Now as our Savior Jesus Christ taught us,

We are bold to pray,

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

O Lord, arise and help us;

And deliver us for your Name's sake.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

Graciously behold our afflictions.

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.

With favor hear our prayers;

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death

Lord, hear our prayer

Open our hearts to your grace and truth

Lord, hear our prayer

Fill us with your holy and life giving Spirit

Lord, hear our prayer

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy church

Lord, hear our prayer

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit

Lord hear our prayer

Send us into the world to witness to your love

Lord hear our prayer

Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory

Lord hear our prayer

Out of the deep have I called unto you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice. O let your ears consider well
the voice of my supplications.
If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could abide it?
For there is mercy with you; therefore you shall be feared.
**I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my trust.**

Heavenly Father, you have promised
to hear what we ask in the Name of Your Son:
Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray,
not as we ask in our ignorance,
nor as we deserve in our sinfulness,
but as you know and love us
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him.
That it is why it is through him
that we utter our Amen to God For his glory.
And it God who establishes us with you in Christ
And has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us.
And given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
For we do not know what to pray for as we ought,
but the Spirit himself intercedes for us
with groanings too deep for words.

**For through the Spirit, by faith,
We ourselves eagerly await the hope of righteousness.**

O Lord God, grant your people grace
to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,
I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.
Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
You hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.
Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
You who once were alienated
and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death,
in order to present you holy and blameless
and above reproach before him.
Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling

and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory
with great joy, to the only God, our Savior,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,
before all time and now and forever.

**I appeal to you therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship**

**O God, you have made of one blood
all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son
to preach peace to those who are far off
and to those who are near:
Grant that people everywhere
may seek after you and find you;
bring the nations into your fold;
pour out your Spirit upon all flesh;
and hasten the coming of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INTERCESSION, PETITIONS, THANKSGIVINGS, *silently or aloud*

PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us such grace
At this time, with one accord,
To make our common supplications to you,

And you have promised us through your well beloved Son
That when two or three are gathered in His Name
You will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
As may be best for us, granting us in this world
Knowledge of your truth,
And in the age to come, life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE CALL OF CHRIST

The Lord said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”
“If anyone would come after me,
let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
**For whoever would save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life
for my sake and the gospel's will save it.”** *Matthew 16:24*

Jesus said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick.
I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”
After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee
Proclaiming the gospel of God and saying,
**The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand,
Repent and believe in the gospel.**

BENEDICTION

They have washed their robes
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
For the Lamb in the midst of the throne
will be their shepherd, and he will guide them
to springs of living water, and God will wipe away
every tear from their eyes. **Amen.***Revelation 7:15-17*

**For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.
For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

While you have the Light, believe in the Light,
That you may become children of Light.
If anyone walks in the Light, he does not stumble
Because he sees the Light of this world.

Let us bless the Lord,
Thanks be to God

All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.
And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

We proclaim the mystery of faith,
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

VESPERS *evening*

When Christ appeared

as a high priest of the good things that have come,
then through the greater and more perfect tent
(not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)
he entered once for all into the holy places,
not by means of the blood of goats and calves
but by means of his own blood,
thus securing an eternal redemption.

A better hope is introduced,
through which we draw near to God.

For we have come to share in Christ,

If indeed we hold fast our original confidence until the end.

We who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement
To hold fast to the hope set before us,

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul,

A hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,

Where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.

He holds his priesthood permanently,
because he continues forever.

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost

Those who draw near to God through him,

since he always lives to make intercession for them. *Hebrews 7*

Let us then with confidence draw near

to the throne of grace,

that we may receive mercy

and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*

I. CONFESSION *out return to this Good News*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him *Psalm 37:3*
For through the Spirit, by faith
We ourselves wait for the hope of righteousness.

**Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.” *Jeremiah 17:8***

OPENING PRAYER

O Gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in Heaven.
O Jesus Christ, Holy and blessed.
Now as we come to the setting of the sun.
And our eyes behold the vesper light.
We sing your praises O God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life.
And to be glorified through all the worlds.

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from you 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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 neighbors 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.**

REQUEST FOR ABSOLUTION

“And now, Israel,
what does the LORD your God require of you,
but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways,
to love him, to serve the LORD your God
with all your heart and with all your soul,
**Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart,
and be no longer stubborn.**

From all disordered and sinful affections;
and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

To give us a heart to love and fear you,
and diligently to keep your commandments,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
And by the power of the Holy Spirit,
Raise us up to serve you in newness of life. **Amen.**

**Create in me, a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to Him:
“But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father
Jesus Christ the righteous.
He is the propitiation for our sins.
And not for ours only,
but also for the sins of the whole world.”
“But that you may know the Son of Man has authority
On earth to forgive sins—he said to the paralytic
Rise, take up your bed and go home.

The Lord said:
I will sprinkle clean water on you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
And I will give you a new heart,
and a new spirit I will put within you.
And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh
and give you a heart of flesh.
And I will put my Spirit within you.
**My dwelling place shall be with them,
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

And Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
“This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,
**“This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant
in my blood.”**

NEWNESS OF LIFE *optional*

In him you also were circumcised with a circumcision
Made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh,
By the circumcision of Christ,
Having been buried with him in baptism,
In which you were also raised with him through faith,
In the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God,
Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything
As coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God
Who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant
Not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills,
But the Spirit gives life. But I say, walk by the Spirit,
and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Present yourselves to God as
those who have been brought from death to life,
And your members to God as instruments for righteousness.
For sin will have no dominion over you,
Since you are not under law but under grace.

**The life I now live in the flesh,
I live by faith in the Son of God
Who loved me and gave Himself for me.**

**For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,
but the life he lives he lives to God.
So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

II. SCRIPTURE *receiving this Good News*

Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and is now here,
when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,
and those who hear will live.

**For as the Father has life in himself,
so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.**

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord
This is eternal life:
that they know you the only true God
And Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

These are written
so that you may believe Jesus is the Christ the Son of God
And that by believing you may have life in His Name.
Everyone who believes in Him
Receive the forgiveness of sins through His name.
the righteousness of God
through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

**Once you were not a people, now you are God's people
Once you had not received Mercy,
now you have received Mercy
For you were straying like sheep,**

**but have now returned
to the Shepherd and Overseer of your Souls.**

PSALMS

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though a host were encamped against me,
yet my heart would not be afraid,
and though war rose up against me,
yet would I put my trust in him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord; one thing I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord,
and to seek him in his temple.

**My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.**

When the Lord overturned the captivity of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations,

"The Lord has done great things for them."

Indeed, the Lord has done great things for us already,
whereof we rejoice.

Overturn our captivity, O Lord,

as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.

Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.

He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed shall
doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with Him.

If the Lord himself had not been on our side,
now may Israel say:

if the Lord himself had not been on our side,
when men rose up against us,

Then would they have swallowed us up alive,
when they were so wrathfully displeased with us;

Then the waters would have drowned us,
and the torrent gone over us;

then the raging waters would have gone clean over us.

But praised be the Lord,

who has not given us over to be prey for their teeth.

We escaped like a bird out of the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have been delivered.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. *124*

My soul waits for the Lord,

more than watchmen for the morning,

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O Israel, trust in the Lord,

**for with the Lord there is mercy,
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

After the Psalm,

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

GOSPELS AND EPISTLES_{*choose one or more*}

For Christ also suffered once for sins,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
that he might bring us to God,
being put to death in the flesh
but made alive in the Spirit.
For this is why the gospel was preached
even to those who are dead,
that though judged in the flesh the way people are,
they might live in the Spirit the way God does.

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you,
brothers beloved by the Lord,
because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved,
Through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.
To this he called you through our gospel,

so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord said,

For this is the will of my Father,

That whoever looks on the Son and believes in Him

Shall have eternal life and I shall raise Him up

On the last day”

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin

So that in Him we might become

the righteousness of God

For all have sinned And fallen short of the glory of God

And are justified by His grace as a gift

Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CANTICLE

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

With you constant love

you led the people you redeemed

You brought them in safety to you holy dwelling

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to His 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.**

III. PRAYER *staying with this Good News*

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray

Deliver the people, whom you have redeemed
with your most precious blood,
and by your mercy preserve us forever.

Good Lord, deliver us.

Now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in
the communion of all your saints,

entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

Out of the deep have I called unto you, O Lord;

Lord, hear my voice. O let your ears consider well
the voice of my supplications.

If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,

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I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;

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Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray,

not as we ask in our ignorance,

nor as we deserve in our sinfulness,

but as you know and love us

in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another.

For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. *2 Cor. 3:17*

For we do not know what to pray for as we ought
But the Spirit intercedes for us with groans too deep for words
For through the Spirit, by faith,
We ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels,
and all just works: Give to your servants that peace
which the world cannot give,
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments,
and that 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.
Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord;
and by your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of your only Son,
our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men
but in the sight of God chosen and precious,
you yourselves like living stones
are being built up as a spiritual house,
to be a holy priesthood,
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
We, though many, are one body in Christ,
and individually members one of another.
**I appeal to you therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.**

**Almighty God,
you gave such grace to your apostle Andrew,
That he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ,
And brought his brother with him:
give us, who are called by your holy Word,
Grace to follow him without delay,
and to bring those near to us
Into His gracious presence, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

INTERCESSION, THANKSGIVING, PETITIONS

PRAYER IN THE NIGHT

**Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ;
give rest to the weary, bless the dying,
soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted,
shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.
Guide us waking O Lord and guard us sleeping
That awake we may watch with Christ
And asleep we may rest in peace.**

THE CALL OF CHRIST

The Lord said, "I have said these things to you,
that in me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation.
But take heart; I have overcome the world." *John 16:33*

Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick.
I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."
After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee,
Proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying
**The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand,
Repent and believe in the gospel.**

BENEDICTION

And I heard a loud voice in heaven,
saying, "Now the salvation
and the power and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Christ have come,
For the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.
And they have conquered him
by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony."

**For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
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